

**WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE FROM FEBRUARY TO JUNE**  
**LOCATION: CAPILANO MALL, 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR, ROOM 203**  
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**TITLE:** Ukulele fun

**DATE & TIME:** Thursday, February 23, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

**PRESENTER:** Graham Walker

**BIO:** Graham Walker is a children's musician, with many years of teaching kids and adults the joy of making simple music together.

**WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION:** This workshop is designed to quickly give 'non-musical' teachers the ability to learn and play ukuleles, and use them in their classes. We will learn some easy chords, how to play a scale, and practice singing simple kid's songs together. We'll also learn how to keep time and play a regular strum pattern and play 'in time' with the beat. Using coloured stickers on the use, and colours matched on the song sheets, it's just a matter of a little practice, and you'll soon be having lots of fun.

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**TITLE:** How starting small can change our communities!

**DATE & TIME:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

**PRESENTER:** Sarah McCarthy

**BIO:** Sarah McCarthy has a Bachelor of Science in Education and Training, a Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Montessori (0-12 years) and a certificate for Children with Special needs. Sarah has been in the educational field for over 15 years. She has taught in Reggio preschools, Play-based centers, Montessori schools, and was an Early Childhood Coordinator and Instructor for Sprott Shaw College.

**WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION:** As Early Childhood Educators we need to remember that we need to connect with communities and give back. Humanity starts small; children are loving, caring and extremely empathetic. Communities are hurting and I think centers need to connect more to them. Children need exposure to the realities that surround them. They also need to learn to connect and be kind. The aim of my workshop is to facilitate a discussion on the importance of starting small and creating community in the classroom and connecting outside of the center.

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**Objectives:**

- Understand that community begins in the classroom
- Explore ways to connect to our communities
- Discuss the benefits of intergenerational activities
- Integrate social justice in the early childhood education
- Investigate what 'democracy' looks like in a classroom

**TITLE:** Building Relationships and Parent Engagement

**DATE & TIME:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

**PRESENTER:** Kim Pender

**BIO:** Kim has been working in the Child Care field for over 29 years. She has worked with infants, toddlers, children who require extra supports and teenagers who are pregnant and/or parenting. She has her Early Childhood Education Diploma and is currently working in Child Care as an Early Years Manager in Vancouver.

**WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION:** In this interactive workshop we will explore the benefits of building relationships with the families we work with. We will develop strategies on how to engage families to strengthen our dialogues and foster the relationships. A tip sheet will be provided with some ideas for supporting ongoing family involvement.

**TITLE:** Tall Tales and Silly Songs

**DATE & TIME:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

**PRESENTER:** Sonia Garrett

**BIO:** SONIA GARRETT has lived and worked on four continents, Europe, Australia, Africa and North America. Throughout her travels she has worked with young children and expended her collection of stories. Sonia has a BA (Hons) in English and Drama from the University of East Anglia, Norwich, England; a Post Graduate Certificate of Education from Goldsmith's College, University of London; an International Diploma in Montessori Pedagogy from the Montessori Centre International, London, England and an ECE from Douglas College, Vancouver. She now lives in North Vancouver and teaches in the Pre-school and Kindergarten program at North Star Montessori. She is a published poet, an executive member of the North Shore Writers Association and a member of the Vancouver Society of Storytellers.

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**WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION:** TALL TALES AND SILLY SONGS is a fun, participatory workshop. We will explore the 'how, what, why and when' of incorporating stories and songs into our work. Sonia will share from her experience as an oral storyteller and ECE professional, and encourage participants to do the same. The aim is that each person will complete the workshop with some new ideas to enliven and reinvigorate circle times, book corners, outdoor activities and other parts of our work life.

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**TITLE:** Meeting Your Difficult Emotions With Understanding  
Using The Work of Byron Katie

**DATE & TIME:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

**PRESENTER:** Tania Fierro

**BIO:** **Tania Fierro, MA** is the founding partner at the Innerland Institute. She is a speaker, counselor, coach, facilitator, management consultant, trainer, Olympic athlete and transformation specialist; she offers clients a deeply compassionate, razor sharp awareness to get to the crux of any situation. Together she travels through our most fearful and painful beliefs allowing for profound transformation and clear course of action. There is no situation, emotion or thought that Inquiry can't hold and she invites us not to believe her and to try it for ourselves. Tania is a Certified Counselor by the American Philosophical Practitioners Association, a Certified Facilitator and trainer for The Work of Byron Katie, and serves as the Director for the Worldwide Institute for the Work of Byron Katie. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in philosophy and ethics and has 20 years of experience supporting individuals within organizations in questioning and undoing the repetitive, stressful patterns that cause suffering in their lives.

**WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION:** Difficult emotions are alarm clocks that ask for attention in order to identify what are the beliefs, assumptions and perceptions we have about ourselves and others. Is the problem your emotions or your beliefs about them? Do you tell stories about what they mean to you and about you? The Work is Inquiry: Four questions and turnarounds that can access a deeper truth at the other side of our difficult emotions.

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**TITLE:** Understanding wave 6 of the EDI: from knowledge to practice

**DATE & TIME:** Thursday, May 25, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

**PRESENTER:** Kerry Watts

**BIO:** Kerry Watts is the EDI Community Trainer for the North Shore. She is the Coordinator of the Connect for Kids (Early Years) Table and the First Years Count: Community Action Program for Children (CAPC). She holds an Honours Degree in Sociology and Women's Studies from UBC and a Masters degree in Sociological Research from the University of Manchester. Kerry has worked with children and families for over 15 years and is happily raising her 3 children on Bowen Island.

**ABOUT EDI:** The Early Development Instrument (EDI) EDI is a questionnaire that is used province-wide and administered by the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at UBC. It was developed by researchers at the Offord Centre for Child Studies to measure patterns and trends in child development in populations of children. Completed by kindergarten teachers for children in their classes, the questionnaire measures five core areas of early child development that are known to be good predictors of adult health, education and social outcomes. **Early childhood coalitions, early child development workers, and school representatives** use EDI data to inform their work with children and young families by identifying strengths and needs within their communities. Using EDI data also allows local groups to better advocate for changes to policies and funding.

**WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION:** In this workshop, participants will learn more about the Early Development Instrument (EDI) and how it is used in BC. Now on Wave 6, the EDI provides a snapshot into how BC's children are doing in 5 key areas of child development. Together, we will explore provincial trends and have a chance to work hands-on with local neighbourhood reports. We will look at the strengths and needs of the communities we work and live in, and examine what changes have occurred since the EDI was first introduced in 2001. Importantly, the workshop will go beyond looking at the numbers to explore how Early Learning professionals can apply EDI data in their everyday work with children.

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**TITLE:** Inquiry Based Curriculum and B.C. Early Learning Frame Work

**DATE & TIME:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

**PRESENTER:** Antje Bitterberg and Violet Jessen

**BIO:** Antje Bitterberg - Antje has worked in the field of Early Childhood Care and Education since 2002, both as an infant/toddler educator and as a supervisor. Looking for ways to renew her practice she enrolled in British Columbia's first BA program in ECCE at Capilano University in 2009. After graduating she moved abroad to complete an International MA in ECCE in Norway, Ireland, and Malta. Her recent topics of interests include connections between theory and practice, communities of practice as a place for renewal and professional development, and international ECCE.

**BIO:** Violet Jessen - An early childhood educator since 1996, Violet began teaching at Capilano in 2002. Violet has a strong commitment to professional development and community work. She is a member of the Early Childhood Educators of BC (1995) and served as Director of Conference on the Provincial board for two years and Member-At-Large for one year. She remains involved with the North Shore branch having worked in various executive positions. Violet is one of 19 guides in BC for the ethics training workshop modules "Best Choices: The Ethical Journey" (a project of the Canadian Child Care Federation and ECEBC).

Violet is currently the Vice President on the Board of Directors of the North Shore Community Resources Society, a facilitator of the NSCR Mother Goose Program and workshop presenter of curriculum-based topics. She is one of the founding committee members of the North Shore Early Childhood Conference "To Learn, To Wonder" (established in 2002) and continues to be actively involved with this local North Shore professional development event. Violet lives in West Vancouver with her husband and three children.

**WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION:** This is a hands on workshop involving a variety of materials, in order to provide aesthetic and thoughtfully planned provocations for children. We will also bring examples of student work to illustrate movements, qualities and possibilities of material. We will be using in part the B.C. early learning framework to help support our thinking in co-creating and collaborating with children.