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ECEBC Conference 2017 Pre-Registration Information

SAVE THE DATE!

ECEBC is very pleased to present its 46th annual conference, “*Pathways to Professionalism: Believe, Be Hopeful, Be Bold*” from May 4 to 6, 2017 at the Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport in Richmond, BC. Please join us for this professional development and networking opportunity that includes keynotes, workshops and other special activities.

Keynote Highlights:

Unstoppable ECEBC Leaders: Change Your Thoughts, Change Your Life with Stuart Ellis-Myers aka ‘Twitchy’ www.itwitch.com

Keynote Panel, Pathways to Professionalism: Believe, Be Hopeful, Be Bold. Panelists will share their insights, experiences and lessons learned relating to building professionalism. Panel Members include: Val Avery, President, Health Sciences Association, Randi Ball, ECE/Student, Elaine Fergusson, Chair of the Nova Scotia Child Care Association and Don Giesbrecht, Canadian Child Care Federation.

Digging Deeper: Following the panel on professionalism, an all-delegate workshop facilitated by Gyda Chud of the Child Care Advocates of BC will help us dig deeper into our personal and collective views of professionalism. Through table discussions, delegates will explore what professionalism looks like in BC.

We have a diverse range of high calibre workshop offerings to choose from. Based on feedback from the Sector Survey, we are making alignments to offerings for Strong Start Facilitators and other conference delegates. A special instructor stream is being offered.

Stay tuned for more information about conference and pre-conference offerings!

PRE-CONFERENCE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS (THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2016)

ECEBC Leadership Day

Thursday, May 4

9:00 am to 4:30 pm

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Please join ECEBC for our 3rd annual day devoted to supporting and sustaining the development of leadership in ECE. Building upon the success of ECEBC’s Leadership Initiative and our previous leadership days, participants will have opportunities to learn from emerging and successful leaders in our field and interdisciplinary colleagues. Activities will include keynotes, success stories, interactive activities and personal reflections from past leadership participants will enhance the dialogue. In addition, breakout workshops will explore more specific topics.

ECEBC Leadership Alumni, Journey Through Leadership. A panel of ECEBC Leadership Alumni will engage in dialogue with the audience about their Leadership Journeys. Lynne Reside (Cohort 3), Elizabeth Williams (Cohort 5) and Sharon Nazarovff (Cohort 1).

We are also thrilled that Denise Pawliuk, Danielle Alphonse and Carolyn Ferns have accepted our invitation to deliver workshops.

Registration

Online registration will be available in late January 2017 and is part of the conference registration package. Registration fee includes lunch (see pages 2-3 for details of fees).

Leadership Day Scholarships

ECEBC is pleased to offer scholarships to support ECE's from across to province an opportunity to apply for funding to participate in the Leadership Day. For more information and documentation, email membership@ecebc.ca.

Best Choices: The Ethical Journey Training (Modules 1 & 2, Modules 3 & 4 concurrent sessions)

Thursday, May 4

Module 1: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Module 2: 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Module 3: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Module 4: 1:00 to 4:00 pm

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ECEBC recognizes its responsibility to promote ethical practices and attitudes on the part of Early Care & Learning professionals. This four-part series guides participants on a journey of ethical discovery and awareness. Participants will have the opportunity to explore personal values, beliefs and assumptions, and examine the complexities in ethical decision making.

Registration

Cost: \$40.00 per module for ECEBC provincial members, and \$50.00 per module for non-members.

For registration forms, or for more information, please email membership@ecebc.ca. Please note that the workshop capacity is limited to 25 participants, so register early as spaces fill up quickly! **The registration and payment deadline is March 30, 2017 at 12:00 pm (noon).**

"Let's Talk" Teacher Training (formerly known as LTAT)

Wednesday, May 3, 8:45 am to 4:45 pm (Modules 1 and 2) **and**

Thursday, May 4, 8:45 am to 4:45 pm (Modules 3 and 4)

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"Let's Talk" is an outstanding training program designed to prevent child sexual abuse. Developed in BC for children aged 4 to 6 years, it has been a valuable resource for ECEs and kindergarten teachers since 1986. **Note: You must be a currently licensed ECE or elementary school teacher to register.**

Participants must attend all sessions on Wednesday and Thursday.

Registration

Fee: \$225 (includes registration for both days, coffee, lunch and “Let’s Talk” kit). To register, please email membership@ecebc.ca for a registration form. Please note that the registration deadline is March 30, 2017 at 12:00 pm (noon).

ONLINE REGISTRATION – STARTS EARLY FEBRUARY 2017

The 2017 ECEBC Conference brochure will be mailed to members with the Winter 2017 issue of *The Early Childhood Educator* in mid-February 2017. The conference brochure will be available for download from our website at www.ecebc.ca in late January 2017.

