

# **Mohan Nadarajah**

**Founder & CEO at PlayLab Inc.**

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This start-up really starts them up! PlayLab's CEO delivers educational workshops that nurture young innovators to develop essential skills

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With more than a decade of experience with successful new businesses, Mohan provides strategic leadership as CEO of PlayLab. With strong connections throughout the academic community and passion for education and relevant skill development in children, Mohan has assembled a team of experts to design a curriculum that will prepare today's youth for tomorrow's challenges. Prior to his work with PlayLab, Mohan was a founder and president of TVI and CMR 101.3FM. He mentored and supported more than 20 start-ups at the Xerox Centre for Engineering Entrepreneurship & Innovation at McMaster University in his role as an Enterprise Development Manager. Mohan has also provided direction and guidance for numerous start-up organizations in his role as the Senior Commercialization Manager at the University of Toronto's Innovations Group. Mohan holds an M.B.A. for Science and Technology from Queen's University, Kingston; and a Hons. B.A.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Management Science from the University of Waterloo, Waterloo. Among his numerous volunteer experiences, Mohan has been a member of the board of Ryerson University Faculty of Electrical Engineering, and served as a board member of two additional companies as well as a board member of Holistic Kriya Yoga Sang, a charitable organization.

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Keynote, Moderator, Panelist, Workshop, Host/MC, Corporate Training

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Education/Learning, IT Services/Consulting, Management Consulting, VC and Private Equity

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Start-Ups, Entrepreneurship, Business Planning, Business Modeling

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## **The Lost Art of Building Things**

Early childhood is when children develop into the types of learners that they will be and build the life skills that will affect their life-long social, emotional, cognitive and physical development. Working with our hands and fixing broken things are skills not often taught in today's schools. Take part in activities designed to engage children through practical hands-on activities. Through successful creation and accomplishment, children gain confidence.

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## **Moderator: The Lost Art of Building Things**

Art, Science & the Brain: New Models of Learning for the 21st Century

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## **University of Waterloo**

Hons. B.A.Sc. Mechanical Engineering, Management Science

## **Queen's University**

M.B.A. Science and Technology

## **Stanford University**

Design Thinking Workshop

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**Founder & CEO – PlayLab Inc.**

PlayLab is an educational enrichment program for children with fun, play, and teamwork at its core. Workshops are designed by educators to develop 21st Century Skills, such as creativity, problem solving, innovative thinking, communication and leadership. Through the application of core learning (concepts from science, arts, social studies, math and literacy) children piece together information from a variety of disciplines and work with their peers to solve real world problems.

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