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# Summit Glimpses

## *December Insights*




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- **Nurturing Curiosity**
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**3rd ECCE INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT 2024**

THEME:

Nurturing Seeds of Peace:
Early Childhood Care and Education
for a Sustainable Harmonious Future

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# The Founder's Speech

*Committed to Children*

HIGHLIGHTS

Distinguished guests, esteemed speakers, colleagues, and advocates for Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) were welcomed to the **3rd ECCE International Summit 2024** under the theme: "Nurturing Seeds of Peace: ECCE for a Sustainable Harmonious Future." The speech emphasized this theme as both a call to action and a moment for reflection, urging individuals to cultivate peace within themselves to inspire harmony in the world.

The address highlighted the urgent need for peace, defined not merely as the absence of conflict but as the presence of empathy, understanding, and unity. True peace begins within each person, like a still pond that reflects clarity. Educators, policymakers, and caregivers were called upon to embody inner peace, as children learn by observing the actions of adults.

The speaker emphasized the critical role of Early Childhood Care & Education in shaping values, empathy, and shared humanity. Peace, like a seed, is fragile in its early stages but grows resilient with care. Through ECCE, educators have the opportunity to instill habits of kindness, respect, and cooperation in children, building the foundation for harmonious societies.

Participants were encouraged to approach the summit with openness and mindfulness, viewing it as a space for collective growth and transformation. Inner peace was highlighted as a cornerstone for nurturing compassionate classrooms and sustainable communities.

The speech concluded with a reflection exercise, inviting attendees to embrace stillness and recognize that peace is not taught but lived. Gratitude was extended to participants for their commitment to shaping a peaceful, sustainable future for children and societies alike.



# Speech of the Chief Guest

## Syed Sardar Ali Shah

HIGHLIGHTS

Honorable Chief Guest, Minister of Education and Literacy of Sindh **Syed Sardar Ali Shah** delivered an inspiring speech, reflecting on his educational journey and the profound respect and honor teachers commanded during his time as a student. He shared personal stories from his childhood, offering a glimpse into the values and experiences that shaped his unwavering commitment to education and community development. The Minister passionately highlighted the transformative power of education and emphasized the vital role teachers play in creating a fair and cohesive society.







He expressed deep admiration for the visionary efforts of **Ms. Naheed Wasi**, Founder and CEO of IECED, in advancing Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE). He acknowledged her significant contributions to the field, praising her dedication to fostering innovative approaches that address the unique needs of children and educators alike. Recognizing the importance of collaboration, he expressed a strong desire to work closely with IECED to promote and expand Early Childhood Education across Sindh.

Honorable Chief Guest, Minister of Education and Literacy of Sindh **Syed Sardar Ali Shah** also announced his commitment to establishing ECCE programs tailored to the local context throughout the province. He emphasized the need for creating a sustainable framework that ensures every child has access to quality early education, setting a strong foundation for lifelong learning and development. Through these efforts, he envisions a brighter, more equitable future for the children of Sindh, built on the principles of inclusivity, compassion, and excellence in education.



He emphasized the importance of natural intelligence, noting that, in today's world, there is a growing focus on artificial intelligence at the expense of nurturing natural intelligence.

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# A Brief Report on Summit

Karachi, Pakistan – The **3rd ECCE International Summit 2024**, hosted by the Institute of Early Childhood Education and Development (IECED), was successfully held on December 14, 2024, at the Defence Authority Marina Club, Karachi. With the theme "Nurturing Seeds of Peace: Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) for a Sustainable Harmonious Future," the summit became a platform for educators, policymakers, and ECCE advocates to exchange innovative ideas and strategies to transform early childhood education.

The summit was honored by the presence of the Honorable **Syed Sardar Ali Shah**, Minister of Education, as the Chief Guest, who emphasized the transformative power of ECCE in fostering peace and sustainability. His address highlighted the importance of investing in quality early education to shape a brighter future for Sindh and Pakistan.

