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An Opportunity to Work With the ECDSC!

The Early Childhood Development Support Center Advisory Committee is looking to fill the position of ECE Representative. If you are an early childhood educator who is interested in putting your name forward to be considered for this position, please send your name and resume to Courtney Daniels, ECDSC Coordinator. Courtney.hudgins@nsc.ca

Additional Information about the ECDSC Advisory Committee:

- Meetings take place three times per year at NSCC Kingstec at 1:00pm.
- The Committee represents a cross-section of the ECE sector in West Hants, Kings and Annapolis counties.
- The purpose of the ECDSC Advisory Committee is to offer advice and feedback to the Coordinator, advise the Coordinator of industry needs with regard to training and industry trends and offer expertise and service that enhance the mission of the Support Centre.

Remembrance Day Resources

This past April, Justine travelled to France to attend a ceremony marking the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. In amongst the large crowd were 10,000 Canadian students. It's clear that we have not forgotten the sacrifices made in the past (and present). This does not mean, however, that our efforts should dwindle, nor that we should wait until middle school or high school to begin these discussions.

We are entering the season of Remembrance; a time we remember those in the Armed Forces who have died while serving their country. Many children in our region continue to deal with a parent or other family member deploying overseas. This is a good opportunity to bring historical and current events into the classroom. We have several books and resources to help you.

- *Hana's Suitcase* by Karen Levine
- *Trenches* by Terry Deary
- *Remembering John McCrae* by Linda Granfield
- *In Flanders Fields* by John McCrae/Linda Granfield
- *A Bear in War* by Stephanie Innes & Harry Endrulat
- A binder of resources from Veteran's Affairs Canada that includes activity ideas for the classroom and information for your own (or older children's) research.



There are also several websites with great resources, including:

- The Canadian War Museum—www.warmuseum.ca
- Canada Remembers—www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance

Lending Library List—Online!

Ever wanted to know if we have the resource you need, but we're not available to ask? You can now look at a list of our entire Resource Lending Library on our website: <http://bit.ly/ecdsckingstec>

You can navigate via the table of contents or tabs at the bottom of the page. You can also perform a search. (press ctrl+F or click the three dots at the top of the page and then 'Find').

When you've found something you want, drop by or contact us to borrow it!



New!! Online Registration

The Early Childhood Development Support Centre at NSCC Kingstec now offers online workshop registration!

A link to the online form is included with every new workshop post on our website and asks all of the same information requested previously.

Please NOTE: You are not registered for any workshop until we receive *BOTH* your registration form and your payment. If you register online, you can mail or drop off a cheque, or call us with your credit card details.



Workshop Guidelines

The following guidelines must be followed:

- One participant per registration form
- NSCC student ID OR birth date is required on registration form.
- Pre-registration **AND** payment are to be received by us, at least **TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE** (unless otherwise noted)
- Send form and payment to Justine at the ECDSK. **Online Registration now available!**
- Registrations cannot be processed, nor spaces held, unless the above guidelines are followed.
- **Cancellations** must be processed before the workshop occurs. Therefore, to get a refund, please contact us at least **two weeks** prior to a workshop if you are unable to attend. This also allows us to offer your space to someone on our wait list.

Please remember to bring your own mug, cup, sport bottle etc. to help us save the environment!

Visit our website for maps to all workshop venues.

NOTE: We must sometimes cancel a workshop if there is a lack of participation and depending on the facilitators this may be done more than 2 weeks in advance. Please be sure to register as soon as possible to ensure that you will have a spot in the workshop and check for your workshop’s deadline.

