



Celebrate the essence of the

CHILD

and **Champion** a better future

May 2, 3, and 4, 2013
Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport
Richmond, BC



Early Childhood Educators of British Columbia | 42nd Annual Conference

Be Inspired and Get Energized at ECEBC's Conference 2013

ECEBC would like to extend an open invitation to our 42nd annual conference "Celebrate the Essence of the Child and Champion a Better Future" happening May 2 to 4, 2013 in Richmond.

Please join us as we celebrate and honour what it means to be a child while championing the role early childhood educators play in securing a bright future for the field of early care and learning.

The weekend will be an excellent opportunity to engage with others in personal and professional growth, advocacy, and more than a little fun! Besides an amazing variety of workshops, there will be delicious lunch buffets, snacks, and our gala evening celebration, which sold out last year. You will also have lots of shopping time at the wonderful Trade and Resource Fair.

This year, on Thursday evening we will be offering a chance to visit the child care centres at Simon Fraser University. Be sure to sign up early as space is limited, and the tour will fill up quickly.

We are thrilled to welcome child care advocate Sharon Gregson from the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC for our opening plenary. New this year will be a closing plenary session with Don Giesbrecht of the Canadian Child Care Federation—an opportunity not to be missed!

We sincerely hope that you will come and join us for what promises to be an exciting, inspiring, and unforgettable conference.

—ECEBC's Conference 2013 Committee

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Opening keynote address by Sharon Gregson, Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC
- Closing plenary address by Don Giesbrecht, President and CEO of the Canadian Child Care Federation
- Thursday evening tour of SFU Child-care Centre
- 32 exciting and innovative workshops on Friday and Saturday program to suit everyone
- Sit-down lunch buffets on Friday and Saturday
- Central Trade and Resource Fair, which will be packed with books, toys, and resources for young children and ECEs
- Friday night Gala!
- FREE Parking for overnight guests
- Direct access to the Canada Line sky train for fast and convenient trips to shopping in Richmond and downtown Vancouver

Please note that ECEBC will have a photographer at the conference to take photos at workshops and Friday night Gala for use in future editions of our journal, The Early Childhood Educator, and other materials.

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At-a-Glance Conference Schedule

THURSDAY, MAY 2ND

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

11th Annual Assessment

Workshop: Start Early, Go Far:

Early Assessment Leads to
Understanding and Inclusive
Communities

Neville Scarfe Building,

University of British Columbia

*See page 6 for registration and con-
tact information.*

5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Registration Desk open for early
registration

5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

ECE Networking
in Conference Foyer

7:00 pm* to 9:00 pm

Guided Tour: Connecting the
SFU Childcare Society to Reggio-
inspired Practice

*Tickets: \$20 See page 6 for more
information.*

**Bus leaves the hotel at 6:00 pm*

FRIDAY, MAY 3RD

7:30 am to 5:30 pm

Registration Desk open

Trade Fair and Resource Fair open

8:30 am to 9:45 am

Official Opening and Keynote

Address by Sharon Gregson,

Coalition of Child Care Advocates

9:45 am to 10:15 am

Coffee Break

10:15 am to 12:15 pm

A Session: Provincial Election

2013: Where Does Early Care and
Learning Fit In?

12:15 pm to 12:45 pm

Shopping time at the Trade and
Resource Fair

12:45 pm to 2:00 pm

Hot Lunch Buffet (Ballroom)

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

ECEBC AGM (Ballroom)

2:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Shopping time at the Trade and
Resource Fair

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

B Sessions

6:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Friday Night Gala (Ballroom)

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH

7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Registration Desk open

7:30 am to 1:30 pm

Trade and Resource Fair open

8:00 am to 9:30 am

C Sessions

9:30 am to 10:00 am

Coffee Break

10:00 am to 11:30 am

D Sessions

11:30 am to 12:00 pm

Shopping time at the Trade and
Resource Fair

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Lunch Buffet (Ballroom)

12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

Making Connections:
Connecting the ECE Sector

1:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Shopping time at the Trade and
Resource Fair

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

E Sessions

3:15 pm to 4:15 pm

Closing Plenary Address by Don
Giesbrecht, Canadian Child Care
Federation

Friday Keynote Speaker

SHARON GREGSON

GET PASSIONATE ABOUT POLITICS: HOW TO PUSH FOR A SOLUTION TO BC'S CHILD CARE CRISIS

Friday, May 3, 8:30 am to 9:45 am



Are you planning to vote in the provincial election on May 14, 2013? Believe it or not this keynote address just might make you passionate about politics! Who we elect and the decisions that politicians make does impact our early care and learning work. Will the new BC government move forward to implement the \$10/Day Child Care Plan?

SHARON GREGSON believes that the time has come for BC to start building a child care system and that we all have a role to play to make that happen. She is passionate about the right of families to access affordable child care services, the right of children to high quality care, and the right of early childhood educators to be well-paid for the important and demanding work they do. Her advocacy started in 1987 as a mother with four young children of her own needing to access affordable, quality daycare for her own family, and then speaking out on behalf of all parents who desperately need a publicly funded child care system in this province and this country. Sharon speaks out regularly on the impact of public policy

on working families, on government inaction, and the needs of women and children. She is a spokeswoman for the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC and has represented BC on the boards of the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada, the Child Care Human Resources Sector Council, and the Canadian Child Care Federation. She was twice elected as a trustee to the Vancouver Board of Education, and chair of their finance and legal committee. She worked to ensure early care and learning issues were a consideration within the Vancouver education system. Sharon also co-chaired the Vancouver Joint Child Care Council. Sharon travels the province sharing the \$10/Day Child Care Plan as

the solution to the child care crisis in BC and she's the director of Child and Family Development Services at Collingwood Neighbourhood House in East Vancouver. She also rides a 1983 Harley Davidson motorcycle, has a student pilot licence for powered parachutes, a scuba diving ticket, and is heavily tattooed!