The summit commenced with a heartfelt welcome address by **Ms. Naheed Wasi,** Founder & CEO at IECED. She emphasized the importance of global collaboration and localized strategies in addressing the critical challenges faced by Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE). **Ms. Naheed Wasi** highlighted the summit's mission to align ECCE practices with sustainable and peace-oriented goals, setting the tone for the day's impactful discussions.

The summit featured inspiring keynote addresses by renowned ECCE leaders from around the world. **Dr. Shehlina Bhamani** emphasized the role of ECCE in promoting social cohesion and peace, while **Ms. Fey Cole** highlighted the urgent need for high-quality ECCE programs. **Ms. Sarah R. Moore** and **Ms. Beth Stark** shared





sustainable Early Education models, while Dr. Naveed Bhotto focused on practical strategies for ECCE in Pakistan. Closing the keynote session, Mr. Sohail Zindani underscored the significance of professional development for teachers in improving early childhood education.

A panel discussion on "Nurturing Curiosity in Foundational Learning: A Key to Lifelong Success", hosted by Ms. Kaif Ghaznavi, featured eminent panelists Dr. Shahzad Methani, Ms. Fatima Obaid, Ms. Yasmeen Mehboob, Ms. Rubina Naqvi, Mr. Saleem Mughal, and Mr. Zain Laghari. The session explored how curiosity in early education lays the foundation for lifelong success.

A roundtable discussion on "Framing Early Childhood Care and Education through Local Lenses: A Collaborative Round Table Group Discussion", moderated by leading ECCE professionals **Prof. Farid Panjawani, Dr. Shahzad Mithani, Ms. Ghazala Nizami, Ms. Naheed Wasi, Karim Aman,** and **Sanina Khatri,** emphasized the need to adapt ECCE strategies to local contexts and cultural values. This segment was co hosted by IECED and AKU-IED.

10 **Excellence in Teaching Awards** were presented to outstanding teachers for their exemplary teaching practices in ECCE.

The summit celebrated educational excellence through its prestigious awards:
The **3rd Prof. Karrar Hussain** Dedication to Education Award was presented to **Mrs. Maryam Faruqi,** Founder of Happy Home School, for her lifetime contributions to education.

The summit brought together a diverse audience of teachers, education leaders, policymakers, researchers, and community stakeholders. The event served as a platform to share best practices, foster collaboration, and inspire actionable strategies for advancing ECCE in Sindh and beyond.



# KEYNOTES SPEAKERS

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**Mr. Sohail Zindani**
Pakistan




**Dr. Shehlina Bhamani**
Pakistan



**Dr. Naveed Bhutto**
Pakistan



**Ms. Fey Cole**
UK



**Ms. Sarah R. Moore**
USA



**Ms. Beth Starks**
USA



**Dr. Khalid Hafeez**
Pakistan

# ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

The **3rd ECCE International Summit 2024** featured a Round Table discussion titled "Framing Early Childhood Care and Education through Local Lenses." Esteemed panelists, including **Senator Taj Haider**, **Prof. Farid Panjwani**, **Ms. Naheed Wasi**, **Dr. Shahzad Mithani**, **Ms. Ghazala Nizami**, and **Ms. Fatima Obaid**, explored the importance of contextualizing ECCE within Pakistan's cultural and social framework. The session highlighted the need for locally relevant strategies to address unique challenges. This collaborative exchange underscored the collective commitment to nurturing a generation equipped to thrive in their communities










## participants

**Senator Taj Haider, Prof. Farid Panjwani, Ms. Naheed Wasi, Ms. Ghazala Nizami, Dr. Shahzad Mithani, Ms. Fatima Obaid**

# PANEL DISCUSSION




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# POSTER & PAPER PRESENTATION

The **3rd ECCE International Summit 2024** featured **Paper and Poster Presentations** on various themes in Early Childhood Education, including the role of play, inclusive education, technology in classrooms, and family/community involvement in child development. These sessions encouraged knowledge exchange and highlighted innovative approaches to advancing ECCE practices.

















