



# 2014 Spring Workshops

Workshops are held Tuesdays from 7:00 pm—9:00 pm at 6208 Quinpool Road, 2nd Floor, Halifax (\*\*unless noted as a workshop + tour)

## Emergent Curriculum—Debunking the Myths!

In this workshop we will spend time talking together about our varied understandings about emergent and other responsive curricula. How do we plan? How do we remain intentional while still responding to children's interests, questions, and ideas? Through discussion and many examples we will clarify what emergent curriculum does—and does not—look like in the classroom.

**Susan Stacey** has been in the field for over 30 years, as a teacher, director, college professor and writer. She often works with ECEs addressing such topics as, documentation, reflective practice, emergent curriculum, and Reggio Emilia inspired approaches.  
**April 29, 2014**

## Hearing Ourselves Speak

One of the most important features of responsive caregiving is an engaged and positive connection. Sometimes the words we choose or the tone we use with children can sabotage our efforts to guide and support them as they learn to navigate the social world. Perhaps you've caught yourself, or been out in the community and heard someone else, suddenly barking out orders over the heads of a group of children. This workshop will focus on the words we choose and the ways we can use them to positively guide children.

**Lisa Davies** has been working with children and families in not-for-profit agencies and government for over 20 years. Lisa was a full-time faculty member at the Nova Scotia College of Early Childhood Education and is currently the Director of the Dartmouth Child Development Centre.  
**May 6, 2014**

## Provocations and Play (Repeat Session)

This workshop will provide insights into provisioning for free play in an inviting and intentional way! Presenting materials in an open-ended manner can evoke more meaningful interaction and offer opportunities for educators to scaffold skills for individual children. Based on observations made during the day, you can invite children to participate in experiences that support your programming and curriculum goals. This session is appropriate for all age groups.

**Angela McNamara** teaches at Point Pleasant Child Care Centre. Combining her backgrounds as both an ECE and Elementary Teacher, Angela embraces and approaches emergent curriculum with a foundation in math and literacy.  
**May 13, 2014**

## Using Schemas to Understand Toddler Behaviour

"Why do toddlers like to throw things all the time?" "How come the children in my class are always trying to carry toys everywhere?" Toddlers exhibit many repetitive behaviours that seem to have no purpose to adults. These behaviours can be frustrating or disruptive. Our tendency is to divert and distract toddlers from these seemingly meaningless activities. Using Schema Learning Theory, we will identify and recognize the value of these patterns so we can modify our environments and interactions to enhance the experiences we offer our toddlers.

**Shannon Harrison** has over 20 years experience as a teacher, director and inclusion consultant. She currently teaches in a toddler classroom and continues to be inspired by them. Her most recent adventure has been teaching the Infant/Toddler course to NSCECE students.  
**May 20, 2014**

## Flirting With the Wild Side!

Getting down and dirty with nature is one of the best experiences for children—and us! Often in Urban Centres we have limited opportunities to connect with nature. This workshop will take a look at the importance of connecting with nature, and how we can safely do this in the urban landscape – Let's work together in this workshop to find and delight in this sense of wonder! Please dress appropriately as we may explore some 'wild' places just off Quinpool.

**Elizabeth Hicks** has been working in child care for 25 years. She 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.  
**May 27, 2014**

## Cultural Curiosity: A Conversation About Culture

We all have culture, not just those who appear different than us. Culture helps to define who we are. It is a lens through which people view their world. Teresa invites you to reflect on the term cultural competence and question the meaning we give to the term. She'll introduce you to another way of thinking about culture and what it means to us and others—cultural curiosity. Come learn about how cultural curiosity can enrich our lives and be the foundation of working well in our diverse communities.

**Teresa Johnson**, MSW, RSW has worked with infants, children and families for over 15 years. Teresa's motto is to "play everyday". She enjoys and is inspired by (and would like to bottle!) children's sparkle, sense of wonder, fearlessness and spirit of curiosity.  
**June 3, 2014**

**Tuesday workshops are \$40. Resource Centre professional members receive a \$5 discount. The College will accept in-person debit or credit card payments, and cash or cheques. Fees are non-refundable. A workshop 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.**

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To register, forward payment of \$40 per workshop to:

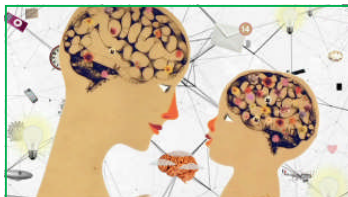
Nova Scotia College of Early Childhood Education, 6208 Quinpool Rd (2nd Floor) Halifax, NS B3L 1A3, 423-7114 Ext. 233


## **Let's Play a Game—Practicing Skills to Improve Behaviour (Repeat)**

*Simon Says* and *Sleeping Bunnies* are games played in many early childhood classrooms. Games like these are about more than having fun; they help children practice skills such as self-regulation and impulse control. These types of skills are crucial for children as they develop the ability to manage their own behaviour. Games can be part of an intentional teaching strategy that helps children become successful classroom citizens. Come ready to play and to talk about what we've been discovering about brain development and regulation.