Saturday Closing Plenary Speaker

DON GIESBRECHT

RALLYING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE SERVICES, PRACTICES, AND POLICIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Saturday, May 4, 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm

Early learning and child care is an integral and critical reality of modern Canadian family life, yet the approaches that Canada—both nationally and provincially—has taken have yet to adequately address this reality. Don will present a poignant picture as to why Canada needs to do better with regard to our children, why early learning and child care is such a critical issue, and why now, more than ever, Canada's early childhood community needs to rally itself and work together for the sake of children, families, and our profession.



DON GIESBRECHT is president and CEO of the Canadian Child Care Federation. He has been the president of the CCCF since 2007 and added the title of CEO in March 2012. Prior to working at the CCCF, Don was the executive director of an infant, preschool, and school age child care program in Winnipeg. In 2006, he was appointed to the Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development Ministerial Advisory Committee on Child Care Spaces. He was also president of the Manitoba Child Care Association from 2002 to 2004. Don believes passionately in the necessity of a professional association for the ECE sector in Canada and that, collectively, Canada has to improve services, practices, and policies for children and families. Don is married (his wife is an executive director of a child care program), has two teenage children, and can be found coaching his son's hockey team in the winter and shuttling his daughter to her many dance classes (and despite what his kids think, he is cool and with it).

Events on Thursday, May 2nd

PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The 11th Annual Assessment Workshop

START EARLY, GO FAR: Early Assessment Leads to Understanding and Inclusive Communities

*Thursday, May 2, 2013
University of British Columbia,
Neville Scarfe Building*

We invite you to join us in celebrating the 11th year of the Assessment Workshop—a collaborative one-day event that brings together research and practice. Program workshops will explore the importance of early identification of learning difficulties, autism, and other developmental conditions. Presenters will also demonstrate how early identification can lead to better parent/child relationships, increased acceptance, and inclusive communities for all children.

Keynote speakers

DR. CHARLOTTE WADDELL is a child psychiatrist with long-standing interests in health policy and population and public health. She is the director of Children's Health

Thursday Evening Guided Tour of SFU's Child Care Centres CONNECTING THE SFU CHILDCARE SOCIETY TO REGGIO-INSPIRED PRACTICE

*Thursday, May 2, 2013, 7:00 to 9:00 pm (chartered bus leaves the hotel at 6:00 pm)
Simon Fraser University, Burnaby
Fee: \$20*

Meet fellow delegates in the hotel foyer at 6:00 pm sharp to hop on our chartered bus for a guided tour of Simon Fraser University's child care centres at its Burnaby campus. SFU Childcare Society is a nationally recognized childcare centre for its quality early care and learning. For over 40 years, it has been providing and promoting a play-based, family-focused early care and learning program for children aged 0 to 12. Nestled on the campus of Simon Fraser University, it offers experiences for children that are influenced by the beauty and nature of its mountain location. SFU Childcare Society values children as the heart of its respectful, collaborative, and reflective community by providing them with a place to develop their potential through freedom to explore and engage the world around them.

Note: This event represents an investment of two professional development hours.

Policy Centre and an associate professor at Simon Fraser University. Dr. Waddell's research addresses mental health disparities, starting in childhood, by improving the connections between research and policy.

DR. MARTIN GUHN is a Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research postdoctoral fellow, with a background in human development, psychology, education, and music. His

interdisciplinary, applied research focuses on how social, cultural, demographic, and socio-economic factors jointly affect children's developmental health and educational trajectories.

To register, or for more information, please contact EventAbility at 604.272.9155 or info@eventability.org.

Events on Friday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 4th

ECEBC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Friday, May 3, 2013, 1:00 to 2:00 pm
Ballroom*

Please join us for ECEBC's Annual General Meeting while enjoying your lunch. Although only full members are able to vote, all delegates are welcome to attend. It's an opportunity to find out what ECEBC has been working on for the ECE sector over the past 12 months. It is also the time when new directors are elected to the ECEBC Board.



MAKING CONNECTIONS: CONNECTING THE ECE SECTOR

*Saturday, May 4, 2013, 12:30 to 1:30 pm
Vice Regal Room*

Join ECEBC Board members Carla Hees and Lyndsay Spencer during Saturday's lunch break for an informal gathering to connect with other delegates, learn more about ECEBC Branches in your region, and find out how to get involved locally and provincially!

FRIDAY NIGHT GALA: Hollywood Glitz and Glamour

*Hosted by the Early Childhood
Educators from Castlevue Child Care
Centre in Victoria*

*Friday, May 3, 2013, 6:30 to 10:30 pm
Ballroom*

Fee: \$50

If you are an Early Childhood Educator you are a STAR! Come and walk the red carpet at this year's ECEBC Gala. We invite you to join us for a fun evening of dinner and dancing, contests, games, and prizes. It's a chance to celebrate yourself and add your star to our wall of fame. Come dressed up in your fanciest Academy Award winning fashions—think Hollywood style with lots of glitz and glamour! Who will make the "Best Dressed" list this year and take home the award?



