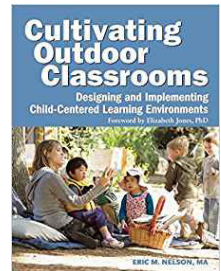




Creating Outdoor Learning Programs



Educators across Ontario have been embracing the move from traditional playgrounds to naturalized outdoor play spaces that amaze and inspire children, educators, families and communities. If you are looking to bring further intentionality to your space by creating a unique outdoor learning program that truly connects children to nature, this three part series, based on Eric Nelson's book *Cultivating Outdoor Classrooms* is for you. Join the ECCDC's Early Learning and Child Care Program Consultant, Ginette Wilson, for these engaging sessions where you will have opportunities to participate in conversations and share ideas with fellow educators, and engage in a variety of hands-on experiences. Whether you have a newly renovated outdoor space or you are working in a traditional outdoor space, a variety of strategies and tips will be offered in this workshop to support you on your journey.



Part 1: Philosophy and Approach

The first session will look at what Outdoor Classrooms are, their benefits, and the role of the outdoor classroom in early childhood education. Participants will explore philosophies and approaches to support Outdoor Learning Programs.

Thursday January 25, 2018 • 6:30 to 8:30 pm • ECCDC Conference Room, 3340 Schmon Parkway, Thorold • \$45 includes materials and nutrition break

Part 2: Curriculum and Content

The second session will look at the role of the educator in developing the curriculum and content of Outdoor Classrooms to ensure that a full range of rich learning experiences are available for all children.

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Part 3: Implementation

The third and final session will look at implementing Outdoor Classrooms and will include strategies to evaluate current practice, how to build upon it and embed a rich Outdoor Learning Program which supports the flow between indoors and outdoors.

Thursday May 3, 2018 • 6:30 to 8:30 pm • ECCDC Conference Room, 3340 Schmon Parkway, Thorold • \$45 includes materials and nutrition break

To register contact the ECCDC at eccdc@eccdc.org, 905.646.7311 ext. 304 or www.eccdc.org



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Ginette has enjoyed a 30 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.

