

The benefits of being a purposeful educator

Part of intentional teaching is being 'purposeful' which means aiming to achieve something through your actions*. The benefits of being a purposeful educator include...



Achieving outcomes

When you know what your goals are (whether these are educator's goals, room goals, children's goals, or general developmental/learning outcomes), you can achieve these by actively working towards them through your curriculum and practices.



Building opportunities

A purposeful educator designs experiences, resources, environments and interactions around children's needs and interests to support the children to engage with play-based, developmentally appropriate learning opportunities.



Resourcing learning

A purposeful educator knows what is available to them in the service to expand and extend on children's learning by providing resources, tools or ideas to further challenge and engage children in their own ideas and interests.



Individualised approaches

A purposeful educator realises that children learn differently and adapt their approaches to suit the individual child's skills, abilities and interests, instead of expecting the child to come to them in an activity they have planned based on the educator's needs.



Critical reflection

A purposeful educator reflects on every aspect of the curriculum to identify and remove barriers to children's engagement. They reflect on whether there are maximised learning opportunities and modify their approaches to ensure children are able to achieve positive outcomes.

*Cambridge Dictionary - https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/purposeful