Calendar

Please keep in mind the following deadlines and workshop dates:

Sept. 7 Registration **Deadline:** Why Loose Parts Matter in Children's Play Environments

Sept. 15 Registration **Deadline:** Understanding Autism Part 2

Sept. 20 ECE Networking

Sept. 21 Why Loose Parts Matter in Children's Play Environments Session 1

Sept. 30 Understanding Autism Part 3

Oct. 12 Why Loose Parts Matter in Children's Play Environments Session 2

Oct. 18 ECE Networking

Oct. 24 West Hants Directors’ Meeting

Oct. 26 Why Loose Parts Matter in Children's Play Environments Session 3

Nov. 3 **Registration Deadline:** A PD Day for Directors

Nov. 9 Why Loose Parts Matter in Children's Play Environments Session 4

Nov. 15 ECE Networking

Nov. 18 A PD Day for Directors with Michelle Doucette and Shari Ridgewell

Nov. 23 Why Loose Parts Matter in Children's Play Environments Session 5

Dec. 7 Why Loose Parts Matter in Children's Play Environments Session 6 (Final Session)



The Support Centre is a nut-free, scent-free facility. We ask that you refrain from eating or using nut products (including coconut oil) during or prior to attending workshops or sessions hosted by the ECDSK. Please relay this message to your colleagues.

Why Loose Parts Matter in Children's Play Environments

This is a multi-part ONLINE session!

Session I: Loose parts: Why the buzz among early childhood educators? Loose parts may seem like a buzz word today, but for children, having access to them are essential for creative, active and innovative play. This session will introduce you to why loose parts are causing all the buzz in early learning programs.

Session II: Loose parts and outdoor play Never before has outdoor play been so important in the lives of children. Loose parts add value to children's sense of curiosity and wonderment. This session introduces participants to various types of loose parts that support children's play across the seasons.

Session III: Chains, Ropes, Boards and Trees and other loose parts: How can they be foundational to expanding language and literacy skills? Children's language and literacy skills are expanded when they are exposed to materials, ideas, and conversations that are new to them. The more exciting the environment, the more opportunity for children and adults to engage in play and exploration of language and literacy. This session offers ideas of how loose parts can become the impetus for expanding children's opportunities for new language and literacy experiences.

Session IV: Pedagogy of nature, place and outdoor play Children's environments influence the depth and duration of their play. Natural and synthetic loose parts within the environment become part of pedagogy and place. This session is intended to introduce how pedagogy of nature, place and outdoor play is supported by looking at space with a news lens – what is in the space, what can be put in the space and how materials may be used in new ways.

Session V: Ice, ramps, boxes and pine cones: How these loose parts contribute to children becoming the “mad scientist or mathematician” Children who have multiple types of experiences with loose parts in their play engage in explorations that contribute to advancing their math and science knowledge, which in turn increases curiosity, critical thinking and problem solving skills. The skills and knowledge that children learn about math and science during the early years is essential for later academic performance. This session will introduce some of the key math and science principles that children learn through their play with loose parts.

Session VI: Loose parts play is picture perfect: How to document what you see and hear Children engage in many types of play when they have access to unique loose parts. Making the play visible to children and families increases opportunities for new learning, reflection and triggering further curiosity and exploration. This session provides ideas, strategies and processes for creating documentation that is interactive and pedagogical.

DATE: Thursdays, September 21st, October 12th, October 26th, November 9th, November 23rd, & December 7th, 2017

Individual certificate PD hours adjusted based on your attendance.

TIME: 6:30—8:30 pm (12 PD hours)

PLACE: Online via Skype for Business

DEADLINE: September 7th, 2017

FEE: \$125.00 **CLASS NUMBER:** #2008

REGISTER: Fax/mail/drop-off registration & payment to Justine in the Support Centre!

FACILITATOR: Dr. Beverlie Dietze

About Beverlie: Dr. Beverlie Dietze has been researching aspects of children's outdoor play for more than 20 years. She has published three textbooks related to children's play and learning and is currently a lead researcher and facilitator on outdoor play funded through the Lawson Foundation. Beverlie has been involved in a number of outdoor play projects and presentations in Nova Scotia.

Important information about our online workshops:

Requirements:

- Internet
- PC (desktop or laptop)
- Access to email (we'll send you a link to the session as well as instructions).
- Headset (you can borrow one from us!)

Registered participants will receive detailed instructions and be invited to a practice session to test your technology prior to the first session.