2017 Conference Fees	Early Bird Rate (until April 4, 2017)	Rate After April 4, 2017
ECEBC Members (Full & Associate)		
3-day registration	\$360.00	\$445.00
2-day registration	\$270.00	\$335.00
1-day registration	\$175.00	\$215.00
ECEBC Student members		
3-day registration	\$270.00	\$330.00
2-day registration	\$205.00	\$250.00
1-day registration	\$135.00	\$165.00
Non-Members		
3-day registration	\$610.00	\$755.00
2-day registration	\$475.00	\$590.00
1-day registration	\$335.00	\$415.00
SACCA Members*		
3-day registration	\$410.00	\$495.00
2-day registration	\$320.00	\$385.00
1-day registration	\$225.00	\$265.00

*SACCA members must register through the ECEBC office, rather than online, to receive reduced rates. Please fax completed registration forms to 604.709.6077.

StrongStart facilitator rates**	Early Bird Rate	Rate After April 4, 2016
ECEBC Members (Full & Associate)		
3-day registration	\$25.00	\$110.00
2-day registration	\$0	\$0
1-day registration	\$0	\$0
ECEBC Student members		
3-day registration	\$0	\$0
2-day registration	\$0	\$0
1-day registration	\$0	\$0
Non-Members		
3-day registration	\$275.00	\$420.00
2-day registration	\$150.00	\$265.00
1-day registration	\$0	\$90.00

****StrongStart facilitators must register through the ECEBC office, rather than online, to receive reduced rates. Please note that you must register for at least one of the two StrongStart facilitators' workshops to receive the reduced rate. Please fax completed registration forms to 604.709.6077. The Ministry of Education has provided ECEBC with funding for a travel bursary fund specifically for StrongStart facilitators attending ECEBC's 46th annual conference. Please contact Christine Buttkus at membership@ecebc.ca for details. Please note that StrongStart facilitators can only apply for one travel bursary (either the ECEBC travel bursary or the StrongStart facilitator travel bursary through funding from the Ministry of Education) and not for both bursaries.**

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE – TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017

To take advantage of significant savings on conference fees, registration forms and payment must be received by the ECEBC office by **Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.** If paying by cheque, only original cheques will be accepted for payment - **facsimiles of cheques will not be accepted.** Registration and/or payment received after April 4 will be subject to regular conference rates.

ACCOMMODATION – DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOM BY TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017

Don't forget to book your hotel room if you are registering for the conference, as rooms and suites are available to ECEBC delegates at a reduced conference rate until Tuesday, April 4, 2017. Reservations after April 4 will be subject to room availability and at the best available rates. When making reservations, please identify yourself as part of the Early Childhood Educators of BC group.

TRAVEL BURSARY APPLICATION DEADLINE – TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017

The ECEBC Board of Directors has allocated \$10,000 from Endowment Funds to be used to help reduce the cost of delegate travel only (e.g. airfare, gas, train fare, bus fare) to ECEBC's annual conference in May 2017. The amounts disbursed to conference delegates in each geographical area will vary according to regional travel costs.

To apply for the ECEBC Conference Travel Bursary, please fill out the application form in the conference brochure, when available, and return it to the ECEBC office by **Tuesday, April 4, 2017.** Due to limited funds, not all applicants will receive bursary funding. Approved applicants will be contacted by email by **Friday, April 14, 2017.** Please note that approved applicants must submit all travel receipts in order to receive bursary fund cheques.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Site visits: Capilano Children's Centre, Capilano University-This guided tour provides participants the opportunity to explore and observe Capilano Children's Centre. They will find evidence of the program's philosophy through documentation, use of equipment and materials and creative art and witness how children's ideas are brought to life and supported by the educators.

Magenta Insurance Professionals will be hosting, their second **Mingle and Learn** event on May 4th at 5:15 p.m. (2.0 hours of professional development will be offered to participants attending the session). Free.

Earthquake Preparedness – Be Prepared not Scared

Jackie Kloosterboer has been leading the way in emergency preparedness for over 18 years. Jackie helps lead a team of more than 1,000 City of Vancouver Volunteers who belong to one of the many volunteer teams reporting to the Office of Emergency Management. Jackie is an author, instructor and Queen's Jubilee Award Recipient.

Calling all Conference Volunteers: ECEBC is currently seeking volunteers to assist with Conference 2017. For more information, please contact membership@ecebc.ca or Dawn Way at dawns_way@hotmail.com.

For more information, please go to www.ecebc.ca in late January 2017 to download the Conference 2017 brochure. If you have any questions regarding our annual conference, please contact us at 604.709.6063, ext. 1, 1.800.797.5602 or membership@ecebc.ca.

We look forward to seeing you in May!