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22-24 November 2019
at the head office of Nienhuis
Montessori in **Zelhem,**
The Netherlands

8th European Nienhuis Montessori Retreat

Montessori education seeks to provide children with environments ideally suited to each stage of development; this allows them to respond to the inner call of specific 'sensitivities' and gives them the freedom to act in accordance with their innate human tendencies.

Thus, if education is viewed as a method to fulfil the optimum potential of the child in every facet of his emerging personality, this 'prepared environment' provides a secure and permanent foundation on which to base education. The prepared environment is different for each developmental stage but guided by the same principles. It is the prepared environment and the role of the adult in this environment that distinguishes Montessori from other educational approaches.

These special environments enable children to perform various tasks which induce thinking about relationships. The logical, sequential nature of the environment provides orderly structures which guide discovery: theorems are discovered, not presented; spelling rules are derived through recognition of patterns, not merely memorised. Every aspect of the curriculum involves creative invention and careful, thoughtful analysis. In viewing learning outcomes at each Montessori level, it must be emphasised that why and how children arrive at what they know is just as important as what they know.

Friday 22 November

15:00	Registration starts	Nienhuis staff
16:50	Welcome and opening	Chris
17:00	The Essence of the Prepared Environment for 0-3 Identifying the main aspects of the 0-3 year olds that must be supported by the Prepared Environment.	Patricia
17:30	The Essence of the Prepared Environment in the Children's House – Identifying the main aspect of the 3-6 year olds that must be supported by the Prepared Environment.	Madlena
18:00	The Essence of the Dual Environment for the Elementary Identifying the main aspect of the 6-12 year olds that must be supported by the Prepared Environment.	Jenny
18:30	Work of Many Hands Building Diverse and Collaborative Social Organizations.	Jenny
19:00	Dinner & drinks	

Saturday 23 November

9:00	How to set environments for 0-3 Home Environment. Toddler Community environment.	Patricia
10:30	Break	
11:15	The Aesthetics of the Montessori classroom – A closer look at how our classrooms can become aesthetic and attractive, yet functional to facilitate learning for a large group of children.	Madlena
12:15	Lunch	
13:30	Stimulating Big Work in the Elementary – Setting up the environment to encourage children to do big work and self-initiated projects – and how to keep them under control.	Jenny
14:30	Montessori Football – preparing an environment for sports according to Montessori principles.	Ruben
15:30	Spontaneous workshops by the lecturers – time to ask questions - time to shop – time to connect – time to relax	All
18:00	Dinner & drinks	

Sunday 24 November

9:00	How Prepared is Prepared? What we should prepare for independence.	Patricia
9:45	Analysis of a classroom Strategies for setting up a 3-6 classroom.	Madlena
10:30	Break	
10:45	Strategies for presentations and record keeping Useful techniques for the practical implementation of Montessori pedagogy in the Elementary.	Madlena Jenny
11:30	Work of the Hands - Building Supernature	Jenny
12:15	The Evolving Social Self - Head and Hand Working Together Lead to Social Responsibility	Jenny
13:00	End	

Please note that the program is only a guideline for the weekend. Together with our team of lecturers we would like to remain flexible and able to make changes. We consider this one of the strengths of the Retreat format.



Patricia Wallner

Patricia Wallner has been working in Montessori since 1970. She took her AMI 3-6 diploma in Washington D.C. and the 0-3 diploma in Houston, Texas with Dr. Silvana Montanaro. For 17 years she worked in a bilingual Infant Community in Amsterdam, The Netherlands where she lives.

In 1995 she began the Training of Trainers program supported by the Association Montessori Internationale and during her training earned a Master's degree in Education. She has trained students and lectured in Europe, Asia and the U.S.A. Her goal is to promote Montessori, especially for the 0-3 age group in Europe.



Speaker

Madlena Ulrich

Madlena Ulrich spent her childhood in Germany and attended a Montessori Elementary school there. She moved to Norway as an adolescent and later obtained a Bachelor's degree as a preschool teacher and is about to finish a Master's degree in pedagogy at the university College of Vestfold, Norway. She took her original AMI 3-6 training at Mount St. Mary's Montessori College in Dublin, Ireland.

