



## The Learning Exchange: Quick links for Inspiring Professional Growth

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Explore your personal professional learning goals through a variety of workshops, webinars, resources, websites, and other virtual learning opportunities that support your ongoing journey and well-being.

### Professional Development

#### Virtual

- Leadership and Culture: How to Create a Workplace Where People Like to Work - **Wednesday June 7, 2023** from **9:30 to 11:30am**: [click here](#)
- Reflecting on Our Daily Practice of Communication, Diversity & Engagement Series Session 3: Implementing Practice into Early Learning Settings - **Tuesday June 13, 2023** from **6:00 to 8:00pm**: [click here](#)
- Inspiring New Ideas for Connecting Children to Nature Series Session 3: Macro Modeling - **Thursday June 15, 2023** from **6:30 to 8:00pm**: [click here](#)
- Next Steps for Supporting New Graduates - A Conversation Café on Successes, Barriers, and Future Opportunities - **Thursday June 22, 2023** from **10:00am to 12:00 noon**: [click here](#)

#### *For Niagara Educators only*

- Quality Child Care Niagara Community Conversation Café Online: Reflecting on the Environment and Our Daily Practice - Part Two – **Wednesday June 21, 2023** from **6:30 to 7:30 pm**: [click here](#)

#### In-person

- Setting the Stage for Summer Fun and Learning - **Thursday June 8, 2023** from **6:30 to 9:00pm**: [click here](#)



## June Highlights

### National Indigenous Awareness Month

- Government of Canada: [click here](#)
- Unlearning Colonialism in Education: [click here](#)
- Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action: [click here](#)
- Promoting Indigenous Languages in Early Learning and Child Care: [click here](#)
- 5 Indigenous Games to Play with Young Children: [click here](#)

### Pride Month

- Pride Niagara: [click here](#)
- 2SLGBTQ+ Youthline (confidential, non-judgemental peer support): [click here](#)
- CBC Kids - LGBTQ 101-How to support your LGBTQ friends and family: [click here](#)
- Gender Kids Creative: [click here](#)
- Pflag Canada: [click here](#)

### Recreation and Parks Month

- Parks and Recreation Ontario: [click here](#)
- Niagara Falls Canada: [click here](#)
- 20 Fun & Engaging Preschool Camping Activities: [click here](#)

### Seniors Month

- Intergenerational Project: A pilot Project to Bring Niagara Seniors and Children Together: [click here](#)
- Bridging the gap between generations blog: [click here](#)
- Intergenerational Programming Toolkit: [click here](#)

### National Canadian Environmental Week - 1<sup>st</sup> Week of June

- Government of Canada: [click here](#)
- Native Plants that Attract Pollinators in Ontario: [click here](#)
- Royal Botanical Gardens: Conservation Projects: [click here](#)
- Go Green with Sesame Street: [click here](#)



## National Sun Awareness Week - 1<sup>st</sup> Week of June

- Sunscreen for Kids: All you Need to Know: [click here](#)
- Sun Safety Tips for Parents: [click here](#)

## National Rivers and Oceans Awareness Week - 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June

- Ecobricks: [click here](#)
- Canadian Wildlife Federation: [click here](#)
- World Ocean Day for Preschoolers: [click here](#)
- 10 Activities to Celebrate World Oceans Day: [click here](#)

## World Environment Day - June 5 • Clean Air Day - June 6

- Kids: Things you can do for the air we breathe: [click here](#)
- Clean Air Activities Activity Kit: [click here](#)
- 20 Activities That Spotlight Air Pollution: [click here](#)

## National Photography Day - June 15

- Photo Scavenger Hunt Challenge: [click here](#)
- Teaching Children the Wonders of Photography #3: Learning to Create Art: [click here](#)

## Eat Veggies Day - June 16

- No Rules Nourishment: [click here](#)
- 7 Tips for Vegetable Gardening With Your Toddler (NAEYC): [click here](#)
- Gardening with Kids: 5 Easy Vegetables to Grow: [click here](#)

## Den Building Day - June 16

- Muddy Faces: [click here](#)
- Save the Children: [click here](#)
- Woodland Trust: [click here](#)
- Pentagon for Learning: [click here](#)

## National Indigenous Peoples Day - June 21

- The word Indigenous explained - CBC Kids video: [click here](#)
- TVO Kids: [click here](#)
- Full Circle for Indigenous Education (book recommendations): [click here](#)



