

# ECEBC Leadership Showcase 2009

by Christine Buttkus. Photos by Shawn Nygren



*The Evening of Creating Connections for Early Childhood Education*  
 Wednesday, Oct. 14th  
 7:00 pm  
 Maritime Heritage Centre  
*Join us on the long discussion of the future of our field. Your voice matters!!*  
 Who are all many suggest that Prince Rupert is a suitable venue for this event?

**Thought Provoking Questions**  
 How do you answer the question: "What do you do?"  
 We have been advocating for a publicly funded and sustainable Early Care & Learning System for over 15 years...  
 Why has it not happened?

**Creators of Facebook Site**  
 Early Childhood Educators of N. Vancouver Island

**What Do You Want Others to Know About Your Profession?**

**What Can We Do?**

Eliminate the way we present ourselves to the larger community.  
 Make children's learning visible through pedagogical practices for families, communities and governments.  
 Educate parents on the value of our work.  
 Do more public awareness campaigns.  
 Speak in more powerful ways about our field.  
 Professional development.  
 Value ourselves and our work.  
 Strive to provide the highest care and education for children and their families.  
 Create a local community child care plan on where and how services are provided.  
 Educate ourselves on child care systems in other provinces and countries.

**CECBC** early childhood educators of BC

# CREATING CONNECTIONS

Jamie Anderson, Dee Conley and Sharlene Poslowsky

Vancity Community Foundation

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**MAY IS Childcare Month**  
 Unprecedented Childhoods

Some say Canada cannot afford to invest in child care. Others say...

**Campbell River: A Leader in Child Care-Breaking Ground, Developing Solutions**

Play is the work of childhood

**What We Don't Know About Childcare**

Oct. 14, 2009  
 Dear Early Childhood Educators,  
 The year was on the verge, said early, and the year of a community who supports our field of Early Childhood Care and Education? Then long meeting.  
 We are 3 Early Childhood Educators spearheading a project called *Creating Connections* with the purpose to inspire and support Early Childhood Education. We are an extremely modest team and field leaders.  
 We want to help build a kind of early in several ways:  
 - by highlighting and inspiring from the ECCE's in the past of the process that will affect change.  
 - by engaging each ECCE in their present leadership capacity.  
 - by supporting ECCE's in change in creating their vision for change, and sharing that by creating connections between ECCE's and the biggest political power in BC and across Canada.  
 Our projects is funded by the Early Childhood Educators of BC, ECCEBC's Commission of Governance, ECCEBC National that together we have the ability to create an innovative and sustainable model that is consistent with our values and practice. We believe that when all of us do our best, when we have the best of our individual professional to dialogue with each other, combined by the values of the field, and the contributions to the world and our ability to change it.  
 Do you know what is happening in your profession?  
 Do you feel your work is valued and your voice is heard?  
 Do you feel connected to other professionals in the field?  
 The more we connect together, the stronger our voice will be!  
 We would like you to take a few minutes and fill out our questionnaire so we can build a community of Early Childhood Education in the North Island and start *Creating Connections*.  
 Jamie Anderson, Dee Conley & Sharlene Poslowsky  
 Early Childhood Educators

Please fill out the questionnaire and send it back in the enclosed envelope.  
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 Work Place: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Describe yourself: \_\_\_\_\_  
 What do you wish other people knew about the work of an Early Childhood Educator?  
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 Do you hold a current License to Practice?  
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 All information will be kept private and not be made public in any way.

*Participants don't have with childcare industry & organization...*



Sept. 14, 2009

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Do you want to feel valued, paid fairly, and be part of a community who supports our field of Early Childhood Care and Education? Then keep reading.

We are 3 Early Childhood Educators spearheading a project called Creating Connections with the purpose to inspire early learning Early Childhood Educators. We believe that together our collective ECE voices will have the power to bring change that is so desperately needed to move our field forward.

- We want to build this kind of unity in several ways:
- By organizing and inspiring that the ECE's be part of the process that will effect change.
  - By engaging each ECE in their personal leadership capacity.
  - By supporting ECE's to engage in creating their vision for change, and sharing that vision within the larger community.
  - By Creating Connections between ECE's and the larger political picture in BC and across Canada.

Our project is funded by the Early Childhood Educators of B.C. (ECEBC) a Commission of Associated People. ECEBC believes that together we have the ability to create an ECE culture of leadership that is consistent with our values and practice - collaborative, non-hierarchical and action-oriented, where leadership does not flow from one individual but where all of us are potential leaders, where leaders can see those whom they are, prepared to challenge with others, confident in the vision of the field, and in our commitment to the field and our ability to change it.