Conference Features

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING SPACE

*Thursday, May 2 to Saturday, May 4
Foyer*

Meet up and network with friends and colleagues in the hotel foyer Thursday evening and all day Friday and Saturday. ECEBC's Conference co-sponsors and partners will also be located in the foyer so you can find out more about the work they do and how you can become involved.

TRADE AND RESOURCE FAIR

Friday, May 3, 7:30 am to 5:30 pm

Saturday, May 4, 7:30 am to 1:30 pm

Foyer

Bring your shopping lists and bags to shop from over 25 exhibits! Felt stories, finger puppets, books, and more to take back to your child care centre.

Play Trade Fair Bingo for a chance to win great prizes!



A SESSION

10:15 am to 12:15 pm

Provincial Election 2013: Where Does Early Care and Learning Fit In?

With BC's provincial election coming up shortly after conference, ECEBC, in response to members' requests, has organized an educational forum where representatives from the BC Conservative Party, BC Liberal Party, Green Party of BC, and the New Democratic Party of BC will speak on their party's platforms on early care and learning. You will have an opportunity to ask representatives questions or to submit written questions to ECEBC, which will be forwarded to party representatives for a response shortly after conference. All written questions and responses will be e-mailed to delegates and posted on ECEBC's website.

B SESSIONS

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

B1 Making Music For Fun... Inspiration and Confidence

Come join Chris for an afternoon of music and fun. You will explore how you can use song, speech, simple rhythm instruments, movement, and visual aids to enrich your musical experiences with young

children. If you lack confidence with how to use music with young children or if you simply need a little inspiration, this is the workshop for you.

CHRIS ROSKELLEY is an ECE with over 30 years of experience. For the past 17 years she has worked as a self-employed music teacher at UBC Child Care. Chris also teaches the music component in the ECE programs at both Vancouver Community College and Burnaby Continuing Education.

B2 Introduction to Creative Educational Dance

This participatory workshop provides a gentle introduction to the elements of dance and how dance can be incorporated into early childhood programs. By connecting dance with play, Lorraine will inspire you to "dance your way into knowing." Her approach to dance is not so much about the training of the body, but using dance as a way of understanding ourselves, others, and the world around us. Absolutely no dance experience required.

LORRAINE WHITE-WILKINSON has a BA from York University where her studies focused on dance and the child. She has additional teacher training from the University of Utah and is currently completing an MA in Arts Education at SFU. She has over 25

years' teaching experience in daycare centres, community centres, studios, and elementary schools.

B3 Leading Together: Co-Creating the Curriculum

This workshop focuses on empowering preschoolers by co-creating the curriculum. Working together, teacher and child can explore, learn, and discover the wonders around them. Kyle will offer practical suggestions throughout the workshop and there will be lots of time for discussion.

KYLE BEAULIV grew up in Australia where she received a Bachelor's in Education. She has lived in Canada for 20 years working with children in a variety of roles. She received her diploma in ECE from Langara in 2009. She is currently employed at UBC as a preschool teacher.

B4 Sing for Your Life!

Singing together is a powerful way to connect, develop group cohesion, and build trust. In an atmosphere that is playful, relaxed, and accepting, you will learn to appreciate the sound of your own voice, develop confidence in singing with others, and experience the thrill of voices raised together in harmony. Repertoire will include short songs

from various cultures that are easy to learn and uplifting to sing. All voices are welcome, even if (and especially if) you believe you can't sing!

SHIVON ROINSONG is director of the Gettin' Higher Choir in Victoria, BC. She believes that singing together in harmony is our birthright, a vital source of health and vitality, both for individuals and groups. In her singing workshops throughout Canada, the US, and Ireland, Shivon has helped thousands reclaim their singing voices.

B5 How to Adapt Your Child Care Program to Meet the Needs of Children

Inclusion should be fun and simple, and this workshop will explore the ins and outs of inclusion through children's books, play, and a variety of inclusive activities. We will look at the reality of diversity, our expectations, precursors, and simple modifications you can make to your program, toys, environment, and daily activities.

KIM BROWN, BA, ECE special needs, has worked with children and families for over 25 years as a consultant, instructor, teacher, and facilitator.

B6 Social and Emotional Development in the Early Years

This presentation will focus on the core concepts of social and emotional development based on extensive research that investigated how the public thinks about infant mental health. We'll look at common default positions adopted by the public in the absence of good information and widely shared cultural beliefs about the emotional world of the infant.

KITTY MINIONS has been a licensing officer for the past 14 years with Vancouver Coastal Health, North Shore.

B7 Making History Together: Developing Our Capacity as Co-Leaders in the Movement for Universal Child Care

ECEs can make history by working together to transform child care in BC and beyond. As professionals we work at the heart of community life, providing access to education and employment, advancing women's equality, and supporting children's development as powerful persons. We are the co-producers of children's culture, which forms the foundation of human culture. In this workshop we will explore specific examples of how social movements have transformed Canadian society, identifying lessons learned from

past and present. We will explore how to apply these lessons to our work as champions of children's rights and advocates for universal child care for all BC families. We will also identify practical tools and ideas for how to be a more effective advocate and provide time for thoughtful reflection on what it means to be a co-leader in a movement for universal child care.

