Presenter bio: Jodie Muraca

Jodie Muraca is a passionate early childhood teacher, committed to an arts integrated approach to education. She considers the arts a vibrant and valuable context in which to learn, providing opportunities for children to creatively express their ideas, thoughts and feelings, and demonstrate their knowledge and understandings in a more meaningful and authentic way.

In 2009, as Assistant Director, Jodie initiated and developed a partnership between Gardens Point Creche and QUT Art Museum, recognising the value of young children’s engagement in the arts, building an open and responsive arts dialogue, and respecting young children as viewers and creators. As a culmination of the Partnership, Jodie co-curated the exhibition, little masters: celebrating young children as viewers and artists, featuring the children’s art work alongside the works the inspired them and documentation of the learning journey. Working on this project opened up further possibilities for designing engaging early childhood arts education, and she is enrolled in a postgraduate course in Museum Studies, aiming to advocate for young children's place as creators of culture and new audiences, presenting diverse opportunities for being innovative in engaging the public with collections. Jodie is currently the Assistant Coordinator of an Outside School Hours Care service, bringing the benefits of early childhood theory and practice to new environment.