

From Protection to Resilience:

Why do educators need to take a balanced approach to risk, and what does it look like?



Across the world, adults are becoming ever more anxious about children's safety and well-being. Paradoxically, these anxieties can end up harming children's learning and development, fuelling unnecessary fears and undermining trust and confidence in ourselves and our children. How can those of us who work with children take a balanced, thoughtful approach to risk; one that honours and values children's play, their freedom of movement, and, most importantly, the relationships they have with each other and with adults? Tim's talk, based on his influential book *No Fear: Growing up in a risk averse society*, will help educators and service providers to revisit their thinking; to strike a better balance between protecting children from genuine threats and giving them rich, challenging opportunities to learn and grow.

- 6:00 pm Registration, Refreshments and Networking
- 6:30 pm Introductory Remarks - Adam Bienenstock, Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds
- 7:00 pm Tim Gill, From Protection to Resilience
- 8:00 pm Question Panel with Tim and Adam

Wednesday May 13 • 6:00 to 8:30 pm • Amici's Banquet and Conference Centre, 2740 Merrittville Hwy, Thorold • \$55 includes a copy of Tim Gill's book *No Fear: Growing Up in a Risk Averse Society* • Register by contacting the ECCDC at eccdc@eccdc.org, 905.646.7311 ext. 304 or www.eccdc.org

About Tim

Tim Gill is one of the UK's leading thinkers on childhood, and an effective advocate for positive change in children's everyday lives. For over 15 years his writing, research, consultancy projects and other work has focused on the changing nature of childhood, children's play and free time, and their evolving relationships with the people and places around them. Tim's book *No Fear: Growing up in a risk averse society* was published in 2007. He appears regularly on radio and television and has given talks and run workshops and seminars with audiences world-wide. Tim's website is: www.rethinkingchildhood.com.



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