**Carrie Melsom** is currently the Coordinator of the NSCECE Early Childhood Educator Resource Centre. Her career in early childhood education started in 1986. She has an ECE Diploma and a Certificate in Adult Education.

**June 10, 2014**



 **Saturday, May 10**  
**9:00 AM –3:30 PM**  
**\$80.00**

### **Trauma and the Developing Brain: How Using the “Trauma Lens” can Help Strengthen Connections and Approaches with Toddlers, Preschool Children, and their Caregivers**

*Geared for those who work in daycare, preschool and primary settings, this workshop will review the developmental concerns that can arise in children with early trauma and neglect histories. From this, we will explore the challenges these concerns can create for traditional methods of behavioural intervention and provide new strategies for managing emotional reactivity, tantrums, and aggressive behaviour more successfully. Included in this workshop are practical tools for determining how best to intervene, as well as ideas for classroom-wide interventions that can benefit the neurodevelopment of all children.*

**Presenter:** Dr. Kristen McLeod is a registered clinical psychologist who received her MA and PhD from the University of Guelph. Dr. McLeod has spent the last five years working at the IWK, initially in residential treatment and then in outpatient treatment with children in the care of the child welfare system. Prior to moving to Nova Scotia in 2007, Dr. McLeod worked in Community Mental Health in Ontario. Dr. McLeod has a keen clinical interest in working with children, adolescents, and young adults who have experienced trauma, abuse and neglect, and enjoys working with families who foster and adopt these children. Much of her focus is on understanding the neurodevelopmental impact of trauma and neglect, and the challenges this impact creates for traditional methods of intervention and caregiving. Dr. McLeod is currently in private practice in Truro, Nova Scotia.



## **Quiet Activity Books—Make & Take**

**Saturday, May 10 9:00—Noon (\$45)**

**There are many times during the day when children benefit from an opportunity to work at their own quiet activity. Quiet activity books are sensory and individual, they invite children to play rather than just look. They can be used by children at transition times, at the end of the day when things are winding down, quietly on their beds when others are sleeping, etc. Christine will show you a number of books that she has made and uses with the children in her room and then provide materials and time for you to make a book or two for your own classroom.**

**Presenter:** Christine Kelly is an Early Childhood Educator with many years experience. She has a keen interest in making felt stories and other materials to share with the children in her classroom.

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# 2014 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)\*\*



## Digging Deeper into Story Writing

**Saturday,  
May 24  
9:00 AM –  
3:30 PM  
\$80.00**

*Bring along your favourite picture book and be prepared to share one reason why you love it! What makes a story grab the readers' attention? Compelling characters? Great Dialogue? Showing, not telling? Relatable setting? Believable plot? All of the above and more! Please join Cynthia for a full day session filled with information, examples, writing activities, sharing your writing, and tips on providing useful feedback to others.*

**Presenter:** In 2006, Cynthia d'Entrement (M. Ed) won the Joyce Barkhouse Writing for Children Award for a picture book manuscript. Since that time, she has published two novels for teens. Her most recent story, *Oak Island Revenge*, has been nominated for a 2014 Red Maple Award. Facilitating over 100 writing workshops, Cynthia thrives on encouraging others to tell their stories.



## The Well Functioning Classroom: Classroom Management for an Emergent Curriculum

**Saturday,  
May 24  
9:00 AM –  
3:30 PM  
\$80.00**

*Structure-with-flexibility is essential for successful classrooms. Together we will:*

- Identify evidence-based components of successful classrooms
- Create a plan that supports an emergent approach featuring child independence and active learning
- Build on components that currently work in your classrooms
- Discuss challenges and work together to problem-solve ways to overcome identified barriers.

**Presenter:** As the founder of *Paths to Learning*, Crystal A. Harms (M. Ed) creates, implements, and closely follows each client's unique programming, progress, and development. Crystal also provides supervision and training to students at the Nova Scotia College of Early Childhood Education (NSCECE) through the practicum placements.



