

## ***Schedule***

**Friday, October 18th**

**6:00 – 9:00 pm**

6:00 pm :: Registration

Light supper

Networking

7:00 pm :: Workshop:

*Mi'kmaw Traditional Teachings*

**Saturday, October 19th**

**8:30 am – 4:00 pm**

8:30 am :: Registration

Morning refreshments

9:00 am :: Welcome

9:30 am :: Concurrent morning sessions

12:00 pm :: Lunch

1:15 pm :: Concurrent afternoon sessions

3:45 pm :: Wrap-up

*(Schedule and sessions subject to change)*

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Payment must accompany registration for spots to be held.



# **2019 Kingstec Early Learning Conference**

**October 18th & 19th, 2019**

7 PD Hours

***Creative Approaches  
in Early Childhood***

**NSCC Kingstec, Kentville**

**\$150**

*Registration and payment due  
by: October 4th*

**Featured Presenter:**

**Diane  
Kashin**

## Friday Evening Session

(Spaces limited!)

### Mi'kmaw Traditional Teachings | Carolyn Landry

This workshop will focus on story telling by oral traditions. Participants will learn the meaning of co-existence and about treaty education and Mi'kmaw history.

## Saturday Morning Sessions

### Loose Parts Buffet | Diane Kashin

The theory of loose parts was coined by Simon Nicholson many years ago and has had a significant impact on learning through play. Join us in developing an understanding of the origins and significance of loose parts and how they support thinking, learning and overall development. Our path of discovery will engage us in wondrous joy, resulting in a deeper level of appreciation for these open-ended materials we call loose parts. The array of loose parts that will be provided to you buffet style will leave you inspired and ready to weave these amazing open-ended materials into your program.

### Scribbling, Mark Making and the Role of the Facilitator | Justin West

Have you wondered why children are not picking up a pencil? Not sure what role to play in the early stages of drawing with children? This workshop will highlight different ways you can foster drawing in your classroom, have conversations with children, and at the same time explore a variety of materials, even when a pencil or marker are not handy.

### Art Journaling | Kirby Schrader (Spaces limited)

In this workshop we will use process art techniques and mixed media craft supplies to make a small completed visual journal. Art journaling is a great way to use creativity as a therapeutic outlet. Collage, painting, mark-making and more are great tools for all ages.

### The Art of Cooking with Kids | Elaine Duarte Horne (Spaces limited)

The team of dietitians at Dairy Farmers of Canada are back with their ever-popular, hands-on nutrition workshop! This session promises to be a fun-filled, educational morning. Learn about best feeding practices, how to use cooking to promote childhood development, and best of all get to cook and sample yummy recipes.

## Saturday Afternoon Sessions

### Experiencing Loose Parts and Documenting the Experience | Diane Kashin

In this interactive session, participants will have the opportunity to select from an array of loose parts to experience first-hand materials that support children as creators rather than consumers. This session will demonstrate the theory of loose parts as they will be combined, transported and transformed into works of transient art that emphasize process but allows for digital documentation of product. With the addition of other materials, participants will have the opportunity to represent and reflect on the experience by creating documentation that tell the story. We will spend time analyzing the documentation to consider how it can become pedagogical.

### Community as the Curriculum | Justin West

The community can play huge role in developing a strong program and in building a sense of place for children, if you invite it in. In this workshop Justin will share examples of how welcoming and including families and neighbors into his classroom enhanced his curriculum and helped create a strong sense of place for children. During this workshop, participants will explore how their community and surroundings can strengthen their programs. A short walk around the College will help illustrate how easy it is to uncover the gifts that surround you if you pause to use the eyes of a child.

### Art With Infants | Annette Comeau

Art experiences can enrich the lives of all children. Art for infants is sometimes limited due to the fact that these types of activities can be very messy. In addition infants tend to learn by putting things in their mouths which limits the kinds of art media they can use and this tends to limit the type of art experiences offered to infants. There are, however, many useful strategies to overcome some of these issues. Infants can benefit from varied and complex experiences including interacting with fine art images and working with wire. Come discover the possibilities of art with infants.

### Let's (not) Get Messy! | Kelly Holleman

In this workshop we will do creative hands on sensory activities that can engage our busy little folks. These activities will be full of sensory materials like paint...but less messy! Participants will get ideas for sensory hands on activities, learn a little about ADHD/ADD and an awareness of Learning disabilities, and connect creative play to literature.

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**Featured Presenter: Diane Kashin** Diane is a registered early childhood educator in Ontario and has taught early childhood education at both the degree and the diploma level for the past 30 years. Diane's doctoral thesis on emergent curriculum was published in 2009 and she has co-written three ECE textbooks including *Outdoor and Nature Play in Early Childhood Education* (2019). Diane is the past president of the Association for Early Childhood Educators of Ontario and the current chair of the York Region Nature Collaborative. Diane's areas of interest include forest and nature schools, risky play, loose parts, Reggio inspired practice, outdoor play and emergent curriculum. Diane writes a blog to support professional learning in early childhood education: <http://tecbiresearch.wordpress.com> and loves to engage in continuous professional learning face to face and through social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter. Diane presents workshops and keynote addresses in Ontario, across Canada and internationally.