

In Memory of Cathleen Smith

In 1997 the Cathleen Smith ECE Award was created in honour of Cathleen Smith, a former employee of Douglas College in the Early Childhood Education Program. She was hired in 1974 and became the coordinator of the ECE Program at Douglas College. Cathleen pioneered and developed ECE courses at the college, and was a significant player in bringing awareness of the Reggio Emilia approach to Canada. She retired in 1994 and moved to Whitehorse where she continued to advocate for children and families and promote high quality early childhood programs. What many will remember most will be the day to day contact with this person who was larger than life. Cathleen was warm, kind, challenging, passionate and creative. Cathleen Smith was a fierce advocate for children and for marginalized people.

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