TOM KERTES is an ECE and social movement organizer working to build strong communities for everyone. He has been a policy advisor to Ontario's self-regulatory College of Early Childhood Educators, instructor of ECE at Seneca College in Toronto, community organizer with homeless day labourers in Baltimore, MD, and an ECE at UBC, where he currently works with toddlers and preschoolers at a split-age child care centre.

B8 Circle Time Tool Box

In this workshop we will play! We will explore musical games, finger plays, rhymes, stories, singing, puppets, and look at how you can use them all to enliven circle time.

ALLAN HIRSCH is a longtime ECEBC conference presenter who is celebrating 40 years of educating and entertaining children of all ages. He is a performing artist and teacher willing to share!

C SESSIONS

8:00 am to 9:30 am

C1 Forest Kindergartens as an Important Early Childhood Education Model

The forest kindergarten early childhood education model is distinguished by total nature immersion, inquiry-based teaching style, and flow learning. The outdoor setting leads to this being a natural sciences program with young children learning through hands-on direct experience with their environment. Not only are these children well-versed in basic natural science principles, the teaching style leads to greater problem solving and advanced critical thinking skills while setting up a life-long love of science. This workshop will give practical advice about how to ensure the success of your nature immersion commitment in your program, including the three most important considerations: appropriate clothing, the importance of having the right teachers, and building a community of families.

ERIN KENNY is an internationally recognized nature immersion specialist and forest kindergarten expert. Erin has a bachelor's degree in environmental education and a graduate degree in environmental law. She is the director, nature immersion specialist at Cedarson Nature School in Washington.

C2 Technology in an ECE Centre: How Do We Jump On Board Without Drowning?

We work with children for whom technology is as much a part of their lives as the air they breathe; yet we are nervous about bringing it into our early childhood centres. In this workshop, we will discuss some of the dangers around children using technology in their early years, but we will also look at ways we can use technology to breathe new life into our ECE practice. There are plenty of ways we can use technology to connect with other ECEs and there are new and exciting professional development opportunities on the web. There are also ways we can use digital cameras, digital microscopes, projectors, recording devices, and the Internet in our centres and still keep the children in our care safe. Come dip a toe into the sea called technology and we promise you won't drown.

BARB MATHIESON is an instructor with the ECCE department at Capilano University. She is a self-professed computer geek and a strong advocate for play who is passionate about sharing stories and books with children.

C3 Circle Time Tool Box

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This workshop is also offered on Friday afternoon. See Session B8.



C4 Reflections

We will share our image of the child and open up a discussion about participants' image of the child. We will reflect and explore together how the image of the child guides and influences our daily experiences with children.

DEE MCPHEE and BARBARA LEE are early childhood educators who have been working with the principles of Reggio Emilia since 1997 at Quadra Children's Centre on Quadra Island.

C5 Stopping the Gossip

There are many reasons why gossip occurs in the workplace. This workshop will explain how gossip becomes a way of interacting and how ECEs can stop it. This session will offer practical examples and tools to support individual actions on preventing gossip and how to facilitate proactive communications.

MARC LALONDE is a certified ECE with infant/toddler and special needs and has a BA in child and youth care. He has over 30 years of experience in the field, 20 with First Nations' communities. He has worked as a front-line ECE, manager/supervisor, and as an infant development consultant. He has published several articles in ECE and authored the Mentoring Manual for the Aboriginal Infant Development Programs of BC.

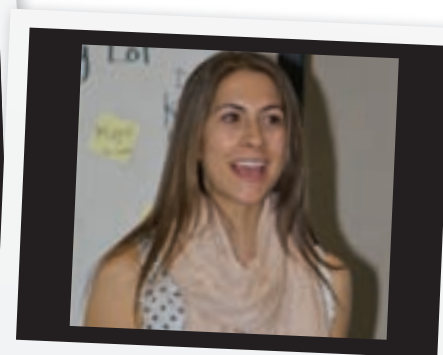
C6 The Election, and Then What for Child Care?

This workshop focuses on advocacy and the latest news on the \$10/Day Plan and what's happening from a "child care is a right" perspective. We'll look at what's happening provincially and the latest cross-Canada advocacy developments. With the provincial election upon us what can we do as individuals to stay connected and involved in advocacy and political action?

The COALITION OF CHILD CARE ADVOCATES OF BC (CCCABC) is a grassroots organization of parents, child care providers, concerned citizens, unions, social justice activists, and community organizations working to move forward the \$10/Day Early Care and Learning Plan.

C7 The Child in the City Project: Valuing Children's Voices in Our Communities

Where there are cities, there are children. However, very little, if any, consideration is given to children in the planning of the places they live in. Yet children are learning everyday about life in the city, from the toy roadways in a daycare to their morning commute across town to a caregiver. Where is the child's voice in all this? As children interact with their urban environment everyday, they have their own unique perspective to offer. The Child in the City Project aimed to understand how children perceive the city they live in, showcase their capabilities, and further the inclusion of their voices in community planning processes. The project supported ECEs from local child care facilities in gathering children's voices through various methods, including digital imagery, artwork, mapping projects, and pedagogical narrations. The



C & D Sessions

Saturday, May 4th

outcomes of the Child in the City Project are tools to share with the broader community, both the viewpoint of children in our urban setting and their capacities to voice their thoughts and opinions. These tools offer a process of how to gather children's voices and provide a platform for advocating for children's participation in community planning processes. This interactive workshop will showcase both the process, outlining ways of engaging children's voices, and outcomes of the Child in the City Project, including videos, pedagogical narrations, and various art endeavours. This workshop will also look at the importance of connecting children with their neighbourhoods/communities and identify ways of listening, valuing, and building children's voices.

