

# If you are AN ASPIRING LEADER READ ON!

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## WHO IS AN ASPIRING LEADER?

An aspiring leader is any individual who wants to enhance their knowledge, skills and capabilities because they want to make a difference. They are keen to learn, and look for opportunities to extend themselves in different ways.

Aspiring leaders are not necessarily in a designated leadership position such as directors/co-ordinators. They may be working in long day care, out of school hours care, family day care or non-mainstream services. An aspiring leader has the capacity and desire to think progressively, flexibly, to see the big picture and to see the impact of their work on colleagues and community. An aspiring leader is an individual who has the desire to change themselves and support positive change and growth in those around them.

## WHAT IS THE ASPIRING LEADERS FORUM?

The *Aspiring Leaders Forum* aims to bring together a range of early childhood professionals from anywhere in NSW interested in pursuing leadership opportunities within their communities. Over a period of 12 months, we will facilitate the development of learning communities that support and nurture their work. Through their involvement in this initiative, the capacity of aspiring leaders to embrace critical challenges as early childhood leaders of the future, will be fostered and thereby strengthen their capacity to realise leadership goals more effectively.

## WHO IS FACILITATING THE ASPIRING LEADERS FORUM?

The *Aspiring Leaders Forum* is facilitated by **Anthony Semann** from Semann & Slattery and **Associate Professor Manjula Waniganayake** from the Institute of Early Childhood, Macquarie University on behalf of Children's Services Central the NSW Professional Support Co-ordinator.

## INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING?

Dial **1800 157 818** and press “4” for more information.

Applications are due by **2 March 2012**.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Travel and accommodation costs will be covered for regional and remote participants.

## HOW TO APPLY

Individuals wishing to participate in the *Aspiring Leaders Forum* can download the application form and further details at [www.cscentral.org.au](http://www.cscentral.org.au). Completed applications are to be mailed to:

Semann & Slattery, PO Box 202, Newtown NSW 2042

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## APPLICATION FORM

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The *Aspiring Leaders Forum* is the opportunity to become a part of a unique community of developing leaders. This community will be conducted over 12 months in an online environment, face to face meetings, audiences with esteemed leaders, and through personal exercises and challenges.

The cost of participation for the period of 12 months is \$286.00 and this may be paid in two instalments.

To participate in the *Aspiring Leaders Forum*, you are required to submit a brief response (maximum 2 pages) to the following questions.

- 1 Take some time to reflect on your professional journey. Where are you now professionally compared to five years ago and where do you see yourself in five years time?
- 2 What are your professional values and how are these made evident in your work?
- 3 What do you hope to achieve by participating in the aspiring leaders forum?
- 4 What personal and/or professional achievements are you most proud of?
- 5 What are your current professional goals?

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