## Exploring Water with Young Children

**Saturday,  
June 14  
9:00 AM –  
3:30 PM  
\$80.00**

*Water draws children and is an essential part of learning in early childhood classrooms. As educators we can guide children's inquiries and deepen their explorations of water by looking at concepts such as flow, shape and density. Join Nicki as she shares materials, ideas and possibilities that can enrich your water play environment. Together you'll explore the science of water and rediscover why water is such fundamental part of the early childhood curriculum.*

**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.



## Art in the Big Outdoors!

**Saturday,  
June 14  
9:00 – noon  
\$40.00**

**Please bring  
some  
natural  
materials!**

*Outdoor art connects children not only to an art sensibility—colour, line, texture, shape, etc.—but also helps them look closely at nature. In outdoor art we use sand, soil, mud, leaves, twigs, stones, sticks, petals or other found materials. We will look at environmental artists, and make art ourselves. This is a wonderful way for children to express themselves. Even young toddlers enjoy collecting different materials and sorting them or spreading them out. Please dress appropriately as (weather permitting) we will create some art outdoors **AND** bring some of your favourite natural materials.*

**Presenter:** Elizabeth Hicks has been working in child care for 25+ years. She has recently rekindled her passion for nature. She works as an independent consultant with *Beacon of Quality* and supports early childhood practitioners in thinking about their programs and their goals for children.

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
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## How Are You Feeling?

*The emotional development of young children is not often discussed, yet is a key underlying developmental parameter. How often do you speak with the children in your care about their feelings and carefully listen to their answers? In this workshop the importance of emotional development of children in the early years will be addressed.*

 **Saturday,  
June 14  
1:00 PM –  
4:00 PM  
\$40.00**

**Presenter:** Bernadette Fegan (MA CHYS), is a certified Roots of Empathy instructor and a Seeds of Empathy advocate. Bernadette is the founder of *MIND Early Childhood Development Consultancy*. She mentors ECEs in the field and focuses her work on improving how language and literacy are fostered in the early years.





## ENJOY SUMMER!


Wishing you all an enjoyable summer filled with sun and opportunities to relax.

### Look for the workshop symbol

The college offers a wide variety of workshops each year to help meet the diverse professional development needs of people working in early learning and child care settings. It is our belief that people at different stages of their career look for different types of professional development opportunities and are interested in different types of conversations about their work. Look for these symbols on our workshop schedules to help you decide if a workshop fits your stage of development.

 **Budding:** Just starting your career in early childhood education? These workshops are designed to meet your early needs and to prepare you for the challenges that lie ahead.

 **Advancing:** Growing in your career? Past the basics? These workshops provide advanced training for maturing early childhood educators, which will reinvigorate you and motivate you to climb a little higher.

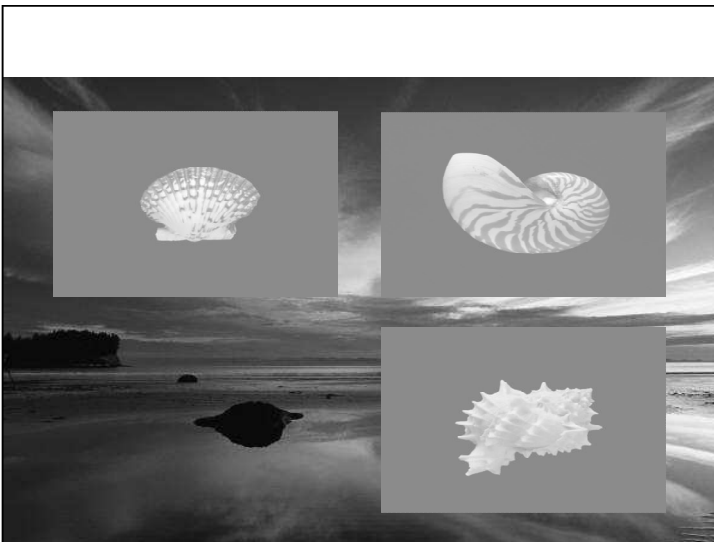
 **Master:** These workshops are designed to challenge seasoned early childhood educators who have a rich background in ELCC. You'll dig deeper and find new and innovative information for your maturation and skill level.

 **Something here for everyone.**

Of course, these symbols are just a guideline. We hope they are helpful to you as you make your choices. We look forward to your suggestions and feedback about our workshops to help us fine tune programming for the next term. Please call 423-7114 Ext.227.

