



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

- Transforming Group Dynamics & Group Conflict **Tuesday January 17, 2024** from **9:30 to 11:30am**: [click here](#)
- Nurturing Creative Art Experiences Session 1 of 3: Nurturing Creative Art Experiences in an Early Learning Environment Environment **Wednesday January 18, 2024** from **6:30 to 8:00pm**: [click here](#)
- Nurturing Brilliant Minds Series for Educators of Infants and Toddlers, Session 3 of 6: Forts and Dens for Infants and Toddlers **Thursday January 25, 2024** from **6:30 to 8:00pm**: [click here](#)
- How Does Learning Happen in a Home-Based Setting?, Part 3 of 4: Invitations to Play in a Home Child Care Setting **Saturday January 27, 2024** from **9:00 to 10:30am**: [click here](#)
- Coping with Challenging Behaviour Session 1 of 3: I Did Not Mean to Ruin Your Day **Monday January 29, 2024** from **6:30 to 8:30pm**: [click here](#)
- Extending School-Age Learning Session 1 of 2: Extending School-age Learning through Visual Arts **Tuesday January 30, 2024** from **6:30 to 8:30pm**: [click here](#)
- Collaborative Leadership Series, Session 2 of 2: Igniting Professional Growth with Brave Performance Feedback that Works **Wednesday January 31, 2024** from **9:30 to 10:30am**: [click here](#)

In-person

- The Art of Tinkering Session 1 of 3: Tinkering with Recycled Materials **Tuesday January 16, 2024** from **6:30 to 9:00pm**: [click here](#)
- Fostering Relationships with Families **Tuesday January 23, 2024** from **6:30 to 9:00pm**: [click here](#)



January Highlights

National Ribbon Skirt Day - January 4

- BILL S227: [click here](#)
- Statement from the Prime Minister's Office: [click here](#)

National Popcorn Day - January 19

- All About Popcorn: [click here](#)
- Games and Activities: [click here](#)
- Slo-mo Popping Popcorn (YouTube): [click here](#)
- History of Popcorn: [click here](#)

International Day for Education - January 24

- UNESCO: [click here](#)
- UNCRC Poster: [click here](#)
- UNCRC in Indigenous Languages: [click here](#)
- Celebrating International Education Day with 'Plant a Seed and See What Grows Foundation': [click here](#)
- Ideas for International Education Day in the Classroom: [click here](#)

International Holocaust Remembrance Day - January 27

- All About: [click here](#)

National Lego Day - January 28

- Fun Facts About Lego: [click here](#)
- Physical Activities with LEGO: [click here](#)
- 10 LEGO Games to Keep Kids Moving: [click here](#)
- LEGO Classroom Activities: [click here](#)
- Loose Parts Play with LEGO & Duplo: [click here](#)



Early Learning Podcasts, Videos and Websites

- Diane Kashin Blog: Legacy in Early Children Education: Embracing the Season of Giving Back: [click here](#)
- What to Do When Babies Hate Tummy Time: [click here](#)
- Sesame Street Workshop: Watch, Play, Learn - Grover is Nervous: [click here](#)
- Supporting Critical Thinking in Toddlers (YouTube Video): [click here](#)
- Incorporating Math into Gross Motor Play (YouTube Video): [click here](#)
- Supporting All Children's Play in the House Centre: [click here](#)
- Deb Curtis: How to See Children (Video): [click here](#)
- \$10-a-day Daycare Program: A Guide for Families: [click here](#)
- Growing Strong Calendar: 12 Months of Tips and Activities for Enhancing Child Development: [click here](#)

Diversity and Inclusion

- Celebrating Cultural Diversity in the Classroom (Blog): [click here](#)
- Sesame Workshop's Newest Muppet Friend (YouTube Video): [click here](#)
- Supporting Dual Language Learners (YouTube Video): [click here](#)
- Niagara Black History Tour: [click here](#)
- Six Nations of the Grand River Tour: [click here](#)
- When Aidan Became a Brother (Read Aloud Book on YouTube): [click here](#)
- What is Race? Having the Conversation with Young Children: [click here](#)
- You Matter: Read Along with Christian Robinson (YouTube): [click here](#)
- How to Use Children's Books to Talk About Race and Racism: [click here](#)
- Diverse-ability/Disability and Inclusion Resources: [click here](#)
- Addressing Barriers in the Classroom (Article): [click here](#)



Health, Wellness and Safety

- Winter Safety Tips for Being Outdoors (Canadian Paediatric Society): [click here](#)
- Brain Boost for Kids: [click here](#)
- Lunchtime Meditation: [click here](#)
- Winter Wellbeing Calendar of Activities: [click here](#)
- The BASICS of Mindful Eating: [click here](#)
- Foster Therapy, Nature Connections & Seasonal Affective Disorder: [click here](#)
- Don't be SAD Make a PLAN (Play, Learn & Adventure in Nature): [click here](#)

Outdoor Activities & Resources

- Top Winter Activities for Families in Niagara: [click here](#)
- Earthy Chats Podcast: Soil Study and Inquiry: [click here](#)
- Advocates Push for Province to License Outdoor Child Care: [click here](#)
- The Wish Tree: How Planting Trees Can Make the World a Better Place: [click here](#)
- The Hummingbird Changemaker: How Small Steps Lead to Big Impact: [click here](#)
- Planting Trees with Children: [click here](#)
- Outclass 2024 Giveaway Contest: [click here](#)
- Children's Experiences & Concerns About Risk & Challenge During Loose Parts Play (Research Paper): [click here](#)

Small Business Resources

- 10 Strategies for Dealing with Passive-Aggressive People: [click here](#)
- Canada Grant Watch: [click here](#)
- How to start a Day Care in Ontario: [click here](#)
- Entrepreneurship Funds & Resources for People Under 30: [click here](#)

Uplifting Stories

- After 4-year Search for a Mate, Endangered Lemur Gives Birth: [click here](#)
- British Museum sends Totem Pole Back to its Indigenous Home in Canada: [click here](#)
- Indigenous Headdress Set to be Returned to Blackfoot Homeland after Century in UK Museum: [click here](#)



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