

Open the Door to a Greener Space Conference



Saturday October 19th, 2013

9:00 - 4:00

Registration Fee \$85

At Horticulture Centre of the Pacific

In partnership with:



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- 9:00-10:00 - Registration & a chance to wander the gardens
- 10:00 - Meet at Registration desk
- 10:15-11:45 - Morning Experiences
- 12:15-1:30 - Lunch
- 1:30-4:00 - Keynote

Keynote Address

Cam Collyer --- Making places for caring kids: the connection between spaces, program and child development.

Cam is a Program Director at Evergreen, a Canadian charity connecting people and nature in cities. He oversees Evergreen's national suite of programs that connect children and nature. Cam is a regular presenter at conferences, universities, and in the media on topics of school ground greening and environmental education.

Conference Venue

Our conference this year is located on the beautiful grounds of the Horticulture Centre of the Pacific, 505 Quayle Road, Victoria. We encourage you to visit www.hcp.ca for a detailed map and www.hcp.ca/admission-and-hours for additional information.

Parking

There is parking available on the grounds. Bus route to the HCP is #8, 21 & 29.

Your outdoor experience will be outside rain or shine. Please ensure you bring weather appropriate clothing / footwear, a water bottle and your morning refreshment.

Lunch

It will be a buffet style hot vegetarian lunch catered by Nourish. We would encourage participants to bring a water bottle and snack for the whole morning. Coffee, tea and dessert will be served at lunch.

There will be many wonderful **door prizes** for you to enjoy!

Outdoor Experiences

Each participant will register for one morning experience. Please list your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th choices on the registration form.

Workshops will be on a first come first served basis.

- 1. What are the key ingredients for nurturing positive learning experiences in the outdoors? --- Cam Collyer** our keynote speaker, will draw on best practices in outdoor learning as well as share a wealth of case studies from early childhood settings from around the world.
- 2. Creative storytelling in nature --- Join Bridgitte Alomes** and enter into an enchanting world of storytelling outdoors and with items from nature. Experience the magic, the wisdom, and healing of storytelling in the wonders of the outdoor natural environment.
- 3. How students - of all ages - can be Taught, Encouraged and Empowered to grow their very own Health-Friendly Organic Food --- Dave Friend aka Mr.Organic** will lead us through an interactive presentation and group discussion. This will be followed by some hands-on tasks which will demonstrate how easy it is to grow food.
- 4. Historical and Traditional Threads --- Charlene George** is from T'Sou-ke, a community that bridges the Coast Salish and Nuu-Cha-Nulth territories. Charlene works primarily in textiles. As a child, Charlene was lucky to spend time with Grandparents learning culture, history and stories. These are the threads that she artfully weaves through her life and teaching.
- 5. The Children - Plant Connection --- Paul Allison** Gardening is a great way for children to learn new skills and have fun. Gardening provides different forms of engagement for children, including designing, planting, and tending their own plants; harvesting, preparing, and sharing food; working cooperatively in groups; learning about science and nutrition; and creating art and stories inspired by gardens. Paul will show you how to connect children with plants give examples of gardening projects suitable for any age.

Mini Market Place

Natural Pod

After your morning spent in the great outdoors and hearing the latest research on outdoor play, spend sometime within Natural Pod's inviting classroom experience. Now in its 8th year of business, Natural Pod is Vancouver Island owned and operated, FSC certified, and singularly committed to design and manufacture of toys and play environments that support creative and imaginative open-ended play. In the past 3 years, Natural Pod has served over 15,000 children in over 600 schools and daycare settings across Canada and the world.

Within this natural space explore the open-endedness of an unencumbered learning pallet. Reawaken your intuition to teach through space and invitation and watch the children thrive. Bridgitte and Allan Alomes, co-creators and innovators in the world of inspiring free play, will be on site for brainstorming and discussion.

As well as setting up an indoor environment, Natural Pod will have some items to purchase.

Check out their website at www.naturalpod.com

Cedar Tree Children's Outfitter

"There is no such thing as bad weather, just bad gear." In our wet coastal climate great gear for kids is a necessity. Cedar Tree Children's Outfitter carries excellent quality rain suits, rain pants and jackets, as well as, waders made just for kids! Julie Sweetnam will be representing Oakiwear and has been using their gear for years with the children in her preschool program on Salt Spring Island. The suits that will be available at the conference are 100% waterproof and breathable, PVC free, and come with a 1 year warranty. Lots of colours to choose from and sizes for children 1 to 7 years of age. Let's go outside!



Email - cedartreekids@shaw.ca

"Ask Your Teacher to Take You Outside" T-Shirts (Colin Harris)

Check out the website at www.takemeoutside.ca

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Centre or Organization:

1st choice: _____

2nd choice: _____

3rd choice: _____

4th choice: _____

5th choice: _____

Registration Fee: \$85.00

Please make payment payable to **ECEBC Victoria Branch**

Please mail your Registration to:

Stomping in the Mud

4244 Eastridge Cres

Victoria, V8Z 6B6

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 30th, 2013

NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE

For questions and enquiries please email : stompinginthemud@yahoo.com

Spaces are limited and Registration will be on a first come first served basis.

Victoria Branch ECEBC membership forms will be available at conference.