- Do you know what is happening in our profession?
- Do you feel your work is valued and your voice is heard?
- Do you feel respected by other professionals in the field?

The more we come together, the stronger our voice will be!

We would like you to take a few minutes and fill out our questionnaire so we can build a database of Early Childhood Educators on the North Island and near Creating Connections.

Respectfully,  
 Anne Anderson, Our Unity & Morale Coordinator  
 Fellow Early Childhood Educator

**Creating Connections  
 Questionnaire**

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What do you wish other people knew about the work of an Early Childhood Educator?

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Do you hold a current License to Practice \_\_\_\_\_

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Green Wabson  
Leadership Participant

Liz Kool  
Leadership Participant

### ECE VOICE

### OUR COMMUNITY

SONY





Natalie Lucas  
Leadership Partners

Sharon Naughton  
Leadership Partners

### Great Wild Salmon

Great wild salmon on a long journey  
From the rivers, they swim to the sea  
There they get ready, grow big and strong  
To make their way back to their home.

Great wild salmon!  
Oh, great wild salmon!  
Travelling so far  
How could we ask for more?  
We need to help you.

Salmon need our rivers to be free and clean  
So they can swim with strength to their stream  
Lay their eggs in the place they were born  
Then their babies can start their own journey.

Great wild salmon!  
Oh, great wild salmon!  
Yes, we thank you... for everything you do  
You truly are special!



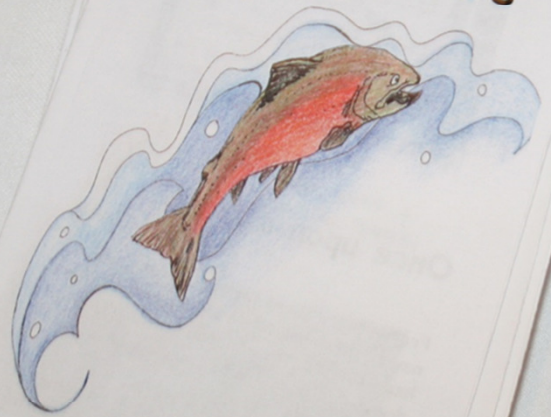






Varaha Children's Center  
Slocan, B.C. 250 355-2222  
Wee Ones Daycare  
South Slocan, B.C. 250 359-7104

# Salmon Speaks



SHARING CHILDREN'S  
PERSPECTIVES  
OF  
COMMUNITY ISSUES





## THE IMAGES OF LEARNING PROJECT

Making visible the  
competencies of children  
and the work of  
Early Childhood Educators





"CHILDREN SPEAK  
TO US EVEN WHEN  
THEY DON'T SPEAK."

CARLINA RINALDI

AND IT IS  
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TO LISTEN CLOSELY...

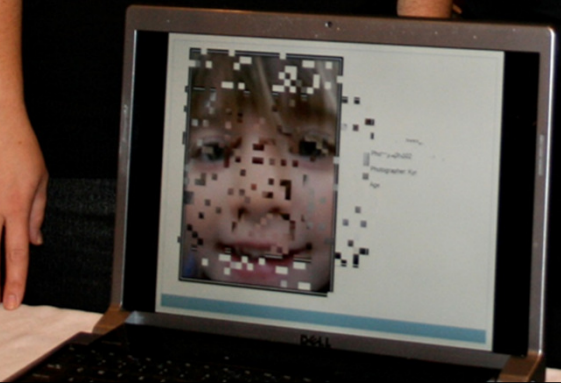
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**THE IMAGES OF LEARNING PROJECT**  
Making visible the competencies of children and the work of Early Childhood Educators

Danielle Davies  
Early Childhood Educator

Kim Ahlman  
Early Childhood Educator





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It is a beauty of things imperfect, impermanent, and incomplete. It is a beauty of things mended and humble. It is a beauty of things unconventional...

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**EBC**  
**NAGAN**

Music for Early Childhood Educators  
Presented By  
Danna Salsbery and Karen Steinhilber  
June 2009

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Angela Roy  
Leadership Participant

Background description: A blue display board with colorful text and graphics. It features a green apple illustration and several small photographs. The text includes 'EBC', 'NAGAN', and 'Music for Early Childhood Educators'.

Kim Bowen  
Leadership Participant



Background description: A woman with glasses and a yellow shirt is smiling and making a peace sign with her right hand. She is carrying a baby in a green wrap. A name tag is pinned to the wrap. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.



