



Messing About

Join the ECCDC's Ginette Wilson to explore the concept of *Messing About*. This interactive workshop will take an in-depth look at the concept of *Messing About*, which was developed by David and Frances Hawkins (Hawkins Centers of Learning: www.hawkinscenters.org). Participants will have an opportunity to explore its origins, the importance of trying activities out before giving them to children, and how educators may implement *Messing About* within their practice. This workshop will also include use of the *Higher Order Thinking Prompts* resource developed by the ECCDC and *A Thinking Lens® for Reflection and Inquiry* developed by Harvest Resources. Participants will have time to practice using these resources with fellow educators and have meaningful conversations regarding their experiences, hopes and fears.

Thursday February 19 • 6:30 to 8:30 pm • ECCDC, 3340 Schmon Parkway, Thorold (Community Boardroom) • \$45 includes materials and nutrition break

Treasure Baskets and Heuristic Play

Young children learn about the world around them through their senses and exploration of everyday objects that they encounter in their daily lives. Treasure Baskets and Heuristic Play afford infants and toddlers with opportunities to forge sensory rich experiences, which prime them for fuller exploration and investigation. Attend this workshop to discover how Treasure Baskets, developed in the 1940's by Elinor Goldschmied can support this and why they are still as relevant today as they were 70 years ago. Join Ginette Wilson for this interactive workshop to investigate the sensory possibilities of Treasure Baskets and the discovery opportunities of Heuristic Play. Participants will have an opportunity to develop a Treasure Basket using interesting everyday household items and objects from nature, followed by an opportunity to *Mess About* with it.

Thursday March 5 • 6:30 to 8:30 pm • ECCDC, 3340 Schmon Parkway, Thorold (Community Boardroom) • \$45 includes materials and nutrition break

Fort and Den Building

Do you remember the great pleasure of building forts when you were a child? Come and rekindle those childhood memories and the pleasures of fort building with Ginette Wilson. This hands-on, practical workshop will look at the importance and benefits to children of building forts (and dens) and how this supports Ontario's Early Learning Frameworks. Participants will consider a range of fort building strategies that may be used both indoors and outdoors in early learning and child care environments. The considerations, materials, and tools required to construct forts outdoors and how to adapt the principles to indoor environments will be discussed. There will be an opportunity to build a 'Cane Den' that may be used in both indoor and outdoor environments, followed by a practical exploration of how the concept of a 'Cane Den' can be developed and used within early learning and child care environments.

Thursday March 31 • 6:30 to 8:30 pm • ECCDC, 3340 Schmon Parkway, Thorold (Community Boardroom) • \$45 includes materials and nutrition break

To register, call 905.646.7311 ext. 304, email eccdc@eccdc.org or visit www.eccdc.org.



Ginette Wilson

In her role as ECCDC's Early Learning and Child Care Program Consultant, Ginette Wilson, BA (Hons), RECE supports early years sites with environmental design, curriculum planning, play based learning kit highlights and other consultation needs. She facilitates our Professional Network Sessions and ongoing professional learning opportunities. Additionally, Ginette offers guidance with the ongoing development of lending library resources.

Ginette has enjoyed a 25 year career in early learning and child care in North America and the United Kingdom in a variety of positions including working directly with children, managing early learning and child care teams and consulting with not for profit and private organizations and government and social service agencies. Most recently, Ginette has worked with DSBN as a Designated Early Childhood Educator and with Rosalind Blauer as a Registered Early Childhood Educator. In the United Kingdom, Ginette worked as a Childcare Development Officer, promoting high quality child care services for children from birth to 16 and their families. She also worked as a Play Training Development Instructor; developing, delivering and coordinating a variety of workshops and network sessions. Ginette also served as a Childcare Manager in addition to holding various early childhood educator positions.