

# Tinkering Series



Have you been hearing about 'Tinkering', 'Tinker Labs', 'Tinker schools' and so on, and wondered what all this Tinkering is about? Well if so, this three-part 'Tinkering Series' is for you.

The series will provide opportunities for educators to explore what tinkering is (chances are that you are already doing it) and how educators can intentionally incorporate tinkering into your early learning and child care programs. There will be a focus on practical, hands-on experiences that educators can utilize with a variety of ages, and sessions will include a large portion of time investigating materials, and engaging with experiences that educators can use within their daily practice. Educators will come away with many process oriented inexpensive experiences, and a variety of materials that they can use with children in their programs.

This fun interactive series will be co-facilitated by Ginette Wilson, Early Learning and Child Care Trainer and Patricia Couroux, Coaching and Mentoring Coordinator of the ECCDC and include opportunities for Educators to share ideas and experiences, and to reflect together in fun and engaging environments.

## Session 1 - Tinkering with Recycled Materials

The first session in this series will explore the concept of 'Tinkering' with a focus on how educators can intentionally incorporate tinkering with recycled materials within their daily programming.

**Monday September 30, 2019** • 6:00 to 9:00 pm (6:00 pm Networking and light refreshments; 6:30 pm Workshop Beginning; 9:00 pm Workshop closing) • ECCDC Conference Room, 3340 Schmon Parkway, Thorold • Niagara Educators: \$45 includes all materials and nutrition break; Outside Niagara Educators: \$50 • 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)

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## Session 2 - Tinkering with Wood

The second session will focus on reviving the 'lost art' of utilizing wood and woodworking in early learning and child care programs, and how educators can 'bring it back' into their practice. This session will take place off-site in a dedicated woodworking environment and will include using real tools and consider health and safety, and risk benefit analysis.

**Tuesday October 22, 2019** • 6:00 to 9:00 pm (6:00 pm Networking and light refreshments; 6:30 pm Workshop Beginning; 9:00 pm Workshop closing) • ECCDC Conference Room, 3340 Schmon Parkway, Thorold • Niagara Educators: \$45 includes all materials and nutrition break; Outside Niagara Educators: \$50 • 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)

## Session 3 - Tinkering with Metal

The third and final session in this series will look at the benefits of incorporating tinkering experiences within programming and will focus on utilizing tinkering with metal in their early learning and child care programs.

**Thursday November 21, 2019** • 6:00 to 9:00 pm (6:00 pm Networking and light refreshments; 6:30 pm Workshop Beginning; 9:00 pm Workshop closing) • ECCDC Conference Room, 3340 Schmon Parkway, Thorold • Niagara Educators: \$45 includes all materials and nutrition break; Outside Niagara Educators: \$50 • 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)



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**Ginette Wilson**, BA (Hons), RECE, DiP L3

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.