

POLICY SYMPOSIUM

Experiences of Reggio Emilia:	Implications for Policy and Practice in Early Childhood Education and Care in British Columbia
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This symposium was hosted by the Institute for Early Childhood Education and Research (IECER) UBC, the School of Child and Youth Care (SCYC) the University of Victoria, and the School Leadership Centre (SLC) at UBC. The Symposium was held April 4th, 2006, 8:30 am 3:30 pm, at the UBC Botanical Gardens. The purpose of the symposium was to engage local leaders in the ECE community in a discussion about the findings of a policy working group who recently returned from a leadership study tour to the world renowned pre-primary schools of Reggio Emilia.

In February of 2006, a policy working group made up of representatives from the BC Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Children and Families, the University of British Columbia, the Human Early Learning Project (HELP), the University of Victoria, and the British Columbia Aboriginal Child Care Society participated in a study tour of the world-renowned pre-primary schools of Reggio Emilia in Italy. The working group was chaired by Dr. Veronica Pacini-Ketchabaw of the University of Victoria. The symposium will begin with their findings, and invite response from participants to explore the implications of the Reggio Emilia schools for BC early childhood education policy.

To view the working paper:
Early Education in British Columbia:
Engaging in Dialogue with Reggio Emilias Early Childhood Project

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<http://slc.educ.ubc.ca/Downloads/ReggioApril42006/Reggio%20Emilia%20paper%20the%20REALLY%20FINAL.doc>