

Weaving Professional Education into our Practice

# INSPIRATION DAYS

## A Focus on Babies & Toddlers

### **Born Listening: Developing literacy partnerships between teachers and the young babies in our care.**

Nature versus nurture? This workshop looks closely at the possibilities teachers have to see babies as linguistic experts deeply engaged in literacy practices from birth and before. We will consider the ability they have to decode systems and symbols and engage with joy and playfulness. Robyn will explore the ways in which attentive adults support babies to build their literacy practices long before they put pen to paper.

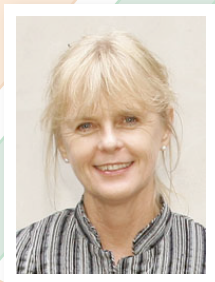


**Robyn Lawrence**

### **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.



**Lorraine Sands**

**Date:** 13 February 2010  
**Registration:** 9.30am onwards  
**Workshops:** 10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm (workshops will be repeated)  
**Location:** Wellington  
**Venue:** Brentwood Hotel, 16 Kemp Street, Kilbirnie, Wellington



### **Inspiration Day, Wellington, 13 February 2010**

**Attendee/s:**

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**Centre/school**

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**Contact email address** (Confirmation will be emailed):

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**Centre/school postal address:**

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**Cost:** ELP members: \$108.00, Non-members \$120.00 (GST incl. payable on registration). Lunch provided.

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