

Friday, November 11

8:30-9:00am REGISTRATION and BREAKFAST

9:00-9:30am FORUM LAUNCH

9:30-10:15am KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Birgit Teichmann

Birgit is highly regarded amongst international school ground designers as one of the very best. She has designed over 70 school sites in Berlin and the surrounding region that stand as examples of what school grounds can become when they fulfill their potential. She is a strong collaborator who brings together an array of artists, trades, technicians and students to create a unique setting for every school ground she works on. Her keynote will bring her work to life in images and break down her approach to making ecological, educational and communal spaces for children.

10:15-10:30am Q&A with Birgit

10:30-12:15pm EVERGREEN'S PARTICIPATORY DESIGN PROCESS with Evergreen Consultants

Discover the value of Evergreen's participatory design process by experiencing unique and replicable techniques used by Evergreen consultants nationally.

12:15-1:15pm LUNCH

CHOOSE BETWEEN:

1:20-2:05pm

SURFACING with Birgit Teichmann

Drawing on a wealth of examples from her work on daycares, elementary and high schools in Berlin, Birgit will share her thinking on the importance of colour, texture, and variety in surfacing. She will cover both soft and hard surfacing and share some of the palette of materials that she favours.

OR

MAKING YOUR MARK: ART IN THE SHOULDER SEASON with Hilary Inwood

What can you do with eco-art learners when it's too cold to draw or paint outside? This hands-on workshop explores the use of the guerrilla art technique of stenciling to integrate activist artworks into built and natural environments. Gain an introduction to the works of professional eco-artists, as well as create a stencil yourself!

2:05-2:15pm

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CHOOSE BETWEEN:

2:15-3:00pm

TOPOGRAPHY with Adam Bienenstock

Adam has logged a lot of hours on the Bobcat shaping parks and daycare spaces all over North America and beyond. He'll share his approach and methods for giving the ground shape for play and learning while meeting the critical needs of the site for managing water, sustaining plantings and maintaining optimal circulation. He will highlight his use of a diverse palette of materials and creative surfacing solutions for all types of conditions.

OR

MOSAICS with Ferruccio Sardella and Heidi Campbell

"A beautifully prepared environment, where deliberate thought has gone into everything from the garden paths to the plates on the tables communicates to children that we care about them" - Alice Waters

Artist Ferruccio Sardella and Landscape Designer Heidi Campbell will introduce you to the power of mosaics and storytelling through a hands-on session where you will design and build colourful expressions out of a palette of found objects and natural materials to be installed in the Outdoor Kitchen in the Chimney Court Children's Garden next spring.

3:00-3:15pm

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CHOOSE BETWEEN:

3:15-4:00pm

WATER CHALLENGES IN WINTER with Kim Allerton

Looking for solutions to mitigate treacherous icy patches on your site during the cold months? And, what about those muddy areas that become dust bowls in the warmer months? Veteran Landscape Architect Kim Allerton will share her impressive knowledge and approach to creatively and practically managing water in all forms and all seasons on your school ground.

OR

SEASON EXTENSION with Jane Hayes

Garden Jane has two green thumbs! Jane will share some of her wealth of knowledge on designing, maintaining and educating in school gardens. She brings a strong background in food literacy and permaculture and many seasons in a variety of children's gardens.

4:00-4:10pm

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CHOOSE BETWEEN:

4:10-4:55pm

ECOLITERACY ON THE SCHOOL GROUND with Kyle Horner

Being a travelling educator requires versatility, adaptability and creativity. In this session, Kyle will share some approaches, exploration techniques and outdoor games that help kids of all ages engage with nature in settings from the schoolyard to the forest. Gain some insight into forging a connection with the world around you, and learn ways to adapt natural learning to your institution or audience. Come prepared to get a little dirty, and leave your grown-up inhibitions at home!

OR

LOOSE PARTS PLAY IN CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTS with Lee Earl

Lee is a knowledgeable naturalist, wildcrafter and scavenger. She has played a key role in both formal and informal children's programming at Evergreen Brick Works and will share some of her approach and her palate of materials while reflecting on the child's experience of an environment rich in loose parts.

5:00-6:00pm

WINE and NETWORKING

Saturday, November 12

8:30-9:00am	COFFEE AND BREAKFAST
9:00-9:15am	REFLECTING AND LOOKING AHEAD: Cam Collyer
9:15-10:00am	A WORLD OF NATURAL PLAYSCAPES: Rusty Keeler The natural playscape movement is happening! With help from our local communities we can bring the wonder of nature to children and create beautiful environments for discovery and play. This keynote talk will encourage participants to think about outdoor spaces in a new way, and inspire us to dream new possibilities for our children. We will look at creative play spaces from around the world as examples and talk about how to bring trees, grass, sand, water, hills, mud, gardens, sound elements, pathways, living willow huts (all the good stuff) to children.
10:00-10:15am	Q&A with Rusty
10:25-11:25am	EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PANEL facilitated by Heidi Campbell Three professionals in the field of Early Childhood Education will share experiences and answer questions in this panel session. Featuring: Sally Kotsopoulos, Program Coordinator, Early Childhood Education, Humber College Marlene Power-Johnston, Founder and Coordinator, Carp Ridge Forest Pre-School Santee Waite, Teacher, Equinox Holistic School, Toronto District School Board
10:25-11:35am	BREAK
11:35-12:35pm	HANDS-ON IN CHIMNEY COURT with Rusty Keeler and Santee Waite
12:35-1:35pm	LUNCH
1:35-4:30pm	DESIGN JAM facilitated by Birgit Teichmann and Evergreen consultants
4:30-5:00pm	CLOSING
5:00-6:00pm	CLOSING RECEPTION