

## Hot dotting Chart – updated

### Promotion

Suggestions/Goals	Response	Who	Comments
<p>Providing a Screen play of “Nature Play” movie</p>	<p>This would be a fantastic idea and great opportunity for the network</p>	<p>Who would like to bring back more information about cost?</p>	<p><b>Jennifer from Nature School and Education centre will be forwarding more information regarding the screening and content</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Suggestion was also provided to look into more Canadian resources with an authentic lens of Canadians and Indigenous backgrounds as the screening is American based</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Debra will be sending forwarding information regarding Canadian-based alternative shot in Vancouver</b></p>
<p>Having a Facebook Page/Twitter</p>	<p>ECCDC currently has a Facebook and Twitter page where many things are shared pertaining to upcoming events, networks, helpful resources, quotes and planning and research documents.</p>		<p><b>Although ECCDC’s Facebook is it’s own entity, participants are welcomed to create their own Facebook private page and invite other folks to join as they will receive their permission to</b></p>

	<p>If individuals from the network would like to create their own private Facebook or Twitter account/page related to Nature play-based learning or Outdoor experiences, this is something that be shared with the network, but not related to.</p> <p>ECCDC would also welcome any resources, links, activities and/or quotes that the participants of the Nature Network would like to share to post on our Facebook page.</p> <p>Please feel free to get in touch with Patricia Couroux <a href="mailto:pcouroux@eccdc.org">pcouroux@eccdc.org</a> or Natalie Lane <a href="mailto:nlane@eccdc.org">nlane@eccdc.org</a> for sharing.</p>		<p><b>share emails amongst each other.</b></p>
<p>Creating a blog for posting and sharing</p>	<p>ECCDC houses the “Play in Nature Forum” section of our website which invites educators to post comments and share ideas through the forum.</p> <p>The name can be changed to “Play in Nature blog” for clarity</p>	<p>Would anyone here have ideas for starting us off?</p>	<p><b>Shannon would like to take the lead on posting to the Nature forum.</b></p> <p><b>Suggestions provided to change the name of the Nature Forum to “Nature Collaboration” and advertising via ECCDC webpage and Facebook to make it known to participants.</b></p> <p><b>It was also suggested that more research could be done to allow for sharing of what others post</b></p>

			<p>on their agency wall/blog/website. Possible repost on ECCDC's website from that individual or sharing with Network.</p>
<p>Having more user/friendly options on ECCDC's website</p>	<p>The ECCDC would welcome any suggestions and feedback moving forward regarding the website. <b>Could we have specifics of what would be helpful moving forward?</b></p>		<p>The network participants would find it helpful to indicate that the Nature Network and other networks are "full" and removing the ability to register rather than taking it off the database completely so that it still advertises that it takes place, but highlights that there are no more spaces.</p> <p>Suggestion made to have all nature-related topics come up when using the search engine on ECCDC's website.</p>
<p>Drop-in play at community parks</p>	<p>The ECCDC would be happy to support with this idea.</p>	<p>Are there any ideas in mind? Did anyone have any thoughts on what they would like to see?</p>	
<p>Creating a contact list of members</p>	<p>We can certainly send out an email list with the permission of participants. If you wish to be on the list available to all, please sign the form that is being passed around.</p>		
<p>Having information tables at Nature related events</p>	<p>ECCDC will typically provide an information table or highlight resources and the network at Nature related and inspired workshops.</p>	<p>Did anyone have any upcoming Nature related events in mind or an event they are attending that they would like to share with the group?</p>	<p><b>Suggestion of creating a bookmark or pamphlet related to the purpose of the network and encouraging attendance</b></p>

