

## Curriculum Vitae

**Laura Bavalics**

Budapest, Hungary

### Education

- BA at Early Childhood Education, Eotvos Lorand University, College of Education Budapest 1999.
- Specialized Degree in the Science of Leadership in the Teaching Profession, Eotvos Lorand University, Collage of Education Budapest 2017.
- Specialized Degree in the Science of Play in Education, Eotvos Lorand University, Collage of Education Budapest 2013.
- Special Education Teacher Assistant Certificate, Kasza Training Center Budapest 2001.
- Certified Focusing Trainer, Focusing Institute, New York 2001.
- Specialized High School Diploma in Early Childhood Education, Vocational High School of Pedagogy Budapest 1995.

### Professional Experiences and Occupations

- 2016 - ongoing, Professional Director and Early Childhood Educator, Pendula Preschool - Kindergarten, Budapest
- 2012 - ongoing, Lecturer at Eotvos Lorand University, College of Education Budapest
- 2018 -ongoing, Member of the Children's Focusing Advisory Group, Focusing Institute, New York
- 2018 – ongoing Mentor Teacher with the College of Education Eotvos Lorand University at Pendula Preschool – Kindergarten, Budapest
- 2009-2016 Early Childhood Educator, Almáskert - Csicsergő, Preschool-Kindergarten, Budapest
- 2013-2016 Mentor Teacher with the College of Education Eotvos Lorand University at Almáskert - Csicsergő, Preschool - Kindergarten, Budapest
- 2008-2009 Program coordinator, Stories and Art, Morton Grove Park District, IL
- 2008-2009 Educator, Young Rembrandts - Art Program, Chicago, IL
- 2004-2009 Early Childhood Educator, Evanston Homeschool Association, Chicago, IL
- 2002-2004 Early Childhood Educator and Head Teacher, Birmingham Learning Center, Michigan IL
- 2001-2002 Special Education Teacher, Csicsergő, Preschool-Kindergarten, Budapest
- 2000-2002 Early Childhood Educator, XXII. District Educational Counseling Service, Budapest
- 1998-2000 Early Childhood Educator, Csigabiga Integrative Preschool, Budapest
- 1995-1998 Early Childhood Educator, XX. District Public Preschool - Kindergarten, Budapest

## Other Professional Experiences

- 2012 - ongoing Lecturer - Stories and Storytelling the Importance of Empathic Listening at the Perinatal Period, Eotvos Lorand University Faculty of Education and Psychology, Budapest
- 2014 - ongoing - Summer Camp Leader for Young Children in State Care with the Világszép Foundation for Children in Child Protective Care, Paloznak
- 2019 Lecturer - Stories and Storytelling the Importance of Empathic Listening in the Foster Families, Child Protection Association, Budapest
- 2018 Speaker - Stories and Storytelling the Importance of Empathic Listening in Early Childhood, Modern Educators Conference, Budapest
- 2018 Speaker and workshop leader - Drama in Early Childhood Education, Neteducatio Professional Day for Educators, Százhalombatta
- 2018 Focusing Roundtable host with Ana Zunic, Focusing and Parenting, Focusing Institute, New York
- 2017 Children Focusing Course, online seven class series, Focusing Institute, New York
- 2017 Focusing Highlights - Children Focusing, Tales from the Inside, Focusing Institute, New York
- 2016 - 2018 Lecturer and Workshop Coordinator, Fészek Child Protection Association, Budapest
- 2017 Lecturer - Round Table Discussion - Transition of the Children between Preschool and Elementary School, Hungarian province of the Piarist order, Budapest
- 2012, 2013 Lecturer and Workshop Coordinator - Drama in Early Childhood Education, Hungarian Drama Education Association, Budapest
- 2013 Lecturer - Family Focusing Cserf-S Family Resources Help Center, Budapest
- 2013 Lecturer - Stories and Storytelling the Importance of Empathic Listening in the Family Perinatus Association, Budapest
- 2014 Speaker, workshop leader - International Children Focusing Conference, Ireland
- 2014 Lecturer - Stories and Storytelling the Importance of Empathic Listening in Early Childhood, Children Culture Conference, Eotvos Lorand University, College of Education Budapest
- 2013 - 2018 Volunteer storyteller with the Világszép Foundation in Childre's Homes
- 1997- ongoing - Focusing Workshops for beginners and Children Focusing Workshops

## Postgraduate training

- 2017., 2016., 2012., 2011. Freinet Educational Training, Hungarian Freinet Association
- 2013 Folktales in Education Training, Budapest
- 2011 Drama in Education Training, Hungarian Drama Education Association, Budapest
- 2010 Sensory Movement Therapy for Children with Special Needs in Early Childhood Education Training, Budapest

## Publications

- Befogadás és elfogadás az óvodában (*Inclusion and Acceptance in Kindergarten*), *Óvodai Nevelés, Szakmai - Módszertani Folyóirat*, 2018.

- Tanulás a szabad játékban (*Learning in Free Play*), B. Lakatos Margit és Böddi Zsófia  
*Gyakorlatok a játépszichológiájára, pedagógiájára és módszertanára szemináriumra ELTE 2015.*
- Something from Nothing, *In Focus Newsletter USA, 2007*
- My preschool class, *In Focus Newsletter USA, 2007*
- Valami a Semmiből (*Something from Nothing*), Fókusz Tanulmányok, Tranzit F&S Kiadó, 2006

## **Award**

2015 Excellent Mentor Teacher Award, Eotvos Lorand University, College of Education Budapest

A Conversation with Laura Bavalics, by Mary Slocum

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