



The Learning Exchange: Quick links for Inspiring Professional Growth

Issue 71 • October 2024

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

- Igniting Curiosity: Implementing Inquiry-Based Learning in Early Childhood Education Series Part 1: Embracing Open-ended Inquiry - **October 15, 2024** from **6:30 to 8:00pm**: [click here](#)
- Pour les éducateurs/éducatrices francophones - Approfondissons nos connaissances sur l'observation, la documentation et la planification - **le 16 octobre 2024, 18h30 à 20h30** : [click here](#)
- Anti-Bias in the Early Learning & Child Care Sector - **October 17, 2024** from **6:30 to 8:30pm**: [click here](#)
- Book Study: Slow Knowledge and the Unhurried Child by Alison Clark - **October 21, 2024** from **6:30 to 8:00pm**: [click here](#)
- Extraordinary Environments - Considering Wall Display Opportunities - **October 22, 2024** from **6:30 to 8:30pm**: [click here](#)
- Relationships through Research: Cultivating Connection and Engagement with Children and Families through Teacher Research Series for EarlyON Teams - Part 1 Research Begins with a Question - **October 25, 2024** from **1:00 to 2:30pm**: [click here](#)

In-person & Via Livestream

- Empowering Children: Saying Yes to Risk - **October 8, 2024** from **6:30 to 9:00pm**: [click here](#)
- The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Early Learning & Child Care Educator Kit Presentation (Niagara Educators Only, in person only) - **October 24, 2024** from **6:30 to 8:30pm**: [click here](#)



October Highlights

Circular Economy Month

- Government of Canada: Circular Economy: [click here](#)
- About Circular Economy: [click here](#)
- What is a Circular Economy? (video): [click here](#)

Community Health & Wellbeing week - 2nd week

- Alliance for Healthier Communities: [click here](#)
- Module of Wholistic Wellbeing: [click here](#)
- Module of Health and Wellbeing: [click here](#)

Ontario Library week - 3rd week

- Ontario Library Association: [click here](#)
- Librarianship: [click here](#)
- 5 Ways to Celebrate Canadian Libraries with Children: [click here](#)

Waste Reduction week - 4th week

- UN World Food Program: Food Waste, Global Hunger & You (video): [click here](#)
- Canadians Get Creative in Solving Food Waste (video): [click here](#)

Nature through an Indigenous Lens - October 6

- Reawakening: Seeing Nature Through an Indigenous Lens at Ball's Falls: [click here](#)

Thanksgiving - October 14

- Reggio Inspired Thanksgiving Feast: [click here](#)
- Thanksgiving Books for Toddlers: [click here](#)
- Reggio-Inspired Invitations to Explore Gratitude Through Art: [click here](#)

International Pronouns Day – October 16

- When is International Pronouns Day and What Does it Mean? [click here](#)
- Inclusive Language: How to Use it and Why it Matters: [click here](#)
- Gender Pronouns Chart - Pronoun Guide: [click here](#)



Child Care & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day - October 24

- Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care: [click here](#)
- First Nations Early Learning Collaboration: [click here](#)
- Tips to Recognize and Celebrate CC&ECE Appreciation Day: [click here](#)
- How People Celebrated CC&ECE Appreciation Day 2020: [click here](#)

Take Me Outside Day - October 23

- Take Me Outside Day: [click here](#)
- Take Me Outside Letter Templates: [click here](#)
- What is Take Me Outside Day? (video): [click here](#)
- Take Me Outside - Mosaic Art: [click here](#)

Halloween - October 31

- Halloween Food Recipes: [click here](#)
- All About Bats: [click here](#)
- Reggio Inspired Halloween Activities for Preschoolers: [click here](#)
- Halloween Provocations: [click here](#)
- Make a Broomstick: [click here](#)
- String Spider Webs: [click here](#)



Early Learning Podcasts, Videos and Websites

- The impact of Ignoring (Podcast): [click here](#)
- Using Scenario-Based Teaching & Storytelling to Support Emotional Intelligence: [click here](#)
- Strategies for Internal & External Challenging Behaviours: [click here](#)
- When Challenging Behaviours Arise, Keep These Words in Mind (video): [click here](#)
- Making the Most of Your Professional Learning Experiences (ECCDC podcast): [click here](#)
- Boredom and Play Podcast with Deborah MacNamara: [click here](#)
- Knowing Our Numbers Ontario EL&CC Workforce Report: [click here](#)
- Strengthening Executive Functioning Builds Social Emotional Competence in Young Learners: [click here](#)
- LEGOLAND Survey - Why Adults Should Take the Time to Play: [click here](#)
- Let's Talk Science: All About Insects E-book: [click here](#)
- Tweaking Your Daily Mindset with Appreciative Inquiry: [click here](#)
- The Root of Challenging Behaviour (DCRC video): [click here](#)
- Ethical Dilemmas in ECE (Everything ECE Podcast): [click here](#)
- Conflict Resolution using Montessori Peace Corner: [click here](#)
- DCRC: Practices to Support the Social and Emotional Quality of Your Program: [click here](#)

