



# WORLD FORUM IN ACTION

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## Get Out!

Looking to do something to improve the health of young children? Educators in early childhood and beyond, from all over the globe, are invited to make a commitment to take the children in their care outdoors for extended periods of time — perhaps for two days, a week of half days, or stretch to a full two weeks outdoors.

If this challenge is for you, please email your commitment to Ron Blatz of the Manitoba Nature Action Collaborative for Children (Canada) at [rblatz@discoverycc.com](mailto:rblatz@discoverycc.com).

Do what works for you, and begin what will surely be an incredible experience for both you and your students.

Some helpful hints:

- Try starting your day outside, the moment your program opens.
- Inform and prepare your parents for any significant shift in program focus.
- Children love eating outside, napping outside, and even playing in the rain.
- Give your teaching partners a bit of time to get their heads around the idea.
- Start small and build on success.
- Document (in writing and with pictures) your experiences and share with parents and fellow colleagues.
- Even infants and toddlers thrive outside. They really can do it!
- You don't need to over plan. A few activities can go a long way, outdoors.
- Show the children you, too, are having fun!!



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## World Forum Site Visit

World Forum planners visited San Juan, Puerto Rico in June to prepare for World Forum 2014. As part of this site visit, there were meetings with the PR Host Committee, government representatives, media, potential funders and advocates for young children representing civic organizations, educational institutions, and early childhood programs. Tours of the hotel and meetings with staff included discussions of how the gathering will look and feel. Tours of old San Juan and El Yunque, the rain forest in the Luquillo Mountains, and visits with children and staff of early childhood programs built knowledge about our context. Read more on Bonnie's blog:

[www.WorldForumFoundation.org/bonnie](http://www.WorldForumFoundation.org/bonnie)



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