



# Bioneering a New Normal:

## The Art of Embracing Your Outdoor Classroom & Schoolyard as a Teaching Space

**Outdoor areas can play a key role in expanding the educational space available at your school.**

With decades of experience in teaching children outdoors, our Outdoor Education team offers professional development courses for educators who wish to expand their knowledge of teaching in urban and rural outdoor settings.

- Courses available for K-8 Teachers
- Cross-curricular lesson examples and inspiration
- On-the-Ground training session in your outdoor classroom and/or schoolyard
- Flexible Booking Times – Course times: 60 minutes (flexible)
- A professional development opportunity that comes to you, customized to your space
- Extensions and Activities for: New Canadians, Enrichment Programs & Special Needs
- Conquer Your Fears: How to accommodate for weather, insects, and the unpredictable.



Learning about the world around us starts right outside the school door! Cross-curricular lessons can be as simple as: tapping your own trees to make maple syrup, removing invasive species, schoolyard clean-ups, natural world data collection, and creating an outdoor orchestra or art gallery. Lesson plans, outdoor logistics, resources, and tips for integrating open air learning with the classroom program will be explored. This presentation is for educators who want hands-on outdoor program ideas, and suggestions for making outdoor learning more accessible.

**Course Fee:** \$200 per session plus \$0.40/km mileage

**For more information visit our website**

<https://essexregionconservation.ca/>

**To book a session for your teaching staff,**

contact ERCA's Education Team at:

[education@erca.org](mailto:education@erca.org) or 519-738-2029.

**Bonus! For inspiration, take the opportunity to see our Outdoor Educators in action** – book an outdoor education program for your students on the same date as your teacher training for a discounted rate of \$150! See our curriculum based program guide for details.

