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| **Minor Award Name** | Early Childhood Education and Play |
| **Minor Award Code** | 5N1773 |
| **Level** | 5 |

**Suggested resources to support delivery:**

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| **Theme/Topic** | **Type** | **Relevance** | **Author/Source** | **Web Link** |
| A Practical Guide to Activities for Young Children 4th Edition | Book | A highly practical guide to all activities that should be available to young children from 0-7 years. Four parts taking in: how to work professionally, activities for babies and toddlers, activities for young children that promote and extend all areas of their development and activities for school aged children. | Jill Frankel, Christine HobartPublished by Nelson Thornes | <http://www.amazon.co.uk/Practical-Guide-Activities-Young-Children/dp/1408504863>  |
| Theory of play |  |  | The Creative Space of Play: D.W. Winnicott | <https://onluminousgrounds.wordpress.com/2010/09/19/the-creative-space-of-play/>  |
| Theory of play | Webpage | Anna Freud | Dr. C. George Boeree | <http://webspace.ship.edu/cgboer/annafreud.html>  |
|  | Webpage | Early Years is the largest organisation in Northern Ireland working with and for young children |  | <http://www.early-years.org/highscope/>  |
|  | Online document with video | Forest School |  | <http://www.rmds.ie/forestschool/>  |
|  | YouTube Video | Importance of play in early childhood |  | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OQNfvySIBP8>  |
| Síolta | Online document | Child led approach | Síolta was developed by the Centre for Early Childhood Education on behalf of the Department of Education and skills | <http://siolta.ie/principles.php>  |
| Quality environments in Early Years Services | Book | This book supports early years practitioners with the ideas, knowledge and resources needed to provide quality environments for children. It encourages reflection on all aspects of the environment, both indoors and out. | Barnardos | <http://www.barnardos.ie/resources-advice/publications/publications-to-buy/quality-adult-child-interactions-in-early-years-services.html>  |
|  | YouTube video | Play activities, Curriculum development |  | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IjoG6tMq9ZU>  |
| Thinking about Play, Developing a reflective approach | Book | Curriculum development | Open university Press | <http://www.amazon.co.uk/Thinking-about-play-developing-reflective/dp/0335241085>  |
| Early Literacy and numeracy Matters | Book | This book provides up-to-date theory and research on the critical importance of the development of both literacy and numeracy in early childhood and outlines the links with national documents such as Síolta, Aistear and the literacy and numeracy strategy. | Barnardos | <http://www.barnardos.ie/resources-advice/publications/publications-to-buy/early-literacy-and-numeracy-matters.html>  |
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|  | YouTube video | Reading |  | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZ2rL0eByfc>  |
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| Reading Skills | YouTube video | **Reading tips** | Neill Griffiths ELC | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_knEh11hc4>  |
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| Child Care and Education | Book | Essential reading. Covers all areas including the role of the childcare Practitioner, promoting a healthy environment for children, play and learning in children’s education, development of professional skills within children’s education and developing Communication, language and literacy skills. | Penny Tessoni | <http://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/product/0435987429>  |
| Making Sense of Play |  | Essential reading, Supporting and interacting with children playing. | Perry ElseOpen university Press | [http://www.amazon.co.uk/Making-Sense-Play-Supporting-Children/dp/0335247105/ref=sr\_1\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1448888237&sr=1-1&keywords=perry+else](http://www.amazon.co.uk/Making-Sense-Play-Supporting-Children/dp/0335247105/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1448888237&sr=1-1&keywords=perry+else) |
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| Quality Adult-Child Interactions in Early Years Services |  | This book aims to support early childhood practitioners to explore current theory and best practice on the central core role of their profession. | Barnardos | <http://www.barnardos.ie/resources-advice/publications/publications-to-buy/quality-adult-child-interactions-in-early-years-services.html>  |
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| Outdoor Play Matters | Free book | This booklet is for parents and carers of young children up to the age of six, although most of the information applies to children of all ages. It highlights the benefits of outdoor play and shows how playing outside supports your child’s development. | Barnardos | <http://www.barnardos.ie/resources-advice/publications/free-publications/outdoor-play-matters.html>  |
| Creative arts for Early childhood | Book | Essential reading for understanding and planning creative activities that promote a child’s learning, development and well-being with specific regard to age and stage of development. | Sinead E Kelly, Sinéad E KavanageGill and MacMillan |  |
| Reflective Practice for Early Childhood Professionals | Book | Reflective Practice for Early Childhood Professionals is for all practitioners and managers who work in early years services. This book will challenge you to think about what the term ‘reflective practice’ really means. It will also support you to use reflective practice in your workplace to improve the way you practice as well as your working relationships. This will ultimately lead to better outcomes for you and the young children in your service. | Barnardos | <http://www.barnardos.ie/resources-advice/publications/publications-to-buy/reflective-practice-for-early-childhood-professionals.html>  |
| Play in Early Childhood | Book | Key topics for all those who work with young children. Updated for a contemporary audience and fully evidence-based, it explains how children’s play develops and how they develop as they play; the development, value and characteristics of playissues relating to culture, adversity and gender play from recreational, therapeutic and educational perspectivesthe role of parents/caregivers and professionals in supporting play. | Mary D SheridanPublished by Routledge  | <http://www.amazon.co.uk/Play-Early-Childhood-Mary-Sheridan/dp/041557790X>  |
| Children’s play through generations | Web article | Discussion topic on how children played years ago. |  | <http://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2014/12/toys-are-more-divided-by-gender-now-than-they-were-50-years-ago/383556/> |

**Useful Organisations:**

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| Early Years | <http://www.early-years.org/>  |
| Essential Reading |  |
| CACHE Level 3 Child Care and Education (Child Care & Education Diploma)This indispensable book encourages the practical application of knowledge and helps students to develop their professional skills. | <http://www.amazon.co.uk/CACHE-Level-Child-Education-Diploma/dp/0748799966>  |

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| **MOOCs (Massive Online Open Courses)** |
| Free access to online coursesSearch regularly for new courses and new start dates | <https://www.mooc-list.com/> <https://alison.com/topic/learn/2769/35256/module-3-the-role-of-play-in-children-s-learning/introduction-to-play><https://alison.com/courses/Childhood-and-Youth-Studies> |