



# 2013 Saturday Spring Workshops

Workshops are held Saturdays from 9:00—Noon; 1:00—4:00 PM; or 9:00—3:30 PM at NSCECE, 6208 Quinpool Road, 2nd Floor Halifax (unless otherwise specified)\*\*

## Outside in/Inside out: Planning for a dynamic outdoor curriculum

*'Spring has sprung'! We are outdoors much more often, letting off steam, relaxing, having fun and ..... learning! This workshop will look at the many opportunities for children – and ourselves - to use our whole bodies and minds in the outdoor spaces we use. We will talk about how to plan our outdoor environments as carefully as we do our indoor classrooms – adding many open ended and exciting materials to engage children in play and learning.*

**Presenter:** Elizabeth Hicks currently works as an independent consultant with Beacon of Quality and supports early childhood practitioners in thinking about their programs and their goals for children.

**Saturday, May 25**  
**9:00 AM—Noon**  
**\$40.00**



## Math Magic!!

*Ever think about math in the preschool classroom? Or wonder just how three and four year olds can figure it all out? You might be surprised to find out that you may already have a math-rich program! This session will give you insight into some simple methods and provide you with practical, hands-on applications and activities. Using accessible materials and photographs, we will talk about ideas such as measurement, sorting, patterning, and more. Let's celebrate math in the early childhood classroom!*

**Saturday,**  
**May 25**  
**1:00 PM -**  
**4:00 PM**  
**\$40.00**

**Presenter:** Angela McNamara teaches at Point Pleasant Child Care Center in the Four Year Old Program. Combining her backgrounds as both an ECE and Elementary Teacher, Angela embraces and approaches emergent curriculum with a foundation in math and literacy.



## Curious Children are Natural Scientists

*Children are naturally equipped to learn through observations and investigations. They are full of wonder and questions. Early Childhood Educators can use children's natural curiosity to fuel science investigations that are child driven, authentic and hands-on. Science is not just about facts that have been discovered; it's a process! Join Nicki to learn about providing experiences that are rich in process skills such as observing, predicting, testing, inference, and recording.*

**Saturday,**  
**June 15**  
**9:00 AM -**  
**3:30 PM**  
**\$80.00**

**Presenter:** Nicki Beck (MA, CHYS) has worked in the ECE field in many capacities: Early Childhood Educator, mentor, resource teacher, and is currently teaching full time at NSCECE. Nicki is inspired by the curiosity and abilities of young children.

## Building Positive Relationships in School Age Programs

*Educators in child care programs often struggle with the negative effects of bullying and aggressive behavior in their classroom. This issue becomes more challenging as children leave the preschool years and are exposed to a wider range of influences. In this workshop, you will read and discuss an article which summarizes experiences adults should provide to encourage pro-social behavior. You will then work in groups to create age appropriate activities that promote positive relationships.*

**Presenter:** Denise Stone, M.Ed, B.C.S., has worked in early childhood in a variety of roles for over 28 years. She enjoys facilitating workshops that promote communication and positive interactions between adults and young children.

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**\$40.00**

Fees are non-refundable. The College accepts in-person debit or credit card payments, in addition to cash or cheque. A voucher will be issued if the College is notified of cancellation a minimum of 7 days before the scheduled workshop date. Non-attendance does not constitute cancellation. \$10 fee to replace a lost certificate. \$25 fee for NSF cheque. Contact Carrie Melsom, Resource Centre Coordinator, 423-7114 ext. 227 with questions, comments, or concerns about this workshop series.

Registration is only accepted with a payment. Write down the date and title of the workshop(s) you wish to attend, and forward with payment to NSCECE. You will be notified if your workshop is full or is cancelled for any reason.

To register, forward payment to:

Nova Scotia College of Early Childhood Education, 6208 Quinpool Road. (2nd Floor) Halifax, NS B3L 1A3, 423-7114 Ext.233



## Using Personality Dimensions<sup>®</sup> to help Navigate Conflict

Saturday, June 22 9:00—3:30 (\$80)

*This full-day training is based on recent personality and temperament theory and is designed to help people better understand themselves and others. Afternoon activities will focus on conflict management. Participants will explore their own conflict style and explore ways to cope with conflict. Participants will be challenged to view conflict from multiple perspectives. Staff teams and individuals will enjoy this highly interactive training. Come learn about supporting and encouraging others, organizing effective teams and appreciating individual preferences. Please note: this workshop includes the material covered in the 3-hour Personality Dimensions training.*

**Presenter:** Janet Boutillier, M.ED, is a certified facilitator for Personality Dimensions and Instructor at NSCECE. In addition to teaching courses in Research Issues and Interpersonal Communication she offers professional development workshops in team building and working well with families.

## Knowing Me/Knowing You: Essentials In Working With School Age Children

*We need to understand ourselves and our behaviours in order to enhance, nurture and guide our school aged children. Once we have an "okayness" with ourselves we are more effective and it is easier to develop a relationship with the school aged child, boost self esteem, self worth and a sense of adventure. Come join the group in conversation, games and activities as we move through Knowing Me /Knowing You.*

**Presenter:** Marilyn MacNeil has worked in child care for over 20 years in a wide range of programs including: groups homes, schools, preschool and after school care. She currently lives and works in Beaver Bank.



**Saturday, June 22  
9:00 AM—Noon \$40.00**



## Round and Round: Music in the Playroom

*Children respond to all kinds of music! First they go fast, then they go slow, then they shake their bodies to and fro. Children also learn a lot through music. Come and enjoy various types of music, learn some new songs and finger plays, and make some items to jazz up your music time. You don't need a musical background to share and enjoy music with young children. Join Melissa for this make-and-take workshop and rediscover how musical you can be!*

**Presenter:** Melissa Connell, B. Ed, has had various jobs working with children. She has taught school, worked in daycares and currently works in a family resource center. She has a beautiful daughter who is the love of her life.

**Saturday, June 22 1:00 PM—4:00 PM \$50.00**



Nova Scotia College of Early Childhood  
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We honour your prior learning through work experience, informal education or training, independent studies, or volunteer activities.

### Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

You may be eligible for college credits. Any individual with at least five years of early childhood education experience may apply.

Barbara Rowe, Student Success Counselor 902 423-7114 ext.224



## Walking the Talk: Supporting Inquiry & Intentional Culture in Early Childhood Settings

*An evening of wine, cheese, & professional development with special guest, author, speaker and mentor, Ann Pelo.*

**Save the Date:**

**Friday, October 18, 2013 7:00—9:00 PM NSCC Waterfront Campus \$40**