

### A. 1 Rhythmic Art, Songs & Rhythms - *Angela Roy*

This workshop is a pathway to enrich cultural exchanges, peace and social connections. Celebrate children through the pathways of rhythm & song, featuring the children rights song "Here I am"! It is an interactive & engaging experience, learn world rhythm & global songs that promote peace, acceptance and social understanding! Activities you can share in your program to promote wellness and community connections! Facilitated with a collection of world percussion instruments and hand drums for all to explore and methods to adapt these musical instruments in your program! Angela is an ECE Development Specialist who provides professional development training & programs throughout Canada.

### A. 2 Toddler Time Cooks - *Elizabeth Perrin & Tracie Catalano*

Discover how much fun and learning happens when you combine natural curiosity and sense of wonder and stir it all up in the kitchen. The opportunities for early math and science are great. Language and vocabulary are absorbed with lots of hands on activity. Come create simple recipes that are tasty and fun and discover play activities that extend the first food experiences. Tracie and Elizabeth are both mothers and long time Early Childhood educators who love to cook.

### A. 3 Promoting Block Play - *Paula Milbrandt*

This interactive workshop will provide you with tools to scaffold the children's learning through their interests. There will be an opportunity to have hands on experiences with blocks and an introduction to new mediums. This workshop will also provide you with suggestions on ways to manage a block area. Paula Milbrandt has 20 years experience working with all ages including adolescent foster boys. She has taught at Algonquin College in Ottawa Ontario and has a passion for creative thinking and expression. Empowering young children, adults and educators is one of her many interests.

### A. 4 Stay Fit with Preschoolers - *Zlata Lopresti*

Fitness programs for preschoolers are a growing trend. This workshop will teach you how to motivate kids to get active. You will learn fun strengthening moves, dancing to favourite songs that they hear on the radio. Let's get moving and they will love it too.

Zlata Lopresti has been working for Vancouver Parks and Recreation in the Fitness area for 12 years. She has years of experience teaching dance to children and personal training for adults. She has a passion for seeing people get active.

### B. 1 Inspiring Invitations of Play - *Lorie McDonald*

In this hands on workshop instructors will be inspired to enhance their preschool environments by using aesthetic and natural learning materials. Play based activities will be set up for easy ideas that can be implemented in the classroom. Participants are encouraged to bring a camera to take pictures of ideas. Lorie McDonald has over 15 years experience as a certified E.C.E. instructor. She is currently the ECE Practicum Supervisor for Sprout-Shaw College. Lorie has presented many workshops that promote literacy through play, art and music & movement.

### B. 2 Make and Take Felt Stories - *Alana Lee*

Come and join us to make some felt stories. Alana will present the following stories and each participant can make 3 of them. Choices are:

- The Elegant Rooster
- What makes a Rainbow
- Fluffy Cloud
- Hooray for Springtime
- Zoo Safari
- The Mitten

Please confirm which stories you would like to make on your registration form. Alana is an Early Childhood Educator and has led many felt board courses at Community Centres.

### B. 3 Finding Nature in the City: A Hands on Approach - *Jennifer Ivings*

This interactive session will give ideas and examples of how we get children from 2-12 years old connected to nature in any environment. Participants will discuss Jennifer's original '101 Concrete Ideas for Natural Play' - explore the world of nature inside the walls of the city. Learn about leading outdoors and how you can connect others to nature like you did when you were young. This interactive experience will challenge your thinking and leave you inspired to take children and adults outside. Using your five senses... explore! The world is our playground! Jennifer not only loves the outdoors, she completed the Outdoor Recreation Leadership Diploma program from UBC and is ECE certified. Jennifer runs a before and after school care and preschool program.

### B. 4 Rhythms & Movement - *Angela Roy*

Join us as we go on a musical adventure; explore movement activities through the pathways of rhythm and song! Expect a high-energy engaging interactive experience that will engage and inspire you... be ready to dance, play & sing! Facilitated with a collection of world percussion instruments and hand drums for all to explore and methods to adapt these musical instruments in your program! Angela is an ECE Development Specialist who provides professional development training & programs throughout Canada.

### C. 1 Beyond Head & Shoulders: Integrating Diversity Concepts into Every Circle Time - *Nora Mejia*

Experiences in the early years are critical for establishing a sense of self and understanding of the diversity of the communities where we live. As early childhood educators we can go beyond head and shoulders notion of circle times to offer programming that fosters appreciation of Diversity and provides life lessons to enhance a child's view of the world. Interactive circle times can promote children's positive self-esteem and healthy cultural identity. Nora Mejia, B.Ed. & ECE. Nora's work in Early Childhood Education is inspired by the principles of the Reggio Emilia approach as well as Montessori Training. She works for Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre as a Diversity Trainer.