## Summer Solstice - June 21

- What is the Summer Solstice: [click here](#)
- 9 Ways to Celebrate Summer Solstice: [click here](#)
- 9 Special Ways to Celebrate Summer Solstice with Kids: [click here](#)

## International Mud Day - June 29

- Nature Action Collaboration for Children World Forum Foundation: [click here](#)
- International Mud Day Activities for Preschoolers: [click here](#)
- Muddy Faces: [click here](#)
- Mud Activities for Kids: 7 creative Ways to Have Fun with Mud: [click here](#)
- International Mud Day: A Messy Celebration of the Earth: [click here](#)

## Social Media Day - June 30

- Nemours Kids Health: Teaching Kids to Be Smart About Social Media: [click here](#)
- Representations of Children in Social Media webinar: [click here](#)

## Early Learning Podcasts, Videos and Websites

- Chrome Music Lab: [click here](#)
- The Education Hub: The role of pattern in children's early mathematical understanding: [click here](#)
- Ontario's Early Years and Child Care Annual Report 2022: [click here](#)
- Housman Institute: The Ultimate Guide to Talking About Tough Topics with Young Children blog: [click here](#)
- Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University - Place Matters video: [click here](#)
- STEAM Toys for the Summer: [click here](#)
- Let's Talk Science blog - Why getting kids outside is so important for fighting climate change: [click here](#)
- Devereux Center for Resilient Children - Leaves, Roots, and Needs Blog: [click here](#)
- Defending the Early Years podcast: Growing up cooperatively: [click here](#)



## Diversity and Inclusion

- Decolonizing Professional Learning podcast: [click here](#)
- Inclusion matters: [click here](#)
- From Conflict Zones to Classrooms: [click here](#)
- 14 Activities for Kids to Learn About Different Cultures: [click here](#)
- Social Story - Friends of All Kinds: [click here](#)
- Government of BC: Identities, Social Responsibility and Diversity: [click here](#)
- Dove Campaign - Raising Self-Esteem in Kids: [click here](#)

## Health, Wellness and Safety

- Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Updates for Canada: [click here](#)
- Public Health Ontario - COVID-19 Communication Resources: [click here](#)
- COVID-19 Resources Ontario: [click here](#)
- Niagara Region COVID-19 Statistics: [click here](#)
- College of Early Childhood Educators COVID-19 Updates: [click here](#)
- Roots of Empathy – COVID-19 Resources: [click here](#)
- Mindful Schools Podcast: [click here](#)
- Public Health Ontario: Parental Support Behaviours for Child Physical Activity, Healthy Eating and Screen Time: [click here](#)
- CCOHS - Sitting at Work podcast: [click here](#)
- CCOHS - Indigenous Perspectives on Health & Safety podcast: [click here](#)
- Summer Self-Care Bingo: [click here](#)



## Outdoor Activities & Resources

- Child & Nature Alliance Canada podcasts: [click here](#)
- Meadow Colours: [click here](#)
- Bird Sounds Soundscapes Scavenger Hunt: [click here](#)
- PBS - Nature Games: [click here](#)
- Canada's Coolest Playgrounds: [click here](#)
- Children & Nature: Families Together in Nature Group Planning Guide: [click here](#)
- Article Review: Do Experiences with Nature Promote Learning? Converging Evidence of a Cause-and-Effect Relationship: [click here](#)
- Creating a Fairy Garden: [click here](#)
- ParticiP ACTION Community Challenge - Together we Move: [click here](#)
- Poison Ivy, Ticks, and Mosquitoes: [click here](#)

## Small Business Resources

- Your ultimate guide to starting a business in Canada: [click here](#)
- Women Entrepreneurship Strategy: [click here](#)
- Email Marketing 101: How to Create Effective Email Fundraising Appeals: [click here](#)

## Uplifting Stories

- Thorold Community Market set for June 7 grand opening: [click here](#)
- Avoiding food waste: [click here](#)
- Canada and Brock University invest in climate action project to reduce greenhouse gas emissions: [click here](#)
- Mama G Inspires People to Love Themselves: [click here](#)

Do you have any uplifting stories you would like to share? [Click here](#) to email the Early Childhood Community Development Centre and it may be included in a future edition of The Learning Exchange.





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