	<p>WE can certainly support network participants in manning a table at Nature related events by lending materials for set-up ex: table and by providing handouts and network information that can be provided at the table.</p>		<p><b>within the Early Learning community.</b></p> <p><b>It was also suggested that there could be sharing of documentation and photos from different centres whose staff are participants of the network and would like to share their ideas to raise awareness.</b></p>
<p>Creating a vision for the Nature Alliance network</p>	<p>The ECCDC can assist with a variety of interactive activities and strategies to help the network establish a vision.</p>		<p><b>The Network participants would like the focus of the Nature network in 2019 to be fore the brainstorming of a Vision. With this, previous connections with members to share ideas would be helpful in gathering information. Possibly an exercise for the process.</b></p>
<p>Director to spearhead the network</p>	<p>The networks are designed to be informal sessions to brainstorm topics, network and share ideas. We welcome the eagerness to plan and contribute and we would welcome participants to provide suggestions for the agenda when sent out in advance and also welcome participants to consider contributing by facilitating as well.</p> <p>The idea of the networks are to have participants join at any time without needing any prior</p>	<p>Is there any interest in facilitating a section of the agenda?</p>	<p><b>Network participants would very much like to see the draft agenda prior to the network and provide suggestions for any additions.</b></p> <p><b>The idea of network participants offering to facilitate a portion of the meeting was also well accepted, but no offers have been made as of yet.</b></p>

	knowledge or have attended previous meetings.		
<b>Hosting Network meetings at a variety of venues</b>	<b>This is something that is always encouraged are participants of the network are welcomed to provide suggestions for locations or host at their own site, space permitted.</b>	<b>Is anyone interested in hosting the next network at their centre/location?</b>	<b>Here are the following suggestions provided for future locations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- St. John's</li> <li>- Wood End</li> <li>- Balls Falls</li> </ul>
<b>The centre who hosts the network would predetermine the agenda</b>	<b>Although the agenda items are determined through the previous networks happenings and developed through ECCDC, anyone is welcome to provide suggestions for agenda items.</b>	<b>Does anyone have any resources they have come across lately they would like to be discussed at the next Nature Alliance?</b>  <b>How about a presenter in mind to provide the Network with more information?</b>	<b>Participants would love to provide their own touch to the network by suggesting ideas and additions to the agenda.</b>
<b>Brainstorming the audience for the Nature Alliance Network and how to advertise</b>	<b>The network target audience is Early Learning Professionals. Anyone in the Early Learning field is welcome to join the network and contribute. The network is advertised in Esteem, all platforms of social media, in library, during program support and QCCN visits as well as through ECCDC's website where individuals can submit inquiries.</b>	<b>Are there participants that have early learning professionals they would like to invite?</b>	<b>Possible connections with the AECEO board for potential audiences.</b>

## Professional Development

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<p><b>Opportunities for Early Learning Professionals to attend Nature “training”</b></p>	<p>Over the last year, ECCDC has offered the following sessions related to Nature based learning and Nature inspired sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nature Education Creative Experiences</li> <li>- Creating outdoor learning programs</li> <li>- SEESAW Indoor and Outdoor Gardening</li> <li>- Rusty Keeler</li> <li>- Juliet Roberson</li> </ul> <p>Upcoming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-</li> </ul> <p>If you are attending a training that is not hosted by the ECCDC, please feel free to share the information and an invitation with the network.</p> <p>If you have a request for training, please feel free to share with Patricia and/or Natalie so that we can pass along the request.</p>		<p>Network Participants highlighted some ideas for upcoming opportunities for nature “training” sessions such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hosting Forest School First Aid</li> <li>- Bringing in Forest School Canada</li> <li>- Creating links to Aboriginal Community and possible presentation</li> <li>- Six Nations and Friendship centre</li> </ul>
<p><b>Forest School First aid available</b></p>	<p>ECCDC has provided First Aid and CPR when needed through Esteem.</p>	<p>Does anyone have any further information regarding specific First aid and CPR training related to Forest School?</p>	<p>Roxanne will be sending information regarding Forest School First aid available.</p>

<p><b>Grant Writing to fund ideas through the Nature Alliance Network</b></p>	<p><b>ECCDC would be happy to support participants in their grant writing.</b></p>	<p><b>Has anyone come across any grants that can be submitted?</b></p>	<p><b>Network participants highlighted a few important items they would like to further explore with the grant writing including the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trillium foundation</li> <li>- Caisse Populaire</li> <li>- Compiling a larger list of possible grants or researching a list of grants available</li> <li>- Research and support with how to write a grant</li> <li>- Researching Funding agencies list</li> </ul>
<p><b>Having a Collaborate and Create session outdoors with natural materials</b></p>	<p><b>This information has been passed along to our library team who will be considering this as a possible session moving forward.</b></p>	<p><b>Does anyone have any suggestions of what that may look like or what they would like to see?</b></p>	<p><b>Invited participants to forward any ideas they may have to us in order to share with our library team.</b></p>
<p><b>Providing a “Connecting Families with nature” workshop – families can tour a naturalized play space and mess about.</b></p>	<p><b>This would be a great topic for discussion for an upcoming session. This information has been passed along.</b></p>		<p><b>Here are some ideas the network participants highlighted as far as possibilities for connecting families with nature:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Creating outdoor passports that families can stamp each time they do an activity in nature</li> <li>- Providing families with the opportunity to do an</li> </ul>

