

Weaving Professional Education into our Practice

# INSPIRATION DAYS

## Listening to Babies' Voices

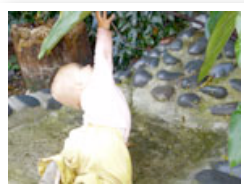
**Robyn Lawrence (ELP)**

**Keynote: Born listening...developing literacy partnerships between teachers and the young babies in our care.**

**Lorraine Sands (ELP)**

**Rosters and routines: Are they imprisoning teachers and constraining infants'and toddlers' drive to curiously explore their world?**

Have rosters turned early learning settings into the "dreary desert sand of dead habit"? (R.Tagore, Where the mind is without fear)



So, what would happen if we burnt the rosters? Would life come to a crashing halt? Or would this be the catalyst for learning and teaching to come alive as teachers and children follow a rhythm geared to the individual yet responsive to social engagement.... Where a community of learners and teachers work together on projects that interest them.... Amazingly it might mean that teachers are not stuck inside, outside, or knee deep in nappy schedules but are energised to follow learning where ever it goes. This is a call for advocacy for infant and toddler rights, inspired by the Principles of Te Whāriki.

**Tracy Gallagher Felicity Norton (Pen Green)**

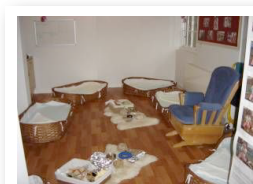
**Conversations with Pen Green**

Pen Green's Baby and Toddler Nest is a high quality care and education setting for children aged 12 months to 3 years. The space is set up as an open plan workshop environment, enabling children to access the resources they require freely. This encourages the children to move around independently making their own choices and decisions about their play and learning experiences. The provision of sleep baskets allows the children the opportunity to take a rest or have a sleep, according to their own natural sleep rhythm.

Tracy Gallagher is the Deputy Head of Centre at Pen Green, in Corby, UK. She is currently leading the Baby and Toddler Nest at the Pen Green Family and Children's Centre. Felicity Norton is currently a Principal Researcher at the Pen Green Research Base and has previously worked in a variety of early childhood settings in a range of roles in the UK.

**Date:**  
**Time:**  
**Venue:**

**20 February 2010**  
**9am to 3pm**  
Quality Inn West End,  
465 Great North Road, Grey Lynn, Auckland



### Inspiration Day Auckland, 20 February 2010

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