

Natural Learning Initiative NEWSLETTER

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

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Nature play and learning every day!

NLI Welcomes Dr. Soolyeon Cho as Interim Director

Dr. Soolyeon Cho, College of Design Associate Dean of Research, Doctoral Programs and Global Engagement is the Interim Director of the Natural Learning Initiative replacing Dr. Deepthi Adlakha who is leaving NC State University to assume a research position at another university. We wish her well in the new endeavor.

Working closely with NLI cofounders Professor Robin Moore and Associate Research Professor Nilda Cosco, PhD, NLI Director of Programs, Dr. Cho will help guide NLI's continuing, innovative engagement with diverse communities and professionals. [NLI team](#)



Greenspring Montessori

Greenspring Montessori School (GMS), with five decades of growth serving the greater Baltimore region, decided it was time to assess the value their outdoor environment and create a schematic design to guide future development. NLI was appointed to execute this task in collaboration with other consultants. Steps included... [learn more](#)

Nilda Cosco to Deliver a Webinar on Play and Learning Outdoor Spaces

Join NLI's Nilda Cosco as she delivers a webinar on how design thinking and participatory design processes ensure outdoor play and learning environments address the needs of children of all ages... [learn more](#)

LIVE WEBINAR

A Developmental Perspective for Designing Play and Learning Outdoor Spaces

March 29, 2023
2:00 - 3:15 p.m. EST



Nilda Cosco, PhD
Research Associate Professor,
Director of Programs
Natural Learning Initiative, College
of Design / NC State University



Register: education.playcore.com
Registration Code: NETWORK



Early Childhood Outdoor Learning Environments Certificate Course

The spring certificate course registration is now open. This online self-paced course lasts from April 3 - June 6 and offers 2.4 continuing education credits (CEUs). This course is targeted towards early childhood professionals and others interested in improving early childhood OLEs. [learn more](#)

Gardening With Young Children Course

The spring course registration will open next week. This online, self-paced course lasts from May 1 – June 4 and offers 1 continuing education credit (CEU). This new course will provide knowledge, tools, and resources for providers and associated professionals to develop and program fruit and vegetable gardens for young children. [learn more](#)



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