



BREATH OF FRESH AIR OUTDOOR PLAY SUMMIT SEP 25-27, 2025

Event Schedule



Event Schedule

Day 1

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25 th	
Time	Event
10:00 am - 6:00 pm	Welcome and Registration Tent
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Outdoor Exhibit Area
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Opening Ceremony
1:00 pm - 2:45 pm	Launch of the 10-Year Anniversary Update of the Position Statement on Outdoor Play, followed by 'Play Around the World' Play Session
3:00 pm- 5:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions - Block 1
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Outdoor Exhibit Area
5:15 pm - 6:15 pm	Speed Greeting and Networking
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Dinner and time to play!
8:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Evening Activity

Concurrent Sessions - Block 1

Day 1: Thursday 25th - 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

	3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	4:30 pm - 5:00pm
Block 1A	<u>Risky Teaching: A Research to Practice Guide for Risky Play in Schools</u> <i>Dr. Megan Zeni, Dr. Mariana Brussoni</i>			
Block 1B	‘The State of Play in Outdoor Play’: Exploring Global Indigenous Knowledge of Outdoor Play: A scoping review <i>River McRae; Geoff Kira</i>	Introducing a Global Measure of Outdoor Time for Young People: The Global Adolescent and Child Physical Activity Questionnaire (GAC-PAQ) Project <i>Richard Larouche, PhD</i>	Rooted in Justice & Belonging: Living the ECE Framework through Land, Relationship, and Practice <i>Lisa Lalonde, RECE; Pooja Dubey, RECE; Bayan Kaid, RECE</i>	
Block 1C	The Giving Tree: A Metis Learning Workshop <i>Angie-Lee Coture</i>		“I remember when”: A Reflective Lifeworld Approach to Understanding the Relationship Between Early Childhood Educator Play Beliefs and Professional Identity <i>Merril Miceli, M.Ed. Doctoral Student</i>	
Block 1D	Designed to Stay Inside: How Tech Works Against Outdoor Access <i>Rachel Franz, M.Ed.</i>	Adopting a Perspective of Affordances in Children’s Play Spaces <i>Ipek Epikmen, M. Sc. A.</i>	Living & Learning with Nature: A Permaculture Project Based Approach to Outdoor Play Space Design <i>Cara Caudle, M.Ed, RECE</i>	
Block 1E	Outdoor Learning for Students with Complex Needs: All You Need is An Open Mind! <i>Carolyn Johnston; Carolyn Fornataro</i>		Digging In: How Outdoor Loose Part Play Supports the Roots for Self- Regulation, Connection and Growth in Young Children <i>Jill Bienenstock</i>	
Block 1F	Nature Journaling <i>Amy Agostini</i>			

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Day 2

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 th	
Time	Event
7:30 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast and Morning Activities
8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Welcome and Registration Tent
9:15 am - 10:00 am	Welcome day 2 & OPC Awards Presentation
10:00 am - 11:30 am	Keynote address – Dr. Stuart Brown
11:30 am - 2:30 pm	Outdoor Exhibit Area
12:15 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch
2:15 pm - 3:55 pm	Concurrent Sessions - Block 2
4:15 pm - 5:55 pm	Concurrent Sessions - Block 3
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Dinner and time to play!
8:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Evening Activity

Concurrent Sessions - Block 2

Day 2: Friday 26th - 2:15 pm - 3:55 pm

	2:15 pm - 2:45 pm	2:55 pm - 3:55 pm
	2:15 pm - 3:00 pm	3:10 pm - 3:55 pm
Block 2A	Working Wild: Outdoor Mentorship and Training <i>Monique Lozeron</i>	
Block 2B	What is the Relationship between Outdoor Risky Play and Health in Children? Results from a Systematic Review. <i>Dr. Mariana Brussoni</i>	The Role of Weapon Play in Early Childhood: Social-Emotional Learning Through Imaginative Play <i>Shelley Bettker, Certified Forest and Nature School Practitioner, ECE2, B. Ed.</i>
Block 2C	Wondering With Water <i>Laurel Donison</i>	Embracing Nature in Early Childhood with PLT Canada's "Trees & Me" Guide <i>Ellen Long</i>
Block 2D	Strategic Planning for Inclusive Outdoor Play <i>Alessia Capone</i>	Learning Kits for Inclusive Outdoor Play <i>Amy Jo Smith, RECE; Paula ter Huurne, RECE</i>
Block 2E	A Partnered Approach to Understanding the Benefits of Schoolyard Greening <i>Jean Buckler, PhD; Jennie McCaffrey, MA</i>	Changing the Recess Culture <i>Lynn Campanella</i>