Diversity and Inclusion

- NERD Podcast - Princess Play=Gender Creative Play: [click here](#)
- Picture Book Celebrating Children's Diverse Abilities in Action: [click here](#)
- What Exactly is 'Neurodiversity?' Using Accurate Language About Disability Matters: [click here](#)
- Research Shows Quality Early Childhood Education Reduces Need for Later Special Ed: [click here](#)
- Employment Strategy for Canadians with Disabilities: [click here](#)
- 8 Ways to Make Your Classroom Culturally Inclusive Year-round: [click here](#)
- Bridging Racial Divides with Diversity in Children's Media: [click here](#)
- The Early Link Podcast - The Power of Inclusive Classrooms: [click here](#)
- 3 Tips to Help Kids Persevere: [click here](#)
- Under the Table - The importance of Presuming Competence (Shelley Moore TedTalk): [click here](#)
- That Early Childhood Nerd Podcast - Play and Equity with Lijumaa Jordan: [click here](#)
- Do Fidgets Help Children Focus? [click here](#)
- 6 Toronto Venues that are Rainbow Registered: [click here](#)



Health, Wellness and Safety

- Sesame Street - Belly Breath with Elmo (video): [click here](#)
- Exploring the Truth of Belonging: [click here](#)
- A 7-Minute Guided Meditation to Embrace Fear: [click here](#)
- A 20-Minute Meditation for Easing into Sleep: [click here](#)
- A 12-minute meditation for finding meaning with ACT in action podcast: [click here](#)
- 5-Week Resiliency Challenge - Building Your Bounce: [click here](#)

Outdoor Activities & Resources

- Dr. Mariana Brussoni Wins Award: [click here](#)
- 8 Outdoor Games from Around the World: [click here](#)
- New Daycare Pushes for Regulatory Review to Allow More Time Outside: [click here](#)
- 6 Benefits of Outdoor Napping for Babies: [click here](#)
- The 17 Second Rule: [click here](#)
- Rusty Keeler's 20 Ways to Create Play Environments for the Soul: [click here](#)
- Gardening as an Entry Point to Thinking Big: [click here](#)
- Vegetable Gardening as a Key to Health, Happiness, Longevity: [click here](#)
- Active Outdoor Play Videos: [click here](#)
- All About Bats: [click here](#)

STEAM Activities

- Leaves: [click here](#)
- Light Refraction Experiment: [click here](#)

Small Business Resources

- 7 Strategies for Small Nonprofits to Boost their Fundraising Efforts: [click here](#)
- Bill S-279: A Proposal to Measure the Diversity of Boards of Canadian Charities (podcast): [click here](#)
- Professional Development Guide (CharityVillage): [click here](#)



Uplifting Stories

- Government of ON to Invest \$200 Million in Post-secondary Infrastructure: [click here](#)
- Walmart Canada launches 'Sensory-friendly' Hours Across its Store: [click here](#)
- Federal Government Launches Canada Public Transit Fund: [click here](#)
- Federal Government funding for Green and Inclusive Community Buildings: [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.

Want to Know More about ECCDC Services?

- Check us out online at www.eccdc.org or in person at **3550 Schmon Parkway, Thorold**.
- We are open for members to visit onsite and can also make resource deliveries directly to member centres. Please contact the ECCDC at **905.646.7311 ext. 304** to make arrangements.
- The ECCDC offers a resource lending library of pedagogical materials, specialized workroom, an on-site conference room and a boardroom available for booking.
- Want to purchase items from a distance? We offer an online **EStore** with resources, books, and more!
- Our organization offers early learning programs organizational supports including indoor and outdoor environmental design services, team building, board development, curriculum planning and everything in between!
- The ECCDC designs and delivers professional learning opportunities in person and via webinar on a range of topics. We can customize and deliver to small or large groups, and we always have sessions advertised for anyone to join. [Click here](#) to see what we have scheduled or register for one of our sessions. [Click here](#) to view our Esteem page, the new Fall 2024-Spring 2025 issue has been released. [Click here](#) for a catalogue of customized offerings.