# Prof. Karar Hussain Awards

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# Celebrating 30 Years of Excellence in ECCE

The summit proudly honored **Ms. Naheed Wasi,** Founder & CEO of IECED, with the prestigious "Three Decades of Exceptional Contribution and Dedication to the Field of ECCE" award. This recognition highlights her extraordinary journey of commitment, passion, and consistency in championing high-quality Early Childhood Care and Education at both National and Provincial levels.

With a profound focus on community engagement, parenting support, research, and publications, **Ms. Naheed Wasi** has tirelessly advanced the field, shaping the future of countless young learners and educators. Her visionary leadership continues to set benchmarks in ensuring accessible and impactful ECCE, leaving a transformative legacy for generations to come.










# EDUCATION EXPO

The summit also featured an Education Expo, where various exhibitors showcased their innovative products and services. A special highlight was the Teachers' Pavilion, designed to cater to the interests and well-being of educators. In line with the summit's theme of peace, the Teachers' Pavilion focused on stress-relief resources and activities, offering a space for teachers to relax and recharge, supporting their mental and emotional well-being in the pursuit of fostering peace in education.














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**Sarah R. Moore** · Following
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Humbled and thankful to be a keynote speaker for an important event in Pakistan this weekend (via Zoom).

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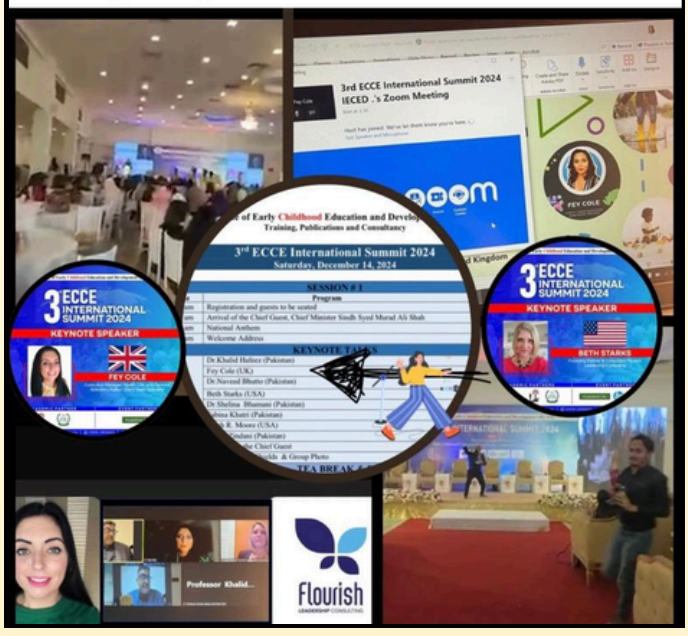
Thankful to represent how global peace begins within the home and early educational settings, in the early years.

**Fey Cole** · 1st
Curriculum Manager: Health, Life, and Personal Sciences | Author | Early Years Specialist
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Last conference of the year, this time 'zooming' into Pakistan 🌎. It was great to connect with fellow Keynote Speaker Beth Starks in the waiting room today, thank you for your companionship and great to learn more about your work 🤩👏.

Thank you to everyone who I've had the pleasure of meeting during my ventures in 2024 - the network and support of the Early Years community really is something special ❤️🫂🌟

#EarlyYears #Networking #Friendship #Leadership #GlobalNetwork #Community #Appreciation #LifelongLearning #ECCE




**Beth Starks** · 1st
Founding Partner & Consultant - Flourish Leadership Consulting
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I am so honored, humbled, and privileged to be keynoting at this International Conference!

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For more information: https://lnkd.in/g_zV93nM




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**Announcing Our Esteemed Keynote Speaker for the 3rd ECCE International Summit!**

We are thrilled to welcome Beth, Founding Partner at Flourish Leadership Consulting, as the keynote speaker for our 3rd ECCE International Summit!

With nearly 20 years of experience in the non-profit childcare sector, Beth has transformed Early Childhood Education with her expertise in:

- Start-up Planning
- Regulatory Navigation
- Board Development
- Financing Opportunities
- Leadership and Coaching

**Don't miss this inspiring session!**



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