



# MCAST

## THE EARLY YEARS FORUM 2024



# Igniting the Spark



### Agenda

- 08:45 – 09:00 Registration and Welcome Coffee
- 09:00 – 09:15 Introductory Remarks
- 09:15 – 09:45 Gender Awareness and Gender Equality in Early Years Education: Lecturers' Perspective  
*Ms Beverley Abela Gatt, Senior Lecturer*
- 09:45 – 10:15 They are Still Young: Challenging Preconceptions on Children's Thinking  
*Dr Shirley Ann Gauci, Senior Lecturer*
- 10:15 – 10:45 Children's Interest: Debunking the Myths – The Curiosity Approach  
*Ms Eliana Tombion, Senior Lecturer*
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00 – 11:30 Sustainable Outdoor Play Areas: Unfolding Imagination and Creativity  
*Ms Simone Restall, Senior Lecturer*
- 11:30 – 12:00 Inspiring Conversations through the Creative Arts: A practical workshop  
*Ms Rose Piccinino, Senior Lecturer*
- 12:00 – 12:10 IfE-ICS Collaboration  
*Ms Joanne Grima, CEO, Institute for Education*
- 12:10 – 12:50 Joint Degree IfE - ICS Student Showcase:  
*To worksheet or not to worksheet – Ms Raissa Scicluna Micallef*  
*The Use of Take-Home Book Bags in Kindergarten – Ms Christine Buhagiar*
- 12:50 – 13:00 Concluding Remarks
- 13:00 – 14:00 Networking lunch