
We are thrilled to gather with you and more than 800 leaders and activists from 22 nations in Vancouver, B.C., during Canada’s 150th anniversary year. We hope the next three days provide you with inspiration, actionable tools and valuable connections to ensure that all children and families can experience the many benefits of nature in their everyday lives.

While you’re here, we hope you also have a chance to explore all that Vancouver has to offer. Thanks for the work you do to connect children, families and communities to nature.

Sincerely,

Sarah Milligan-Toffler
Executive Director
Children & Nature Network

Rick Bates
Executive Vice President & CEO
Canadian Wildlife Federation

We wish to acknowledge that the 2017 Children & Nature Network International Conference takes place on the ancestral, traditional and unceded indigenous territories of the Coast Salish Peoples, in particular, the Squamish, Musqueam and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.
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Health-Promoting, Nature-Based, Urban Design Policy: Living Playgrounds, Community School Grounds, and Playful Pathways Networks  
**TRACK 3: DRIVING CHANGE** — How young, diverse leaders are reconnecting children to nature and creating community change  
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**TRACK 4: STRENGTHENING FAMILIES** — Building closer bonds through quality time together in nature  
Strengthening Bonds: Understanding Family Dynamics, Habits and Bonding in Nature Play  
**TRACK 5: OUTSIDE: NETWORKING BREAK** |
| 11:00 | **SESSIONS**  
The Health Benefits of Nature: An Evidence-Based Medical Review of the Literature  
Connecting Nature to the Walking Movement: Policies and Programs to Expand Your Reach  
The Inspire Initiative: Empowering Colorado Youth to Develop Strategies for Strengthening Their Connections to Nature  
Across the Ages: Addressing Age-Appropriate Engagement in Family Nature Clubs  
Get Out, Play, and Thrive:  
**TRACK 6: LIGHTING THE SPARK** — Environmental History as the Spark: Advancing a Conservation Ethic Across the Spectrum  
Using Experiential Education to Advance a Conservation Ethic Across the Spectrum  
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| 12:00 | **LUNCH**  
Rusty Keeler Book Signing  
Early Childhood Resource Hub (Open House)  
**TRACK 10: DIGGING DEEP** — Education in all communities  
Strategies for advancing environmental stewardship and nature movement worldwide  
Collaborations to fuel the children and nature movement worldwide  
**TRACK 11: CONNECTING COMMUNITIES** — Exploring inclusive networks and healing justice and equity  
Amplifying Voices on the Children and Nature Movement to Connect Communities: Exploring Inclusive Networks  
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| 3:00  | **SESSIONS**  
Mixed Method Evaluations for the Real World  
Changing the Paradigm: Connecting the Health and Environmental Sectors to Help our Children Thrive  
Growth of the Natural Leaders Network: Fresh Tracks and the Regional Legacy Camp  
Migration and Me: Through the Telling of Migration Stories the Connection is Made Between Migratory Creatures, Humankind, and Earth Care  
Success Field: In Across the Ages  
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| 4:30  | **SESSIONS**  
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| 5:00  | **KEYNOTE ADDRESS** — Richard Louv, author and co-founder, Children & Nature Network  
Richard Louv Book Signing  
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