GILLIAN PETRINI has been an educator for over 10 years, working with a wide range of ages and abilities, from daycares to middle schools. She has worked on various community development projects and within community planning. This project has been an exciting opportunity to listen to and value children's voices while highlighting their need to be included in creating the places they live in, for now and the future.

C8 Sign Me a Story, Volume One

Stories are a fundamental part of a child's life. Spice things up by telling the story in sign. Children enjoy imitating and participating with these stories, and signing stories is an inclusive activity to do in any centre. It can help facilitate language development, plus it's fun!

KIM BROWN, BA, ECE special needs, has worked with children and families for over 25 years as a consultant, instructor, teacher, and facilitator.

D SESSIONS

10:00 am to 11:30 am

D1 Ouch! That Hurts! Redirecting the Punch

Uncover the triggers behind children's anger and aggression. Teach them safe and acceptable ways to express and release their feelings that are not hurtful to others, property, or themselves. This workshop will look at how we can assist children to find their control switches, support the development of self-control, and problem solve and redirect their power in helpful, not hurtful ways.

TERESA BOUCHARD is an occupational therapist, wife, and mother of two boys. Through her courses and workshops parents,



child care professionals, and teachers feel empowered and gain skills that help children develop the qualities, characteristics, and life skills they need to be successful at home, in child care, school, and beyond.

D2 Pedagogical Narration: Beginning the Dialogue

Pedagogical narration is recognized as an important tool for observation and critical reflection in the field of ECE in BC. But there are many uncertainties: What is it? How do we use it? Why is it important? And how do we fit it into an already



busy day? Danielle and Kim will share their experience of embedding pedagogical narrations into their own practice and discuss both the challenges and the new ways of knowing that emerge. Pedagogical narrations cannot be “learned” in a day, but through dialogue and examples participants will come to a better understanding of how this ongoing process of deeper listening and reflection can stimulate new and richer practices.

KIM ATKINSON and DANIELLE DAVIS have presented workshops to ECEs, students, kindergarten teachers, and administrators throughout the province in conjunction with the Images of Learning Project, an exhibit that highlights the work of ECEs and the competencies of children.

D3 Images and Perspectives: Young Children and Digital Photography

When children use cameras what do their images and words challenge us to consider? This presentation looks at the use of digital photography by 3- to 5-year-old children as a means of expressing their ideas regarding the outdoor environment. The research draws on questions from the BC Early Learning Framework, reflects on a child’s right to be heard as outlined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, and explores the use of photography as a tool for listening.

PEG HASTED is an early childhood educator, an oral storyteller, and a sessional instructor in the Early Learning and Care program at Camosun College.

D4 Engaging Fathers in Early Childhood Education Programs

This session will begin with a brief presentation on current father involvement research focusing on tips and strategies to support fathers in becoming engaged with their young children’s early learning. Participants will then be challenged to look through a father-friendly lens at their programs and centres to discuss such topics as creating a dad-friendly environment, supporting dads to connect and network with other dads, creating

opportunities for dads to volunteer in their child’s ECE programs, and talking to fathers about their children.

JOSEPH DUNN, MA, has been working in adult education and in early childhood community development for the past 10 years in BC through the Children First and Success by 6 provincial initiatives. Part of the Advisory Committee for the Early Years Community Development Institute, Joseph researches, presents, and advocates for issues surrounding the importance of supporting dads in being actively involved in the lives of their young children.

D5 How Nature Immersion Programs Benefit the ADHD and Autistic Child

Studies show that children who are diagnosed with ADHD and autism benefit immensely from extended outdoor time. Erin will report on the current research as well as give advice from her experience working with ADHD and autistic children in nature immersion classes and camps. All of the Cedarsong Nature School programs that Erin runs are ADHD and autism inclusive and Erin has worked with groups and one-on-one with these children.

ERIN KENNY is an internationally recognized nature immersion specialist and forest

kindergarten expert. Erin has a bachelor's degree in environmental education and a graduate degree in environmental law. She co-founded CedarSong Nature School and developed the first US Forest Kindergarten based on the German waldkindergarten early childhood education model.

D6 Bluebird, Bluebird: Songs and Games for Young Children

Join Pam and Loretta for a hands-on workshop on learning and participating in action songs, movement activities, and singing games. Experience how music can be used to include all children and build community. By adapting songs you can break down barriers and involve all students, cultures, and abilities in a universal experience.

LORETTA JACKSON and PAM CARR both have many years' experience in preschool settings and are currently completing their second year in the M.Ed Arts in Education program at SFU. Using play-based, artistic learning in a multi-age setting is an ongoing passion for both of them.

D7 Supporting the Work of ECEs: The Roles of ECEBC and Government

Early childhood education and learning is unique in British Columbia. Come and

learn how the mandates of ECEBC and the provincial government, through the ECE Registry, Child Care Licensing, and Early Learning Initiatives, support your work as an early childhood educator. This presentation will outline the provincial legislative framework, programs and supports, the role of your professional organization (ECEBC), and how both ECEBC and the government collaborate to support your work. A question-and-answer period will follow.