It is the participants' responsibility to make sure their equipment, including headphones, will work at the session. As per our policy, refunds will not be issued less than two weeks before the workshop.

Professional Development Around the Province

Early Childhood Development Support Centre—NSCC Burr ridge

<http://ecdsc.nsc.ca/burridge.html>

⇒ **Southwestern Region Early Learning and
Child Care Fall 2017 Conference**
September 30

Early Childhood Development Support Centre—NSCC Cumberland

<http://ecdsc.nsc.ca/cumberland.html>

⇒ **Playful Learning with Lisa, Dan & Jeff**
October 14

Nova Scotia Child Care Association

<http://nscchildcareassociation.org/>

⇒ **Mental Health in the Early Years: Social Emo-
tional Wellness from the Start**
October 20-22

Understanding and Working with Autism in an Early Learning Setting (Part 2)

This workshop will build on the basics learnt in part 1 and will bring you more insights into how behaviours can originate from irregularities in body brain systems. The workshop will focus on how you can easily integrate therapeutic concepts with educational goals and will provide you with a toolbox of activities to support "overall functioning" and "playful learning" while working with children on the autism spectrum in an early learning setting. This workshop will be "very hands-on"!

Completion of Part One is required to register for this session. We may ask you for proof of completion.

DATE: Saturday, September 30th, 2017

TIME: 9:00 am—1:00 pm (4 PD hours)

PLACE: NSCC Kingstec, Kentville

DEADLINE: September 15th, 2017

FEE: \$70 CLASS NUMBER: #2007

REGISTER: Fax/mail/drop-off registration & payment to Justine in the Support Centre!

FACILITATOR: Nancy Ceulemans

About Nancy: Originally from Belgium, Nancy Ceulemans moved to Nova Scotia in 2008. Nancy first studied classical music and in 1989 also obtained a teachers degree (with honors) with an emphasis on Early Childhood Development and Education. For ten years, Nancy was the director and teacher of a pre-school and later became a practicum mentor for students in pre-school nursing. Nancy further developed her career internationally in a variety of educational settings in England and Switzerland. She was involved in toddler groups, taught preschools, primary classes and taught music and movement in elementary years. Additionally she studied multiple award winning neurodevelopmental approaches such as HANDLE®, DIRFloortime®, Irlen®, The Listening Program® and reflex integration. In her workshops, she integrates her knowledge and experience gathered from her diverse array of training. She has been in private practice for the past 9 years, working with children experiencing a wide range of difficulties. The majority of her clients are affected by autism.

Upcoming Networking Dates

<p>ECE Networking Kingstec, 6:00-8:00 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 20 October 18 November 15 	<p>Hants Director's Meetings Family Resource Centre of West Hants, 6:30-8:00 pm</p> <p> October 24</p>
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Annapolis Valley Directors Meetings: We would like to hear from YOU! What do you want to see in the valley? Time, location, frequency, topics, format, face to face or online? Call, email, or visit us to let us know!

A PD Day for Directors!

Join us in Windsor for a day of workshops aimed at helping you mentor your staff and navigate problems.

Leading the Way: Problem Solving Behavior and Inclusion Issues



Facilitated by Shari Ridgewell

Two challenging issues that arise in child care facilities are related to behavior guidance and inclusion of children with special needs. These topics are often emotionally driven and require a leader who can use a problem-solving approach to ensure resolutions are positive and respectful of all stakeholders involved. In this workshop, participants will be provided the opportunity to review their understanding of positive behaviour guidance and inclusion, explore a variety of problem solving methods, and identify leadership skills necessary to support early childhood educators and families in working together to reach resolutions.

The Magnificent Mentor!



Facilitated by Michelle Doucette

Become a mentor to your staff, and help your staff become mentors to others! This session will discuss the general expectations of ECE student mentors, and in turn, what they should expect from ECE students. We will look at methods and benefits of authentic feedback and have time for Q&A.



DATE: Saturday, November 18th, 2017

TIME: 8:30 am—4:00 pm (5 PD Hours)

PLACE: Windsor, Nova Scotia

DEADLINE: November 3rd

FEE: \$100 **CLASS NUMBER:** #TBA

REGISTER: Fax/mail/drop-off registration & payment to Justine in the Support Centre!

