

From Conference to Quality

What does it take for a keynote presentation to change practice?



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October 2016

- Our Marte Meo journey started mid 2016
- We needed to find something special or marketable that we could do or be (a point of difference)
- Early Childhood Australia Conference Darwin 2016



‘If I had not heard any other presentation, Maria Aarts’ introduction to Marte Meo would have been worth the trip.’

- Sharing the conference key notes with the team.
- Champion for our Marte Meo journey.



- Watching the Webinar- My emotional response
- Marte Meo means 'On one's own strength'
- He does - You say
- Name the child's initiatives
- What has the child not yet developed?
- Avoid asking Questions - Make statements



- The concepts were simple but at first, it wasn't easy!
- Finding the missing link
- Ongoing communication with Joy Elford
(Oct 2016 - July 2017)
- Meeting Joy and Kerrie - Cygnet Information Evening
- Marte Meo training to Tasmania - Challenges



July 27, 2017

Joy Elford's
working holiday to
Tasmania



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7 March 2018 Meeting Maria Aarts in Tasmania



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March 2018

- First round of Practitioner training
- Three of our team attended
 - Why was this important?
- Telling our families about Marte Meo
- The Scholarships - making a huge difference
- The teamwork it takes to get three people to training



March - June 2018

- The training process with Joy
- How we felt filming ourselves
- Hits and misses
- Reactions of staff
- Footage of Phoebe (during training)





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22nd June 2018

Becoming Marte Meo
Practitioners
(pictured with Joy)



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2019

- A whole team approach moving forward
- Initial resistance
- Getting approval from the management committee;
 - Presented information about Marte Meo linking it to the NQF and our Philosophy
 - Giving evidence about Marte Meo practice with our 0-3 years
 - Sharing the positive impact Marte Meo had on teamwork
- Marte Meo training for all our educators within 3-5 years!



- Marte Meo in Denmark (Jan 2019)
- Keeping the momentum alive – other staff attended training / introduction to MM
- Presented at information session
- ECA Conference!
- Where to from here?



Conclusion

- The advantage of professional development.
- Having that one person – a champion.
- Connection with networks of other professionals.
- Its not always going to be easy but it is worth it.
- It never hurts to ask!

