



## Exploring Nature Education

This outdoor, hands-on workshop facilitated by Ginette Wilson, Early Learning and Child Care Program Consultant, will look at how educators can incorporate creative opportunities into their early learning and child care environments that utilize the readily available natural gifts that Mother Nature affords us. This workshop will support educators to connect with the outdoor environment and minimize the impact that the materials they use have on it. So come along and discover how the natural, outdoor environment acts as the third Educator and develop a range of activities that will engage children and encourage them to respect and explore the natural world.

**Tuesday June 16** • 6:30 to 8:30 pm • Niagara-On-The-Lake Community Centre, 14 Anderson Lane, Virgil • \$45 includes materials and nutrition break

## Using Recycled Tires Within Your Outdoor Early Learning Environment

Have you ever wondered what happens to tires once they have reached the end of their life? Well, 25% end up in a land-fill site. If you would like to find out ways that we can lessen the environmental impact of used tires on the environment by recycling them, then come along to this practical, hands-on workshop, facilitated by the ECCDC's Early Learning and Child Care Program Consultant Ginette Wilson. This session will take place outdoors and educators will discover the many uses for used tires within early learning and child care settings. Educators will gain a range of strategies to utilize used tires in their outdoor environments that will support children's discoveries. Participants will have opportunities to *Mess About* with used tires and will be able to take them away at the end of the session to utilize in their outdoor early learning environments.

**Tuesday June 30** • 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](mailto:eccdc@eccdc.org) or visit [www.eccdc.org](http://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.



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