			<p>activity at a workshop with and without their children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advertising the attendance of open houses like the one Nature School and Education centre hosted</li> <li>- Connect with city parks for connecting families to outdoor spaces</li> </ul>
“Messy Math” session	<p>Messy Maths philosophies were incorporated in Juliett Roberston’s session held at Balls Falls in August and the Messy Maths planning and research document is available for borrowing through the ECCDC. A survey has also been sent out to participants with request of interest to attend a Messy Maths session.</p>		<p><b>Participants were very interested in attending the Messy Maths session if/when it is available and would love to have a kit for borrowing that supports the session and philosophies.</b></p>
Incorporating musical elements with the Nature Network ex: drumming	<p>ECCDC has hosted presenters/performers such as Mark Chindemi at a cost and would welcome other suggestions at no cost/low cost</p>	<p>Are there any performers that come to mind?</p>	
Story Walk	<p>Anyone can borrow story walks through Niagara Falls Public Library and some have been led in different locations of the region. The library would welcome any ideas as well.</p>		<p><b>Brenda highlighted the possibility of connecting with the Niagara Conservation Authority.</b></p>

<p>More information related to child led vs structured teaching, studying animal tracks, safe risk/risk assessment and the benefits of risky play</p>	<p>Every network is a time for sharing. Resources, kits and/or planning and research documents are highlighted at each network and helpful documents are shared based on agenda items.</p>		<p><b>The Network participants would like to dig deeper for further information regarding the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Conservation authority research on animal tracks</b></li> <li>- <b>Botany</b></li> <li>- <b>Guides for animal tracks</b></li> <li>- <b>Loan Pine Press</b></li> <li>- <b>Mini Valley – a guide to birds, bugs and slugs</b></li> </ul>
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## Resources

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<p>Sharing ideas, opportunities, activities, articles and other resources related to Nature</p>	<p>Every network is a time for sharing. Resources, kits and/or planning and research documents are highlighted at each network and helpful documents are shared based on agenda items.</p>		<p><b>The Network participants highlighted that it would be beneficial to send out the agenda weeks in advance so that folks have an opportunity to share as well as reserve more time for round table discussions.</b></p>
<p>Bringing more round table updates</p>	<p>ECCDC staff can certainly share experiences that have been shared with us through program visits, but ultimately the network participants also have to bring back pieces they would like to share.</p>	<p>Does anyone have a round table update that comes to mind?</p>	

<p>Donations of loose parts and gaining access to large loose parts</p>	<p>After the launch of our loose parts swap shop, we are currently trying to build the repertoire of materials that can be swapped and welcome any donations that centres may have of loose parts to the network for us to bring back.</p> <p>Ginette often sources large items and loose parts for sessions that she offers and would be happy to share her sources for anyone that is looking.</p>	<p>Has anyone come across and good places for sources items such as tubing, spools, logs, tree trunks, etc?</p>	<p><b>Ideas for potential donations of loose parts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>High schools woodworking class scraps</b></li> <li>- <b>Hardware stores</b></li> <li>- <b>Fabric land</b></li> </ul>
<p>Community partners that can be booked or contacted to offer presentations</p>	<p>In the past we have contacted Heartland Forest, Brock University, Links for Greener Learning and here at the Nature and Education Centre. We continue to make connections with individuals as well and welcome any suggestions.</p>		
<p>Create a seed library</p>	<p>Although a seed library could not be housed at the ECCDC, we welcome participants to share seeds when attending the network</p>	<p>Is there anyone that would like to provide more information and get started with this project?</p>	<p><b>Rosalind Blauer Centre for Child Care have hosted a seed library previously and are happy to share their insight on how to do so through the network</b></p> <p><b>A seed library in Grimsby exists as well.</b></p> <p><b>Other ideas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Creating a Seed Saturday event</b></li> </ul>

			- <b>Links for Greener Learning connections</b>
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