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Karma Chimi Wangchuk is the Director of Demonstration Pre-school at Paro College of Education and a lecturer in early childhood education. His primary research interest is in creating natural outdoor play space and in embedding education for sustainability in the centre programme. His other research interests are examining the role of play in children's development in the early years and in examining the educators' and parents' perception of play. As the Director of the Demonstration Centre, he has ensured that children in attending the centre experience connection with nature everyday both through outdoor play and play with natural materials indoor. Besides running the pre-school he teaches play, foundation of early childhood education and curriculum and programming units in Bachelor of Education (Primary) and Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Development programme

EXPERIENCE

2017 – ONGOING

CENTRE DIRECTOR, DEMONSTRATION PRE-SCHOOL

2017 – TILL DATE

PROGRAMME LEADER, DIPLOMA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT

2011 – TILL DATE

PROJECT MANAGER, UNICEF PROJECT, PARO COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

2008 – TILL DATE

LECTURER, PARO COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

2002 – 2008

TEACHER, KHENI LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOL

EDUCATION

2007-2008

MASTER OF EDUCATION, EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY, AUSTRALIA

1999-2002

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (PRIMARY), NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, PARO BHUTAN

PUBLICATIONS

- Ball, J. & Wangchuk, K.C. (2018). The emerging early childhood care and development sector in the kingdom of Bhutan. In J.L.Roopnarine, J.E. Johnson, S.F. Quinn, and M.M Patte (Eds.), *Handbook of international perspectives on early childhood education* (pp. 134-148). New York: Routledge.
- Ball, J. & Wangchuk, K.C. (2015). Using a policy of ‘Gross National Happiness’ to guide the development of sustainable early learning programs in the kingdom of Bhutan: Aspirations and challenges. *Global Education Review*, 2(1), 5-22.
- Ball,J., Wangchuk, K.C Choden, K., Choden, R., ., Zangpo, S., & Yangden. (2012). *A situational study to gauge the human capacity development needs for early childhood care and development in Bhutan*. Thimphu: Royal Education Council.
- Wangchuk, K.C., Choden, R., Choden, K , Yangden &., Zangpo, S. (2011). *The status of early childhood care and education in Bhutan: An internal report for ECCD situational study*.
- Jurme, K., Wangchuk, K.C., & Wangmo, S. (2008). *Should Bhutan incorporate play in pre-primary class? ECTA Magazine 145, Australia*.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

ACADEMIC

- Presented three innovative practices in early childhood education i) programming and planning; ii) documentation, and iii) Demonstration Centre as a unique model in Bhutan to College academic committee, College Management Committee and Office of the Vice-Chancellor Annual Performance Agreement Review Team in June 2019. Received an excellent rating.
- Co-led the development of GNH unit for Colleges of Education, Paro and Samtse, 2015.
- Developed professional development package for caregivers working in Crèches in Bhutan, September 25 to October 5, 2018.
- Developed two units “Play” and “Programming and planning” for Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Development programme at Paro College in 2014-15.
- Led the development of Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Development at Paro College of Education from 2014-2015 and successfully launched the programme in December 2015.
- Developed the ‘Teaching Writing’ for the Secondary English B.Ed. programme, Autumn 2009 as a move towards aligning the Teacher Education English Curriculum with the Secondary School Curriculum

PROFESSIONAL

- Trained first group of caregivers working in Crèches in Bhutan, October 20-24, 2018.
- Established and launched the Centre for Early Childhood Studies, work-place ECCD centre for Paro College of Education in March 2018.

- Trained New ECCD Facilitators for Ministry of Education as the National Trainer.
- Trainer and mentor for pre-primary teachers' training on implementing step-by-step early childhood pedagogies in pre-primary class from 2011-2016.
- Led one of the team during National Early Childhood Care and Development Communication for Development (C4D) advocacy material development conducted by MoE and UNICEF in May 2012.
- Refined the Early Learning and Development Standards in collaboration with MoE and UNICEF (February 24-28, 2011)
- Member of the drafting committee for developing National Policy on Early Childhood Care and Development for Bhutan from 2008-2010.
- Co-facilitated the ECCD Parenting Education Training of Trainers workshop with Deobrah Llewellyn at Paro in May 2014.
- Resourced Basic Training for ECCD facilitators in Phuntsholing organized by Ministry of Education in November 2013.
- Resourced Pre-primary teachers' training on integration of ECCD methodology based on step-by-step approach at Centenary Institute of Teacher Education, Yonphula in January-February 2013 organized by Royal Education Council.
- Team leader for the workshop on Basic Training on ECCD for ECCD facilitators in PCE in January 2013. The workshop was a consultancy service provided by PCE to Ministry of Labour and Human Resources and Bhutan Chamber of Commerce and Industries.
- Resourced ECCD parenting education workshop at Paro in December 2012, organized by Ministry of Education.
- Resourced ECCD parenting education workshop at College of Natural Resources, Lobesa in 2011 organized by Ministry of Education.
- Resourced a workshop on familiarization of Curriculum guide for the teachers of Day Care centres in the month of February 2009 at Punakha, Bhutan.
- Resourced Resource Center Based In-service Program (RCBIP) on "The Principles of Test Development" conducted by Kheni Resource Center, Trashiyangtse, 2005
- Resourced Resource Center Based In-service Program (RCBIP) on "The Silken Knot: Standards for English for schools in Bhutan", conducted by Kheni Resource Center, Trashiyangtse, 2004.

ENGAGEMENT IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

- Country project leader for the nation-wide situation study to gauge the human capacity development needs for early childhood care and development in Bhutan funded by Open Society Foundation, UK from 2011 to 2012.
- As the Project Manager, successfully executed UNE-UNICEF consultancy programme to develop Diploma Programme at Paro College from 2014-2015.
- As a country partner, secured Erasmus + KA107 - Higher education student and staff mobility between Programme and Partner Country in 2019 with Mr, Jesper Marius Als, Senior International Advisor & Chairman, VIA University College Denmark and Ms Karine Hindrix, University College Leuven, Belgium. Grant amount €36,460

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- The member of university research team for Early childhood Development Intercultural Partnership based at University of Victoria, Canada <http://www.ecdip.org/team/univ.htm> and jointly conducts research and publishes papers with Professor Jessica Ball