

Beyond the Classroom

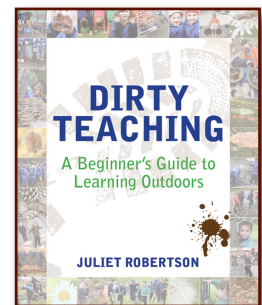
Integrating Outdoor Learning into Practice: A Playful Approach for Early Learning Educators



Morning Workshop:

Keynote with Juliet Robertson, Author of *Dirty Teaching* and *Messy Maths*

Join Scotland's leading educational consultant who specializes in outdoor play and learning for this motivating keynote presentation. One of the keys to a happy and creative classroom is getting out of it and Juliet will share a variety of ideas to encourage you to integrate outdoor learning into your everyday practice. Juliet will explain why learning outdoors is so beneficial for children and will encourage conversation, sharing and reflection related to a range of engaging outdoor experiences. Juliet will share some of her experiences in supporting children with caring for the environment, investigative play, nature pedagogy, urban outdoor activities and forest school possibilities.



Afternoon Workshop:

Outdoor Loose Parts Play with ECCDC Training Consultant and Playworker Ginette Wilson

Using loose parts has become part of educators' everyday practice indoors. However, there are so many opportunities to utilize loose parts outdoors as well. This session will explore how we can consider the philosophies of loose parts and apply them in the outdoor environment. Participants will take a more in-depth look at the underpinning philosophy and benefits of using loose parts in the outdoors and will investigate the potential of utilizing a variety of diverse loose parts as part of everyday outdoor play. Educators will have an opportunity to mess about outdoors exploring innovative loose parts.





Registration Information

Saturday August 11, 2018

8:30 am to 4:00pm (8:30 am Doors Open and Networking Breakfast, 9:00 am Juliet Robertson, 12:00 pm Lunch and Book Signing with Juliet, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Outdoor Loose Parts Play)

Ball's Falls Conservation Area, 3292 Sixth Avenue, Jordan

\$75 includes materials and nutrition break • \$110 includes the full day and Juliet Robertson's book *Dirty Teaching*

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



Juliet Robertson is an education consultant who specialises in learning and playing outdoors. She has lived and taught in Scotland most of her adult life. As well as having to radically rethink and change her own practice, Juliet has gone on to inspire and motivate others to do the same. Since 2008 Juliet has written extensively about her outdoor experiences and those of others through her award-winning blog,

"I'm a teacher, get me OUTSIDE here!" which gets almost half a million page views per year. She is the author of award winning books "Dirty Teaching: A Beginner's Guide to Learning Outdoors" and "Messy Maths: An Outdoor Playful Approach". She believes that keeping her hands dirty when teaching keeps her mind fresh. After all, when you think outside, no box is needed...

Please note that Juliet is also a guest speaker at the Rhythm of Learning in Nature 2018 coordinated by The York Region Nature Collaborative from August 13 to 17, 2018. For further information please visit www.yrnature.ca.



Ginette Wilson, BA (Hons), RECE, DiPL3

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 as a Designated Early Childhood Educator and 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.