ANNE WETHERILL is the director of Child Care Programs and Services in the Ministry of Children and Family Development. Her responsibilities include the Early Childhood Educator Registry, Child Care Operating Funding Program, Major and Minor Child Care Capital Funding Program, and the Child Care Resource and Referral Program.

EMILY MLIECZKO is the executive director of the Early Childhood Educators of BC.

D8 Self-Care for Early Childhood Educators and Professionals

This workshop looks at how to support early childhood educators in self-care. This workshop will give an overview of how the self-care

journal was developed and the importance of self-care for early childhood educators. Participants will learn how to self-care professionally and personally and how to watch for red flags for “best practices” in working with children, families, and colleagues. All participants will be given a Self-Care Journal and will have the opportunity to write goals and set boundaries during the workshop.

NAZNIN DHANANI has been an early childhood educator since 1992 and has her certification in administration in early childhood services and family resource programs. Currently, Naznin is the ECE resource coordinator for ELSA Net and her role is to support ELSA and Settlement Child Care Workers who work with newcomer children and families in Canada.



E SESSIONS

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

E1 The Pitfalls of Praise, The Ramifications of Rewards

What really motivates children to learn, persevere, and succeed? How can we best acknowledge children for their achievements, accomplishments, and contributions that will encourage them to be thinkers and leaders, so they can be resilient and have healthy self-esteem? Join Teresa as she shares the pitfalls of praise and offers more effective strategies that truly encourage and motivate children to do well for themselves.

TERESA BOUCHARD is an occupational therapist, wife, and mother of two boys.

Through her courses and workshops parents, child care professionals, and teachers feel empowered and gain skills that help children develop the qualities, characteristics, and life

skills they need to be successful at home, in child care, school, and beyond.

E2 Communicating From the Heart: Creating Authentically Engaged Learning Environments

When we communicate from the heart, we move from communicating to others to communicating with them. We listen fully and bring the best out of others.

We ask questions that draw out people's feelings, dreams, and desires, and we create a safe place for others to share their authentic Self. In this fun and interactive playshop, you will learn practical communication and awareness skills that inspire creativity, authentic self-expression, and connection between you and your students, coworkers, and parents.

VINCE GOWMON is the founder of Re-membering to Play Events. He leads presentations and playshops on communication, leadership, creativity, play, and intuition for early childhood educators across Canada.

E3 Creating a Culture of Possibility in Early Years Settings

Each early childhood setting has its own culture, routines, and ways of being. Does the culture in your setting reflect the values you hold about children, families, and learning together? Join us as we

explore how we can create a culture that is responsive, welcoming, and full of possibilities. We will discuss how our centres can become places that nourish social relationships and thoughtful engagement by reflecting on our environments, schedules, philosophy, and assumptions. We want you to leave with practical ideas that both challenge and rejuvenate you.

KIM ATKINSON and DANIELLE DAVIS have presented workshops to ECEs, students, kindergarten teachers, and administrators throughout the province in conjunction with the Images of Learning Project, an exhibit that highlights the work of ECEs and the competencies of children.

E4 Wool: Shapes and Forms

Experiences with unspun sheep's wool offer a wide range of creative possibilities for both children and adults. During this workshop, participants will be introduced to the process of wet felting and creative ways of incorporating this oldest technique in storytelling and other areas of early childhood curriculum.

ANA VOJNOVIC is an early childhood educator who also holds an infant/toddler and special needs diploma, and is currently completing her BA in ECE at Capilano University. She has a certificate in fine arts and is an innovative textile designer.



E Sessions

Saturday, May 4th

E5 Sing and Sign with Me, Volume One

Come and have fun singing and signing a variety of children's songs. Singing and signing is an inclusive activity to do in any child care centre. It will help facilitate language development, plus it's fun!

KIM BROWN, BA, ECE, special needs, has worked with children and families for over 25 years as a consultant, instructor, teacher, and facilitator.

E6 Teaching the Hurt Child: Preschool Implications for Understanding and Responding to Difficult Behaviours

This workshop will look at the impact of early trauma on subsequent brain development and learning. Participants will learn to identify and understand the function of trauma-related behaviours in preschoolers. With this new understanding caregivers will learn strategies that promote healing and change for hurt children in a child care setting. This workshop is presented in lecture style with opportunity for discussion of case presentations.

ANDREA CHATWIN, MA, CCC consultant, educator, and therapist, holds a master's degree in counselling psychology and has extensive experience as an early childhood

clinician. She specializes in attachment and trauma, particularly focusing on children who have had caregiver losses and placement disruptions.

E7 Speaking to the Business Community

AS ECEs, we are often speaking to the converted—people who agree with our goals—but we struggle to convince others. This workshop will provide practical tools and references on how to frame our agenda into value statements that the business community can buy into. By focusing on framing issues into value statements most people can agree with, we can provide compelling discussions the general public will listen to and be influenced by.

MARC LALONDE is a certified ECE with infant/toddler and special needs and has a BA in child and youth care. He has over 30 years of experience in the field, 20 with First Nations' communities. He has worked as a front-line ECE, manager/supervisor, and as an infant development consultant. He has published several articles in ECE and authored the Mentoring Manual for the Aboriginal Infant Development Programs of BC.