FACILITATOR: Michelle Doucette and Shari Ridgewell

About Michelle: Michelle Doucette has worked in the Early Childhood Education field in a variety of positions over the last 20 + years. Starting her career off as an Early Childhood Educator working with children ages 3 ½ months to 12 years of age. Then as a Coordinator of the Early Childhood Development Support Centre, NSCC Burrige Campus she provided resources and professional development for people seeking their ECE diploma and for those working in the Early Learning & Care sector. She is currently faculty at the Nova Scotia Community College in the Early Childhood Education Program, teaching online and face to face courses, as well as, a facilitator of the Roots of Empathy Program and continues to present workshops to the sector, parents and the community.

About Shari: Shari Ridgewell's experience in early childhood education has spanned more than 35 years. She has a certificate in Infant and Toddler Child Care from Canadian MotherCraft, an ECE Diploma from Algonquin College, a Degree in early childhood education from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute and completed a Master's of Education at Mount St. Vincent University in 2002. Shari has worked on the floor with all age groups; as child care administrator; an early childhood education consultant; a trainer of early childhood educator's and is an advocate for high quality child care.

Schedule:

- 8:30 Registration & Refreshments (**included!**)
- 9:00 Welcome
- 9:15 *Leading the Way*
- 11:45 Lunch (**included!**)
- 1:00 *The Magnificent Mentor!*
- 3:30 Wrap up

Early Childhood Development Support Centre... NSCC Marconi Campus!

I am thrilled to share with you that NSCC Marconi Campus is now home to a new Early Childhood Development Support Centre. ~ Courtney

Hello everyone, my name is Karen Jacobs and I am thrilled to be back home and coordinating the Early Childhood Development Support Centre located at the NSCC Marconi Campus. I grew up in Louisbourg and have been involved in the fields of early childhood and adult education in both the private and not-for-profit sectors for over 20 years across Canada, in Central America and abroad.

The Centre will offer resources and training support to early learning professionals, childcare practitioners, students, and the public across Cape Breton Island. It will be a community space where we will gain new knowledge or refresh previous learning, have more opportunities to network, share ideas and gain new skills to do our important work to the best of our ability.

Discussion groups, workshops, conferences and events are just a few ways we will grow together. A lending library, educational support, curriculum kits, story sacks and much more will all be available when we are fully operational this fall.

I look forward to working together and achieving your professional development and support goals.

~ Submitted by Karen Jacobs

Level 1 Training Program

Early Childhood Education Level 1 Training Program Update:

- The ECE Level 1 Training Program will continue to be offered, with options to register at the beginning of each semester: September, January and May
- Theory courses and guided work experiences can now be taken concurrently
- To register contact Student Advisor, Apollonia Laureijs (902) 661-3909 or Apollonia.Laureijs@nsc.ca.
- You can submit your application using one of the methods below:
 - By Fax: 902-661-3170
(Attention: Apollonia Laureijs)
 - By Email: Apollonia.Laureijs@nsc.ca

Learn more at www.ecdsc.nsc.ca.

Workshop Legend



Lecture and/or discussion



Hands on and/or Group Work



Active! Bring your comfy clothes!



This is an online workshop.

Tuition Assistance

Need help paying for the Early Childhood Education courses you are taking? Take advantage of the program from Nova Scotia's Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Check their website for more information. <http://bit.ly/ececoned>

NSCC Courses

Take advantage of NSCC's continuing education opportunities:

Online Courses for ECE Students

<http://bit.ly/nscECE>

Safety Courses

(Including First Aid, Food Handlers)

<http://bit.ly/nscsafety>

Recognizing Prior Learning

The Recognizing Prior Learning (RPL) process assists you to seek recognition for what you know and can do; a way of obtaining credit for knowledge/skills gained outside the classroom, by comparing learning gained from education, training, work, life experiences and study to the learning achieved in college courses. For more information, call us : 902-690-2531.