

# Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre

## Short Courses

February to June 2013



| Date & Time                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Course Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <p><b>Saturday February 16, 2013</b></p> <p><b>Time: 10:30 am to 3:00 pm</b><br/> <b>4 hours training</b><br/> <b>½ hour lunch</b></p> <p><b>Fee: \$35.00</b>  <i><b>Special Event!</b></i></p> <p><b>Registration begins: Jan 8, 2013</b></p> <p><b>Maximum participants: 30</b></p> <p><b>Bring a bag lunch</b><br/> <b>(no microwave use)</b></p>  <p> <b>ECEBC</b>   early childhood educators of BC</p> <p> <b>Vancity</b><br/> Community Foundation</p> | <p><b>Inquiry Based Learning and the Preschool Years: Environment and Materials</b></p> <p>How do we communicate our ideas to young children through the environment? Through an introduction to inquiry based learning and a narrated photo gallery, we will discover new ways to incorporate unusual materials that invite children's exploration and knowledge building. Participants will have opportunities for hands on experiences as they will explore tools and materials to enhance quality practice and learn ways to use this approach in Early Childhood settings.</p> <p>★ Suitable for all Early Learning and Child Care Professionals.</p> <p><b>Presenters: Ana Vojnovic ECE. ITE. SN. &amp; Nora Mejia B.Ed. ECE.</b></p> <p><b>Ana</b> is completing her BA in Early Childhood Education and has a Diploma in Fine Arts. She is a textile artist and is interested in the innovative design of Early Childhood settings as well as promoting Inquiry Based Learning. Currently she works as an ECE instructor at a private institution. She is also taking part in the ECEBC Leadership Institute, in the project "Circle of Creative Learning".</p> <p><b>Nora's</b> work in ECE is inspired by the principles of the Reggio Emilia approach as well as Montessori. She has been enjoying working with children and their families for over 20 years in a variety of settings. Nora currently works at Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre as the Training Program Coordinator preparing and delivering professional development opportunities for Early Learning and Child Care Professionals. She is also collaborating in the project "Circle of Creative Learning".</p> |

**Saturday March 9, 2013**

**Time: 10:30 am to 3:00 pm**  
**4 hours training**  
**½ hour lunch**

**Fee: \$70.00**

**Registration begins: Jan 22, 2013**

**Maximum participants: 30**

**Bring a bag lunch**  
**(no microwave use)**



### **Innovative Approaches to Preschool Literacy**

As early childhood educators, we know how important it is to help young children develop early literacy skills. We know that familiarity with print as a communication tool, interest in stories and poetry, and recognition of the relationship between letters and sounds are essential to being ready to learn to read. There is much we can do to help young children develop essential pre-literacy skills that have little to do with learning the A, B, Cs. Come to this short course to learn about phonemic awareness, an essential element in preschool literacy. You will learn how to work with children's natural tendency to PLAY with sounds and words to strengthen their reading readiness. You will learn correct pronunciation of the 44 basic phonemes in the English language. We will play games that you can use every day with young children to teach sound segmentation, sound stretching, sound matching, and sound substitution. You will leave with a full toolkit that will help you get started on building young children's phonemic awareness, an important pre-cursor to being ready to read.

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#### **Presenter: Dianne Liscumb**

Dianne is a trained and experienced Orton Gillingham tutor working with children with dyslexia and other learning challenges. Through her work, she has learned some easy-to-use activities that give young children the language experiences necessary for learning to read when they enter the school system. Dianne firmly believes in learning through fun.

**Saturday March 23, 2013**

**Time: 10:30 am to 3:00 pm**  
**4 hours training**  
**½ hour lunch**

**Fee: \$35.00**



**Registration begins: Jan 22, 2013**

**Maximum participants: 20**

**Bring a bag lunch**  
**(no microwave use)**



### **The Wonder of Felting: Painting with Wool**

Experiences with unspun sheep's wool, offer a wide range of learning possibilities for young children and Early Childhood Educators. The properties of natural wool appeal to the imagination in a vivid way. During this workshop, participants will be introduced to forms of wool fibers, experience the process of wet wool felting and explore creative ways of incorporating this oldest technique in storytelling and other areas of your program.

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