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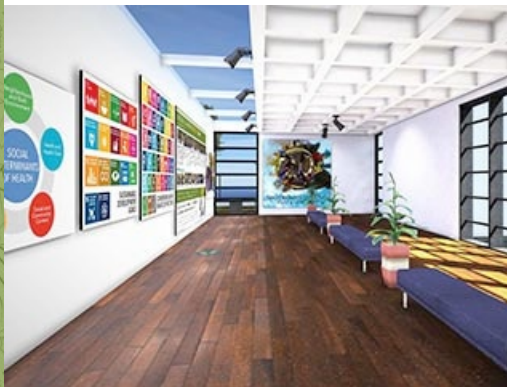
Creating environments for healthy human development  
and a healthy biosphere for generations to come.

Check out the NLI Website!



### 20th Anniversary Design Institute "By The Numbers"

The 20th Anniversary Design Institute was held on March 25-26, 2021. The speakers joined us from around the globe: Canada, Brazil, Germany, Japan, and the US. Over 190 people registered for the institute, representing 22 US states and 9 countries. By going virtual, the participants saved 41.4 metric tons of greenhouse gases by eliminating travel. That is equivalent to 'charging 5,279,834 smartphones' or '7 homes' electricity use for one year'. Grateful thanks to all the speakers and participants.

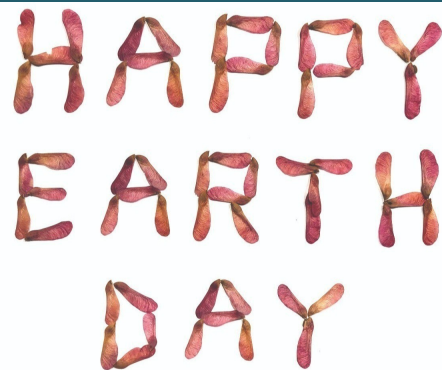


### ArtSteps Exhibition

Explore NLI's mission, team, and impact using ArtSteps, our virtual exhibition. This immersive virtual tour displays NLI's strategic design and research approach, as well as the evolution of key programs such as Preventing Obesity by Design. An overview of professional development courses and project outcomes demonstrate NLI's collective impact across regional, national, and international scales.

### Robin Moore, NLI Director, is honored by NC State University and the U.S. Play Coalition

Robin is a recipient of the 2020-2021 Alexander Quarles Holladay Medal for Excellence, the highest academic honor bestowed by the NC State Board of Trustees for outstanding and sustained contributions in research, teaching, extension and engagement. He also received the 2021 Joe L. Frost Award for Distinguished Research, given annually by the U.S. Play Coalition in recognition of exceptional research that has enhanced and expanded the study of play.



### Celebrating Earth Day!

Earth Day is on April 22nd. It is a great opportunity to pause and enjoy nature as we ponder new ways to take care of our planet. Create a space to socialize outdoors or find new and inventive ways to upcycle items. [04. Gathering Settings](#) and [42. Loose Parts Settings](#) are two new InfoSheets to help get you started.

### Natural Learning at Home® April

This publication includes simple seasonal recipes, activities, and facts that can be used in both childcare centers and at home. These fun resources are a great way to celebrate the spring season!



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