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Concurrent Sessions - Block 3

Day 2: Friday 26th - 4:15 pm - 5:55 pm

	4:15 pm - 4:45 pm	4:50 pm - 4:20 pm	4:25 pm - 5:55 pm
Block 3A	The English-language launch of A 360° Vision of Play: A Tool that Helps Decision Makers Better Plan for Play <i>Stéphanie Watt, Margaret Fraser</i>		
Block 3B	Bridging Research-to-Practice on Quality Participation in Active Play for Children and Young Persons with Disabilities Across Different Contexts <i>Kelly Arbour-Nicitopoulos, Jennifer Leo, Louise de Lannoy</i>		
Block 3C	Journey through Childcare, Burnout, and Finding Outdoor Play <i>Lori Dalton</i>	Campfire Circle <i>Maddie Rawling</i>	EmbraceWellness <i>Arlene Lusterio</i>
Block 3D	Case Study of a School-Level Approach to Outdoor Learning: A Study Protocol and Immersive Exploration of Walking Interviews <i>Tanya Halsall</i>	<i>Nature Beyond Nature: Implementing Forest School Pedagogy With Limited Access to Nature</i> <i>Monique Lozeron</i>	
Block 3E	Infants and Toddlers Open to the Outside World in Early Childhood <i>Sylvie Melsbach</i>	Insights from the Sending Preschoolers Outside (SPROUT) Study: Understanding the Impact and Lessons Learned from Nature-Based Childcare Research <i>Maeghan James, PhD</i>	Landscape of Outdoor Play in Early Learning and Child Care Environments: Insights from the Measuring Early Childhood Outside (MECO) Pan-Canadian Survey <i>Rachel Ramsden</i>

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27th

Time	Event
7:30 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast and Morning Activities
8:30 am - 1:30 pm	Welcome and Registration Tent
9:15 am - 11:45 am	Tours of Forest Explorers, Home of the Canadian Centre for Outdoor Play
9:15 am - 11:15 am	Concurrent Sessions - Block 4
9:15 am - 10:45 pm	National ECE and Land-based Learning Panel Discussion
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm	Closing Ceremony

Concurrent Sessions - Block 4

Day 3: Saturday 27th - 9:15 am - 11:45 am

	9:15 am - 9:45 am	9:45 am - 10:45 am	10:45 am - 11:45 am
	9:15 am - 10:15 am	10:15 am - 11:15	
Block 4A	Outdoor Ways of Learning and Sharing (OWLS): A collaboration to bring learning outside to build resilient school communities in Northeastern Ontario <i>Heather Dabrowski, Eileen Berwick, Josee Bisson, Coral Bissett</i>		
Block 4B	Math Trails, Micro-Stories & Learning Reflections <i>Lauren Maclean</i>	Promoting the Foundations of Literacy Outdoors <i>Jill Bienenstock</i>	
Block 4C	‘There Are So Many Good Things Outside, Let Me Tell You’: Children’s Qualitative Perspectives of Outdoor and Risky Play at Early Learning and Child Care. <i>Rachel Ramsden</i>	May We Be Peaceful: Daily Practice for World Peace <i>Dana Fedorchuk (she/her) B.Ed, M.Ed</i>	
Block 4D	Think Like a Mycelium: Building Solidarity from the Ground Up <i>Nicolas Parra Pena</i>	Democratic Practices: Building Relational Understandings Through Land-Based Learning <i>Taryn McSherry, RECE; Alexa Imbesi, RECE; Laura Ashfield, RECE; Pooja Dubey, RECE</i>	
Block 4E	An Interactive National Panel Discussion: Advancing Licensing of Outdoor and Land-based Early Childhood Education Across Canada		
Block 4F	Tours of Forest Explorers, Home of the Canadian Centre for Outdoor Play		

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