Put play back into your daily program with open ended materials and meet the demands of the curriculum. Join us for this practical workshop on the benefits of unstructured play and open ended materials (loose parts) that encourage problem solving and creativity. Participants will receive an introduction to the neurological theory and research to support this dynamic addition to the classroom.

The aims of this workshop are to:
• Understand current neurological theory and the benefits to social, gross motor and academic skills.
• Develop understanding in the theory of loose parts play using open ended, recycled materials for outdoor play
• Build confidence linking loose parts play to the curriculum for inclusion in programs.
• Experience the processes of creating with open ended, recycled materials and
• Design a step by step plan for implementing and managing loose parts play in your own setting.

This workshop will include examples from Western Australian schools, video analysis, group discussion, play and planning activities.

Ann Grace has taught in Western Australian schools in Pre-primaries and an Intensive English Centre. With more than 25 years of teaching experience in creating play and learning opportunities for children, Ann is an advocate for play based learning. Ann’s business “Loose Parts in Carts” assists schools and early learning centres with planning outdoor play experiences involving the concept of loose parts play.

Cally Smith is a paediatric Occupational Therapist specialising in working with teachers and families. An engaging presenter, her area of expertise includes Sensory Processing strategies and working with children with Autism. Cally has a wealth of experiences working with children with additional needs, both at home and at school, and is currently completing her PhD in developing Play and Social skills of children with Autism.

Course details:
Dates: Tuesday 12 July 2016
Venue: Bendat Centre (Tomasi Room), Telethon Speech and Hearing 36 Dodd Street, Wembley (Parking across the road at the side of Lake Monger)
Time: 9.00am - 3.00pm (registration from 8.30am)
Cost: Early bird registration $215 (inc GST) before 7 July 2016
Bring a friend and two people pay only $395
Standard rate $250 (inc GST) after 7 July 2016