## PD - 30 in 3

The first group of Early Childhood Educators to receive a classification from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is now up for their 3-year renewal. That means submitting evidence of 30 hours of professional development for verification by the Department ([mertinpj@gov.ns.ca](mailto:mertinpj@gov.ns.ca)). You must do this to maintain your classification. Those who have not completed their hours must submit a plan for completion and send it in with their ECDS-822 Form. The College is happy to work with individuals and centres as they try to put a plan together. We have lots of PD to choose from.



# NSCECE 2014 Spring Workshop Planner

Please use this planner to help organize your workshop registration. Where there are multiple participants for a workshop **please include full names on a separate sheet** that includes the workshop title. Registration is only accepted with a payment. The College will accept in-person debit or credit card payments, in addition to cash or cheques. Forward payment to: NSCECE, 6208 Quinpool Road, Halifax NS B3L 1A3. Inquiries: (902)423-7114 Ext. 233. Check [www.nscece.ca](http://www.nscece.ca) for updates on full workshops.

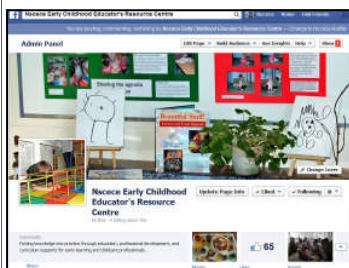
**No phone registrations accepted. Workshop fees are non-refundable. A voucher will be issued if the College is notified of cancellation a minimum of 7 days before the scheduled workshop date.**

Workshop	Presenter	Date	Cost	#Participants	Total Amount
<i>Focus: Curriculum</i>					
Emergent Curriculum—Debunking the Myths!	Susan Stacey	April 29 7:00-9:00 PM	\$40.00		
Quiet Activity Books—Make and Take	Christine Kelly	May 10 9:00-Noon	\$45.00		
Exploring Water with Young Children	Nicki Beck	June 14 9:00-3:30 PM	\$80.00		
Art in the Big Outdoors	Elizabeth Hicks	June 14 9:00-Noon	\$40.00		
<i>Focus: Preschool Care and Education</i>					
Provocations and Play (Repeat)	Angela McNamara	May 13 7:00-9:00 PM	\$40.00		
The Well Functioning Classroom: Classroom Management for an Emergent Curriculum	Crystal Harms	May 24 9:00-3:30 PM	\$80.00		
Flirting With the Wild Side	Elizabeth Hicks	May 27 7:00-9:00 PM	\$40.00		
How are you Feeling?	Bernadette Fegan	June 14 1:00-4:00 PM	\$40.00		
<i>Focus: Observation and Behaviour Guidance</i>					
Hearing Ourselves Speak	Lisa Davies	May 6 7:00-9:00 PM	\$40.00		
Let's Play a Game—Practicing Skills to Improve Behaviour (Repeat)	Carrie Melsom	June 10 7:00-9:00 PM	\$40.00		



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# NSCECE 2014 Spring Workshop Planner

## 2014 Spring Evening Courses:

- **ECE 309** Parents as Partners Wednesdays
- **ECE 101** Child Growth & Development Wednesday/Thursdays
- **ECE 229** Inclusive Environments for Families Tuesday/Thursdays

**Inquiries (902) 423-7114 or info@nscece.ca Visit [www.nscece.ca](http://www.nscece.ca) for more details**

Workshop	Presenter	Date	Cost	#Participants	Total Amount
<i>Focus: Diversity &amp; Inclusion</i>					
Trauma & the Developing Brain	Dr. Kristen McLeod	May 10 9:00-3:30 PM	\$80.00		
Cultural Curiosity: A Conversation About Culture	Teresa Johnson	June 3 7:00-9:00 PM	\$40.00		
<i>Focus: Infant and Toddler Care</i>					
Using Schemas to Understand Toddler Behaviour	Shannon Harrison	May 20 7:00-9:00 PM	\$40.00		
<i>Focus: General Interest</i>					
Digging Deeper into Story Writing	Cynthia d'Entremont	May 24 9:00-3:30 PM	\$80.00		



**ALL TOGETHER NOW!**

### Inclusion Support Group

We meet 9:00—11:00 AM on the last Monday of each month at NSCECE. Join colleagues for facilitated discussion about issues relating to inclusive early learning programs. Share strategies, insights, and challenges as part of a learning community.

**Call Carrie at 423-7114 Ext. 227**

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**Nova Scotia College of Early Childhood Education—Student Success Services**

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**