E8 Separation and Reunification of Newcomer Families

Many newcomer families resettled in BC face separation of children left behind in their country of origin. Learn how separation affects families and young children and hear about one story to reunite a family and the attachment issues involved. You will also learn strategies to support families so they can transition into community programs.

RUTH BEARDSLEY is a senior manager at Options Community Services with responsibility for several early childhood development programs. Her background is in ECE and she has worked in the field for over 35 years. Ruth recently went to Kenya to assist in the reunification of a young child and her family.

ECEBC Membership Application

IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER OF ECEBC, NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN!

By joining now, you can take advantage of the great savings members receive on their conference fees. And you'll also receive a whole year's worth of other great benefits: four issues of the Journal, *The Early Childhood Educator*; the Code of Ethics; members' prices on ECEBC publications; and most importantly, the knowledge that you are part of an organization advancing early childhood education and educators. Members count!

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES *(check one box in column to right)*

Full Member – has an Early Childhood Educator's Licence to Practice from the Provincial Community Care Facilities Branch (*copy of license required with application*). Eligible to vote on provincial issues at the Annual General Meeting.

Student Member – is in the process of becoming professionally qualified in the field of early childhood or is in the process of completing 500 hours of work experience (*signature of instructor/supervisor required on application*).

Associate Member – holds post-secondary certification (certificate, diploma, degree) in a related field, has been a full member of ECEBC and is now retired from the ECE field, or is currently employed in the early childhood field and is in good standing with the Provincial Community Care Facilities Branch (*copy of operating licence or a license to practice as an assistant ECE required with application*).

MEMBER INFORMATION

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY/PROV/POSTAL CODE

HOME PHONE

WORK PHONE

E-MAIL

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT

SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE OF INSTRUCTOR (STUDENTS ONLY)

REFERRED BY

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Full | \$115 (\$9.58 monthly) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renew Full | \$110 (\$9.17 monthly) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Student | \$95 (\$7.92 monthly) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renew Student | \$90 (\$7.50 monthly) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Associate | \$100 (\$8.33 monthly) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renew Associate | \$95 (\$7.92 monthly) |

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- ☐ Cheque (payable to ECEBC)
- ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard

CARD NO.

EXPIRY DATE

NAME OF CARDHOLDER

SIGNATURE

ECEBC has a pre-authorized monthly payment option. Download a form at our website at www.ecebc.ca.

Visit the ECEBC website to purchase or renew your membership online at www.ecebc.ca/membership/ECEBC_membership.pdf

*All information on this page accurate at time of printing.

Visit our website to apply for or renew your membership online. Click on the Membership menu tab at www.ecebc.ca, OR return this form to: Early Childhood Educators of BC, 2774 East Broadway, Vancouver, BC V5M 1Y8, Fax: 604-709-6077

Conference 2013 Registration Fees

Membership Category	Early Bird Rate (until April 2, 2013)	Rate After April 2, 2013
ECEBC members (full & associate)		
2-day registration	\$260	\$325
1-day registration	\$165	\$205
Student ECEBC members		
2-day registration	\$195	\$240
1-day registration	\$125	\$155
Non-members of ECEBC		
2-day registration	\$465	\$580
1-day registration	\$325	\$405

Registration fees include sit-down lunch buffets on both Friday and Saturday.

How to Register for the Conference

- To get the best workshop selection, register online at www.ecebc.ca (follow the links).
- To register by mail or fax, complete the Registration Form on the next page and send the form with payment to: ECEBC, 2774 East Broadway, Vancouver, BC V5Y 1Y8
Fax: 604-709-6077. To register by fax you must provide a valid credit card number.
- No telephone registrations will be accepted.
- For more information, contact Yasmin Irani, Tel: 604-709-6063, ext. 1 or
Toll-free: 1-800-797-5602; E-mail: conference.ecebc@look.ca

Cancellation Policy

Registration fees, less a \$40 administrative fee, will be refunded if a cancellation request is received in writing by **April 2, 2013**. After this date, registration fees are non-refundable.

Please note that if you have registered for conference but are unable to attend and wish to have someone else attend in your place, you will need to contact the ECEBC office by **Monday, April 29, 2013 by 4:00 pm** in order to give us time to update workshop attendance lists and delegate kit materials. If we have not received notification by the April 29 deadline, we will be unable to accommodate delegate replacements onsite at conference.

Membership Information

Not an ECEBC member? You can join ECEBC and be eligible for conference membership rates quickly and easily. Visit www.ecebc.ca to register or contact ECEBC at 604-709-6063 ext. 1 or
Toll-free: 1-800-797-5602
E-mail: membership@ecebc.ca,
Fax: 604-709-6077

Volunteer Opportunities at the Conference

If you are interested in volunteering your time at the conference, we have many great opportunities for you, including directional hosting, information, on-site registration, presenters, assistants, and more. For more information contact Carla Hees at hees.carla@shaw.ca.

REGISTRATION DRAW

If you register by April 2, 2013,
your name will be entered into a draw to win a prime rib dinner for two at the Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport.

ECEBC Conference 2013 Registration Form

To register by mail or fax, fill out a separate form for each registrant. Please print clearly and keep a copy for your records.
To claim ECEBC member's rates for Conference 2013, your ECEBC membership must be valid as of May 4, 2013.

