



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS (REVELSTOKE) SOCIETY
WITH SUPPORT FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT #19 & COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST
IS PLEASED TO PRESENT:

The Skill-ionaire in every Child: Boosting children's socio-emotional skills using the latest in brain research

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 16 & 17
WHERE: THE HILLCREST HOTEL, REVELSTOKE, BC

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

In this workshop, participants will discover innovative ways of understanding cutting edge brain research and their application to transformative interactions with young people. With these new perspectives, participants will learn to use powerful conversational methods that can mobilize internal motivation, sense of competency, unique problem solving skills and improve behaviors. More specifically, we will discuss how adults can enhance children's socio-emotional skills and develop young people's potential for compassion, empathy, self-reflection and agency. Since a very compassionate person, for example, is unlikely to engage in bullying, this method creates a context where a variety of problems are unlikely to develop or cannot continue to exist.

The material presented will be illustrated by transcripts of individual conversations, interesting exercises, creative metaphors, and videos of clinical work. The concrete step by step maps and conversational tools presented can be used in a variety of roles and relationships with young people including individual therapies, families, groups or classrooms. While most of the examples in the workshop will pertain to conversations with young people, these ideas can also be used with adults.

The one day "Finding a Skillionaire in Every Person " workshop will be divided in two sessions, an evening talk and a morning presentation.

Evening Workshop: September 16th evening workshop, 6:30 - 9:30PM:

In the evening session, Marie-Nathalie will discuss new conversational tools based in neurosciences which can assist therapists, educators and parents in fostering skill development in young people¹. A particular emphasis will be placed on the process of boosting social and emotional skills such as empathy, anger management, sense of identity, thoughtfulness, and problem solving. A helpful and concrete conversational map will be described with numerous examples and transcripts. Entertaining videotapes illustrating the application of this map with groups and classrooms will be shown along with creative exercises to facilitate with young people.

Morning Workshop: September 17th morning workshop, 9:00AM – 12:00PM:

The second session will examine key transformative factors discovered in neurosciences and their significance in therapeutic conversations. Important aspects of the brain will be summarized in accessible language, using humorous videotapes and demonstrations. The implications of these discoveries for the language and scaffolding of therapeutic work will be examined along with emerging clinical practices.

Marie-Nathalie Beaudoin, Ph.D. is the director and founder of Skills for Kids, Parents, and Schools (SKIPS) which offers a variety of counseling services to children, parents, educators, and therapists of the San Francisco Bay Area. Marie-Nathalie also maintains a private consulting practice where she enjoys working directly, or through Skype, with professionals, individuals or families wishing to untangle themselves from a variety of struggles. She values respectful, creative, and collaborative conversations.

¹ Although most of the examples will pertain to working with children, the map and practices described in this session are also very helpful with adults.

PRESENTER BIO

Marie-Nathalie has published numerous professional articles and books, including the popular SKILL-ionaire in Every Child: Boosting Children's Socio-Emotional Skills Using the Latest in Brain Research which is written for parents, teachers, and therapists, and translated in French and Spanish (see www.skillionaire.org for a sample of the book). She has also published a number of acclaimed books for educators such as: Boosting ALL children's social and emotional brain power: Life transforming activities and Responding to the culture of bullying and disrespect: New perspectives on collaboration, compassion and responsibility. Her work has been featured in a number of magazines such as Educational Leadership, Teaching Tolerance, The California Educator, and Family Therapy. She was also filmed in several Alexander Street Press videos including Narrative therapy & neurobiology: Making changes stick in every day lives, and From Bullies to Buddies: From problem management to the development of crucial social skills in all children (see www.emicrotraining.com). With a background in improvisational theater, Marie-Nathalie is an acclaimed international speaker with frequent engagements in Canada, Europe, and South America, where she is renowned for her entertaining and thought provoking presentations. She has won several awards in the past including the best professor award at John F. Kennedy University (JFKU), and more recently the Shine a Light Narrative Research Fund.

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SKILL-IONAIRE WORKSHOP

Registration Form

PAYABLE TO: Community Connections (Revelstoke) Society

Please complete this form and return it with payment to:

Community Connections
Attention: Karley Trauzzi
Box 2880
314 Second Street East
Revelstoke, BC
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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

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***One Day: \$50.00**

***Both Days: \$75.00**

Amount Included: **Cash or Cheque**

*** Note: Registration Deadline is September 11, 2015 ***