# LEADERSHIP

Early Childhood Care  
&  
Education



Language

Literacy

# HUMBLE



Explore

W O R K



# SUPPORTIVE

e c c e r e p e a b 2009



Who I am matters.



I AM AN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR!

What I do matters.



My work is IMPORTANT.



Childcare Matters.



W O R K

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W O R K

Learn



W O R K



Play

# KNOWLEDGE





City of Prince Rupert supports a child size Totem Pole



Child Friendly Business Award through the Chamber of Commerce

Checklist on how Friendly is you Public Indoor Places, Outdoor space and Resource Practices

**PRINCE RUPERT  
A CHILD FRIENDLY COMMUNITY**

THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO

NAME OF BUSINESS

IS A CHILD FRIENDLY PLACE  
IS A CHILD FRIENDLY SPACE  
IS A CHILD FRIENDLY WORKPLACE

PRESENTED BY

ECEBC  
KAMAGAN



**Thought Provoking Questions**

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- of our work.



**THE CHILDREN'S NEWS**

...the children's news...

...the children's news...

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## GRAMS

- To provide students with the cost of Basic and/or Post Basic Early Childhood Education Programs at approved institutions
  - LEADERSHIP: A program that builds the ECE culture of leadership, leadership capabilities and community project development
  - LET'S TALK ABOUT TOUCHING: A prevention program for young children
- ...reference reflects our continued commitment to the profession and practice of Early Childhood Education and provides an opportunity to network.
- ...Early Childhood Educator is a publication of ECEBC and is distributed to its members quarterly.





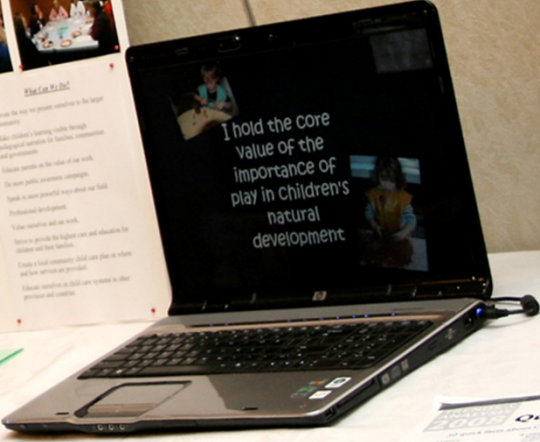
**It's Time to Re-evaluate the Day Care Industry**  
Washington, DC 2000  
100 pages  
Available for purchase at the show or for \$29.95 elsewhere.

**Parents: Raising Questions**  
How do you answer the question "What do you do?"  
We have been addressing the quality of child care and education. Early Care & Learning System for ages 0-5 years.  
"Why Day Care Matters?"

**Quality of Care and the Early Childhood Education of "A" Teachers**

**Check Out the Latest in Early Childhood Education**

**Play for All!**











**May is Childcare Month**  
Empowerment Checklists

**May is Childcare Month**  
What You Don't Know About Child Care

**Creating Connections**

Thank you for participating and we look forward to the next event!

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**Quick Facts**





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Sincerely,  
Jamie Anderson, Dee Carley & Marlene Proskywsky  
Follow Early Childhood Educators

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Describe yourself! \_\_\_\_\_

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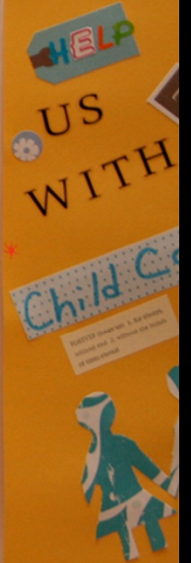
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US WITH Child Care

All For Children

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Tami Overbeck  
Leadership Participant

JESSICA FRANK  
Leadership Participant

SINGING

Smile! SUE

EARLY CARE

























A Community of Innovation

A Community of Recreation

**Prince Rupert  
A Child Friendly Community**

Children - A Society within a Society

August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
The City of Prince Rupert presented a workshop to develop a  
City's Plan on the City of Prince Rupert Website



Everybody gets to play

October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Prince Rupert declares itself a Child Friendly Community



Making Prince Rupert  
friendly for kids

Prince Rupert is now officially a child friendly city



Prince Rupert  
A Child Friendly Community

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## PROGRAMS

- **BURSARY**  
To assist ECE students with Early Childhood Education
  - **LEADERSHIP**  
A program that builds the E capacity and community pr
  - **LET'S TALK ABOUT T**  
A sexual abuse prevention
- CONFERENCE**  
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