**SEFDEY Professional Association**

**Assignment Competition 2023**

**Rules and Guidelines**

This competition is open to students currently engaged with a Sector Endorsed Foundation Degree in Early Years/Early Childhood studies (or equivalent).Age range 0-8 years

* The competition is free to enter.
* Tutors are encouraged to submit individual student assignments that have been assessed as part of the award during the previous 12 months. They should be examples deemed outstanding at either **Level 4 or Level 5** of their awards. Assignments may be submitted in any of the following formats:-

1.Presentations in any digital format

2.Written format

3.Academic posters

* Entries will be judged by an expert panel of judges from SEDFEY Professional Association.
* Tutors must seek agreement from any potential entrant ahead of submission to the competition and permission to publish the assignment as the student’s name will appear on the SEFDEY website should they win a prize.
* Only **two entries per level** can be submitted per HEI or FEI (no more than 4 assignments).
* Assignments must be submitted electronically (via e-mail) to jo.dallal@gmail.com on or before **13th January 2023**
* Each entry must be accompanied by a **front sheet** (attached), clearly stating the name of the entrant, the name and contact details of the submitting tutor and the name of the awarding institution along with the assignment title.
* No responsibility can be accepted for entries not received, for whatever reason.
* The overall winner will receive a cash prize. The runners -up will receive a copy of the new SEFDEY publication. All will receive an invitation to attend the National Conference.
* The winning entrants will be informed by e-mail within three weeks of the closing date, i.e.3rd February 2023.
* Winners will be invited to contribute to the SEFDEY National Conference **on Saturday 4th March, 2023** by providing a **short written synopsis** and a **5 minute presentation** summarising the content of their assignment and reflecting on their own learning as a result of completing it.
* If the winner cannot be contacted, we reserve the right to pick an alternative winner.
* The selection panel’s decision, in all matters to do with the competition, will be final.
* Any personal information relating to the entrants will be subject to data protection legislation and will not be disclosed to any third party without the entrants ‘written permission
* No correspondence relating to the competition will be entered into
* SEFDEY reserves the right to cancel, alter or amend the competition at any stage if deemed necessary in it’s opinion, or if circumstances occur outside their control

**The judges will be looking for:**

* Depth of research.
* Depth of reflection on personal learning of an aspect of practice related to their assignment
* Quality of argument and analysis.
* Range of knowledge
* Well-structured organisation and presentation.
* A perceptive piece of work, showing independence of thought.
* Well-argued and insightful.
* Display the highest professional standards relating theory to their practice.
* Well referenced throughout.
* Adhere to all ethical guidelines.

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| **Full name of submitting Student** | **Tutor’s Name and email address** |
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| **Name of awarding Institution**  |
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| **Assignment Title:****Level:** **Date submitted for assessment:**  |
| **Names of reviewing panel members** |
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| **Comments:** |
| **Awarding decision:** |
| **Signatory:** | **Date:** |

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