Participant Information

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	CENTRE/ORGANIZATION
ADDRESS	CITY/PROVINCE	POSTAL CODE
HOME PHONE	WORK PHONE	FAX
		E-MAIL

Session Registration Instructions

Space is limited in many workshops, so register early for best selection.
Indicate on the grid below your first, second, and third choices for sessions. **Workshops are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis once full payment is received by ECEBC.**
We will inform you which sessions you have been assigned in your confirmation letter.

Day & Session	1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice
Friday (A session)			
Friday (B sessions)			
Saturday (C sessions)			
Saturday (D sessions)			
Saturday (E sessions)			

Send Registration Form and Payment to:

Early Childhood Educators of BC, 2774 East Broadway, Vancouver, BC V5M 1Y8
Fax: 604-709-6077
To register by fax you must supply a valid credit card number.

Method of Payment

- ☐ Cheque, payable to ECEBC
☐ Money order, payable to ECEBC
☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard

CARD NO.

EXPIRY DATE

NAME OF CARDHOLDER

SIGNATURE

Registration Fees

Conference Registration Fee
(see page 19 for rates)
(all rates include lunch) \$ _____

Friday Night Gala @ \$50/ticket \$ _____

SFU Childcare Centres Tour
@ \$20/ticket \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

ECEBC Conference Travel Bursary Application Form

The ECEBC Board of Directors has earmarked \$10,000 from Endowment Funds to be used to help reduce the cost of delegate travel only (e.g. airfare, gas, train fare, bus fare) to ECEBC's annual conference in May 2013. The amounts disbursed to conference delegates in each geographical area will vary according to regional travel costs. Travel bursary funds will be distributed across the province as follows:

Interior: \$2,500
Kootenays: \$2,500
Lower Mainland: \$200
Northern BC: \$2,500
Northern Vancouver Island: \$1,000
Southern Vancouver Island: \$1,000
Sunshine Coast: \$300

To apply for the ECEBC Conference Travel Bursary, please fill out this application form and return it to the ECEBC office by **Wednesday, April 2, 2013**. Due to limited funds, not all applicants will receive bursary funding. Approved applicants will be contacted by email by **Friday, April 12, 2013**. Please note that approved applicants must submit all travel receipts in order to receive bursary funding cheques.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Mailing address (include postal code): _____

Child Care Facility: _____

How would you maximize these funds to attend the 2013 conference? (e.g. carpooling, bus charter, etc.)

Return completed application form to: ECEBC, 2774 East Broadway, Vancouver, BC, V5M 1Y8 Fax: 604-709-6077

Getting to the Conference & Accommodation

ABOUT THE HOTEL

The conference will take place the Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport in Richmond. The hotel is right next door to the Canada Line (Aberdeen Station), just steps away from the Richmond Mall, and 20 minutes from downtown Vancouver. Also, The Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport offers free Wi-Fi in guest rooms, and is close to Starbucks and Tim Hortons.

Rooms and suites are available to ECEBC delegates at the reduced conference rate of \$125 plus taxes per night. To reserve accommodation, please contact the Radisson directly. When making reservations, please identify yourself as part of the Early Childhood Educators of BC (ECEBC) conference. In order to guarantee your space at the hotel and receive the reduced conference rate, your accommodation reservations must be made by **Wednesday, April 2, 2013**. After this date, reservations can be made based upon room availability and at the best available rates.

Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport

8181 Cambie Rd, Richmond, BC

Reservations: 1-800-333-3333,
call the hotel directly at
604-279-8384, or e-mail
reservations@radissonvancouver.com

GETTING TO RICHMOND

By Air

The Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport is just 10 minutes from the Vancouver International Airport, and provides complimentary shuttle service from the airport to the hotel. The shuttles depart from the airport every 30 minutes at 10 minutes past the hour and 20 minutes to the hour.

- AIR CANADA / AIR CANADA JAZZ
Tel: 1-888-247-2262
web sites: www.aircanada.ca or
www.flyjazz.ca
- WESTJET
Tel: 1-800-937-8538
web site: www.westjet.com

By Coach

Greyhound serves most communities in the province. Call your local Greyhound station for more information on times and fares from your area to Richmond.

Public Transit

The Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport is located right next door to the Aberdeen Station of the Canada Line. If you are travelling by public transit, you can get detailed information on transit schedules in the Richmond area by calling TransLink at 604-953-3333 or visiting their website at www.translink.ca.

By Car

Located on Cambie Road in Richmond, the Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport is easily accessible by car or public transit. If you are driving, there is free parking in the hotel parking lot for delegates during the conference. A map of Richmond is on the back cover of this booklet.

Parking

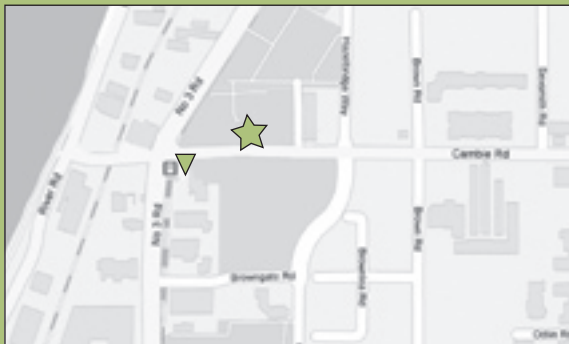
Complimentary parking is available for conference delegates on the 5th level of the President Parkade in the blue zone only, on the 2nd and 3rd levels of the President Parkade, and in front of the hotel.

Register for conference online at www.ecebc.ca



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