



CHILDREN THE HEART OF THE MATTER CONFERENCE - **CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS**

ROOTED IN NATURE: EXPLORING OUTDOOR PLAY AND OUR CONNECTION TO THE LAND

This year the conference committee is seeking proposals that address the value and importance of outdoor play. We hope to inspire conversations and action on the benefits of getting children and ourselves outdoors. The committee is looking for sessions that support early learning across all domains and how our connections to the land and nature foster well-being.

We are thrilled to share our keynote speaker for this year's conference is Dr. Mariana Brussoni, founding member of Outdoor Play Canada and lead researcher of the Outside Play UBC Lab.

Consideration will be given to those presenters whose proposals reflect diversity, inclusive practice, and support the BC Early Learning Framework. All topics must relate to the early care and learning field.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

A \$200.00 honorarium per workshop session is provided to the lead presenter. Morning refreshments, lunch and access to the sessions in the theatre on Friday and Saturday are included. The conference committee is not able to cover costs for travel, accommodation, meals, or out-of-pocket expenses such as postage and long-distance telephone charges.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Workshops are held only on Saturday, January 31, 2026.
- Workshops will be held in person.
- Workshop sessions must be 2 hours in length.
- Workshops must be designed for early care and learning professionals.
- Workshops must include strategies or ideas to help delegates share their learning once they return to their centres.

SUBMITTING YOUR PROPOSAL

To submit your workshop proposal please go to childcareoptions.ca and complete the application form. All applicants will receive an email by June 27, 2025.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

May 23, 2025

For more information email: childcareoptions@options.bc.ca