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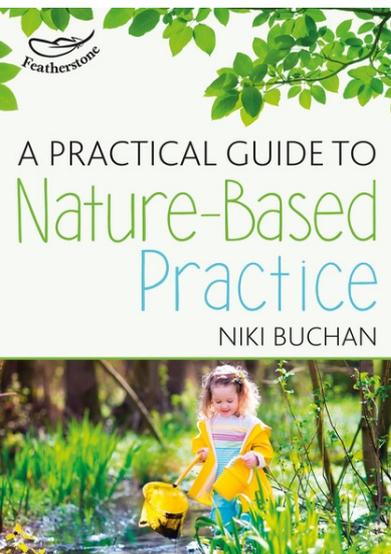


NIKKI BUCHAN

Niki Buchan is an International Educational Consultant with Natural Learning Early Childhood Consultancy. She has a biomedical background, is originally from South Africa, lived in Scotland for many years and has been calling Australia home since 2011. She has a great love for the outdoors and has been working with both adults and young children in very consultative, naturalistic and sensorial environments both indoors and outdoors for more than 35 years.

She works internationally as a conference keynote speaker, nature pedagogue, nature kindergarten facilitator, naturalistic playground advisor, international study visit facilitator, mentor, author as well as delivering a large range of professional learning opportunities on all aspects of early child care.

Niki is a strong advocate for children's right to a high quality childhood, including having regular access to nature and having their voices heard. She is considered a leading voice in promoting Nature-based pedagogy and is the author of "Children in Wild Nature" for Australia and "A Practical Approach to Nature- Based Practice" for the UK. Her new books on bringing adventure back into children's play and STEM are due to be published in 2018. She is an adventurer, risk taker, keen photographer, is seldom seen without a camera in her hand and is usually surrounded by children!



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TOM HOBSON

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"AKA" TEACHER TOM

Tom is a preschool teacher, blogger, artist, and author.

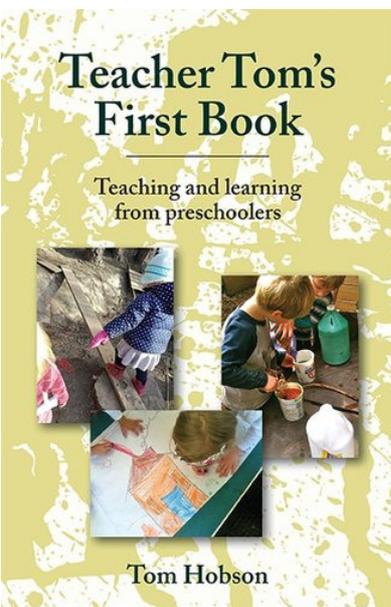
For the past 10 years, he's worked for the Woodland Park Cooperative preschools, teaching two to five year olds in Seattle, Washington where he lives with his wife and daughter.

His award-winning blog, "Teacher Tom," has earned him an international following as a leading proponent of a progressive, play-based curriculum and the cooperative model of early childhood education, as well as a fierce advocate for public policies that support the whole child and the teaching of democratic values to even our youngest citizens.

His blog, like his classroom, is a place of exploration of the physical, social, political, emotional, and even spiritual world. It's a place of experimentation, where the adults learn every bit as much as the children.

Tom is the author of **A Parent's Guide To Seattle**, a regular speaker on early childhood education, a board member of the Fremont Arts Council, and a founding member of the Superhuggers performance art ensemble.

Books Written By Tom
A Parent's Guide To Seattle



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T O M S H E A

Imaginator, developer, learning enabler, encourager, in the New World of Fafunia, International Play Iceland and beautiful Child Led Centres.

The development of the brains of young children to give them a passion to discover, not be taught, and for us big people to allow them to learn, not teach, is my passion and intent. To provide resources of quality and in a fair and equitable way- that are open ended and offer children the widest choice is the activity.

To embrace and encourage many others and to live a happy and reasonable life is the desire.

International Play Iceland – An event just 5 years old that has exploded in popularity attracting attendee's worldwide. The team organise week long trips for large groups of people (as many as possible) in order to spread our message and keep the movement growing. We focus our tours to play based settings and schools in hope of gaining more knowledge and experience in that area from seeing how other settings approach that style of learning. These tours have been proven to be some of the most influential and enlightening times of many of our participants careers, it is a chance to open up to new ideas and in some cases a reminder that you are on the right track and are doing a good job!

Tom's children's day nursery Child First are certainly nurseries with a growing difference and live alongside the best of childcare and development -with over 150 people working in them and most understanding their role.

Fafunia is growing and exciting - Stunning dressing up clothes with an amazing difference - designed in free thinking Iceland - made by Fair Traders in Nepal - out of Organic Natural Materials. And we can now sell them economically - but fairly...

"The New Factory" a place to experiment and grow - with space for anything and everything - making dynamic and strong resources for children and adults from tiny toys to huge construction - doing whole rooms and buildings- making stools and boxes - recycling and up cycling - and making music - and much

www.internationalplayiceland.com

www.thenewfactory.co.uk

www.fafunia.com

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"Children
cannot bounce
off the walls if
we take away
the walls"

Erin Kenny



Erin Kenny

Erin K. Kenny is internationally recognized as a leader in the Forest Kindergarten movement and has been developing programs to connect children with nature for over two decades. Erin has a Bachelors degree in Environmental Education and a Graduate degree in Environmental Law.

In 2001, Erin founded Camp Terra, an all outdoor free flow nature immersion program where she began to develop the CedarSong Way, distinguished by its commitment to free flow child-led nature time, child-inspired emergent curriculum, and inquiry-based teaching. In 2006, Erin created CedarSong Preschool and has spent the last ten years developing the program into a gold standard model, known now as CedarSong Forest Kindergarten.

Erin's pioneering work is featured in national media such as PEOPLE magazine, Sierra Club magazine, American Forests magazine and Salon.com, as well as on national and international news programs such as ABC News Nightline, UK-Daybreak and NPR.

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