### C. 2 Sensory and Tactile Experiences for Children - *Marcia MacKenzie*

Despite appearance, "messy" play can make an enormous contribution to babies' and young children's cognitive and creative development. In this interactive workshop, participants will explore "discovery tables" where they will have the opportunity to create unusual resources to use in their child care programs, as well as experience play with unique textures. Learn how to create a bubble machine, puffy paint, creepy hands and much more! Marcia MacKenzie is an Early Childhood Educator with 27 years of experience in the child care field and is currently the Manager of the Richmond Child Care Resource and Referral Centre.

### C. 3 Creative Circle Time - *Heather Purcell & Darcie Yardley*

This workshop will be focusing on a "Fall" theme, complete with unique songs, felt stories and finger plays. Learn brand new stories and songs written by Heather and Darcie, as well as well-loved traditional ones. We will be making a felt story in the workshop, so please bring SHARP scissors and a flat surface to carry home your wet felt pieces; we will provide all necessary felt, templates, glue, paint etc. If you attended our workshop at last year's conference, come back this year... it's a new book and new stories! Heather Purcell has been in the ECE field for 20 years and has an extensive background working with children from birth to 5 years and their families. Darcie Yardley has been a preschool teacher for 9 years in Langley with a wealth of resources for ECE students.

### C. 4 Inspiring Art - *Lorie McDonald*

Instructors will participate in art activities that will use a wide range of materials and mediums. Ideas of simple open-ended opportunities that encourage cutting, drawing, printing, collage, painting, weaving and clay will be covered. Participants are encouraged to bring a camera to take pictures of ideas.

## Registration Form

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (W): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*This will be used to confirm your registration.*

Organization/Place of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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**2012 Preschool Promenade**  
**BONSOR RECREATION CENTRE**  
September 15, 2012  
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

# Registration Form

## Registration Fee

(Register before July 31 and be entered into an Early Bird Draw)

- \$60.00 until July 31
- \$70.00 after July 31

Please make cheques payable to "Preschool Promenade" and mail with this page only to:

**Centennial Community Centre**  
Preschool Promenade  
600 Eighth Street  
New Westminster, BC V3M 3S2

Full refunds will be given prior to Friday, August 31, 2012: after this date, a \$7.00 administrative fee will apply. Receipts will be included with your delegate package.

For more information, please contact  
Ramona Manzer 604-777-5120  
rmanzer@newwestcity.ca

## Workshops

Please indicate your 1st and 2nd choice for each session. Class sizes are limited, so register early to avoid disappointment! Workshops are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Session A 9:00 am - 10:30 am

A.1 \_\_\_ A.2 \_\_\_ A.3 \_\_\_ A.4 \_\_\_

### Session B 10:45 am - 12:15 pm

B.1 \_\_\_ B.2 \_\_\_ B.3 \_\_\_ B.4 \_\_\_

### Session C 2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

C.1 \_\_\_ C.2 \_\_\_ C.3 \_\_\_ C.4 \_\_\_

# Conference Schedule

**Location of Conference**  
**Bonsor Recreation Centre**  
**6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby**  
**(near Metrotown)**

**REGISTRATION 8:30 - 8:45 am**

**SESSION A 9:00 - 10:30 am**

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- A 4** Stay Fit with Preschoolers - *Zlata Lopresti*

**BREAK 10:30 - 10:45 am**

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- B 2** Make and Take Felt Stories - *Alana Lee*
- B 3** Finding Nature in the City: A Hands on Approach - *Jennifer Ivings*
- B 4** Rhythms & Movement - *Angela Roy*

**LUNCH PROVIDED 12:15 - 1:00 pm**

**KEYNOTE 1:00 - 2:00 pm**

Creating a Culture of Possibility in Early Years Settings - *Kim Atkinson & Danielle Davis*

**BREAK 2:00 - 2:15 pm**

**SESSION C 2:15 - 3:45 pm**

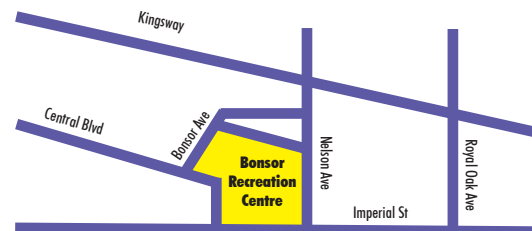
- C 1** Beyond Head & Shoulders: Integrating Diversity Concepts into Every Circle Time - *Nora Mejia*
- C 2** Sensory and Tactile Experiences for Children - *Marcia MacKenzie*
- C 3** Creative Circle Time - *Heather Purcell and Darcie Yardley*
- C 4** Inspiring Art - *Lorie McDonald*

# Keynote Speaker

Creating a Culture of Possibility in Early Years Settings - *Kim Atkinson & Danielle Davis*

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 are coordinators of the Images of Learning Project, an exhibit that highlights the work of ECEs and the competencies of children. Kim currently works as a Pedagogical Facilitator with the University of Victoria's Unit for Early Years Research and Development and has over 30 years experience in ECE. Danielle is currently a Roots of Empathy Instructor for the Saanich School District and Co-Chair of ECEBC Victoria.



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