

Workshop Concept Note

Title: *Empowering ECD Educators with AI: Practical Tools for Everyday Teaching*

Duration: 3 Hours

Target Audience: Early Childhood Development (ECD) educators and carers

Facilitator: Skyreach Consulting

Purpose

To equip ECD educators with **practical, accessible skills** to use AI tools (such as ChatGPT) to enhance their teaching, reflection, and daily responsibilities—without replacing the human, play-based nature of early childhood learning.

Key Outcomes

By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- Understand **what AI is** and how it can support (not replace) ECD practice
 - Use AI tools to generate **age-appropriate, play-based learning activities**
 - Apply AI to support **self, guided, and critical reflection**
 - Develop simple prompts to solve **real classroom challenges**
 - Access **on-demand professional support** using AI tools
 - Build confidence in using technology in **low-resource environments**
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Workshop Structure (3 Hours)

1. Welcome and Context Setting (30 minutes)

- Introduction to the session and participants
 - The role of educators in shaping early development
 - Overview: What is AI and why it matters for ECD
 - Grounding principle: *AI as a support tool, not a replacement*
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2. Practical Introduction to AI Tools (45 minutes)

- Live demonstration of using ChatGPT (or similar tools)
- Basic skills:
 - Asking effective questions (prompting)
 - Refining responses
 - Using AI safely and responsibly

Hands-on Activity:

Participants try simple prompts such as:

- “Suggest a game to teach colours to 4-year-olds using everyday objects”
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3. AI for Teaching and Learning Activities (45 minutes)

- Using AI to:
 - Plan daily/weekly activities
 - Adapt activities for different age groups
 - Incorporate local, low-cost materials

Group Activity:

Participants design one activity using AI and share back

4. AI for Reflection and Professional Growth (30 minutes)

- Introducing **self, guided, and critical reflection**
- Using AI as a “thinking partner”:
 - Reflecting on a difficult day
 - Improving interactions with children
 - Generating new approaches

Example Prompt:

- “How could I better support a shy child during group activities?”
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5. Solving Everyday Challenges with AI (20 minutes)

- Managing behaviour

- Communicating with parents
- Supporting diverse learning needs

Quick Practice:

Participants bring a real challenge and test AI support

6. Wrap-Up and Next Steps (10 minutes)

- Key takeaways
 - Encouragement to continue experimenting
 - Opportunities for ongoing support through Skyreach
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Approach

- Highly **practical and hands-on**
 - Grounded in **real ECD contexts**
 - Designed for **low-tech accessibility** (mobile-friendly where possible)
 - Emphasis on **confidence-building and simplicity**
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Value for Partners (e.g. Rotary)

This workshop offers a **scalable, cost-effective way** to:

- Strengthen educator capacity
 - Improve quality of ECD provision
 - Extend impact across multiple centres
 - Introduce **innovative yet practical tools** into existing initiatives
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Closing Statement

By equipping ECD educators with the ability to use AI as a **daily support tool**, we empower them to become more reflective, resourceful, and confident—ultimately improving outcomes for the children in their care.