Since 1995 she has worked in the classroom and has been involved in the development of Montessori in Norway by giving lectures and serving as Vice President on the board for the national association NMF. In 2008 she started on her Training of Trainers, spending two years with Molly O'Shaughnessy in Minnesota and a Summer course with Ulla Wikefeldt in Sweden. She is currently part of the AMI faculty in China and trains and lectures in Norway as well as in many other countries.



Speaker

Jenny Marie Höglund

Jenny Marie holds AMI diplomas for the ages 3-6 and 6-12. She has mainly worked with the 6-12 and 12-18 (adolescents). She also holds a M.Ed. and she is an established AMI Elementary trainer.

Jenny Marie was one of the founders of the Montessori School "Lära för Livet" in Varberg, Sweden in 1995, teaching children from 1 till 16 years of age. She founded and runs the first and so far the only Swedish Montessori Farm School. Jenny Marie has taught elementary and adolescent students for over twenty-three years.

She has been serving as head of school since 2006. She has also lectured at the International Centre for Montessori Studies Foundation-Bergamo (CISM), in Italy since 2006.

A black and white photograph of a man with short hair, wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored shirt. He is holding a microphone to his mouth and speaking. A small white card is attached to the microphone.

Speaker

Ruben Jongkind

Since 2006 Ruben Jongkind has been coaching footballers and athletes including elite 800 meters athlete Bram Som, In 2008 he started working at the academy of Dutch Football Club AFC Ajax and worked closely with Johan Cruyff and Wim Jonk to write Plan Cruyff, a revolutionary plan to reform Ajax. Ruben was introduced to the Montessori philosophy through the son of Lynne Lawrence (Executive Director AMI) who he coached at the Ajax Academy. Between 2011 and 2016, in the capacity of Head of Talent Development he started implementing Montessori principles into the structure and training environment of the academy, with great results: In 2017 Ajax was the youngest team to ever reach a European final and in 2019 Ajax beat Juventus and Real Madrid only to be eliminated in the semi-final of the Champions League with a team with many homegrown players. After leaving Ajax together with Cruyff and Jonk he decided to dedicate himself to the improvement of education through the power of football. Together with Patrick Oudejans he founded Montessori Football which is now running in Montessori schools in China, Mexico and Australia.

Practical information on the Nienhuis Montessori Retreat

Language

The main language which will be used during this weekend will be English. We would like you to organise your own translator if you need any.

Costs

The costs for this Montessori Retreat will be €75 per person. Except for breakfast all meals and drinks are included (2 x dinner & 1 x lunch). The maximum number of participants is 120. We reserve the right to set a limit on the number of persons per school to 8, when the total number of participants tends to exceed 120. We hope you understand that we would like to let as many schools possible benefit from this beautiful weekend.

Special Offer

Special Offer during this weekend Nienhuis Montessori offers you a 29% discount on all orders. Please feel free to benefit from this generous offer! Please send in your orders in advance by email to m.hereijgers@heutink.com, so that we can already make the necessary preparations.

Travel

Our address is Nienhuis Montessori, Industriepark 14, 7021 BL Zelhem. Zelhem is located in the eastern part of the Netherlands near the German border. There are different ways to reach us:

By plane and (rental) car from Germany

Follow the highway A3 from Oberhausen to Arnhem. Just when you crossed the border you need to take exit number 30 with direction Doetinchem. Turn left at the end of the exit. Take highway A18 with direction Doetinchem. Leave the highway at the exit which shows 'Zelhem'. Follow the signs 'Zelhem'.

Nienhuis Montessori is located at the Industrial Area named 'Het Blek'. When you have reached a roundabout you take the first exit. Turn left at the 2nd road on the left. This is Industriepark and our company (a white building) is located at your right hands side, no. 14.

By plane/train from Amsterdam

You can easily plan your journey from Amsterdam to Zelhem by using www.9292.nl. This is the national public transport website which is used in the Netherlands.

Make sure that you arrange your own transport from your accommodation to Nienhuis and back.

Accommodation

In order to find a place to stay you can use the familiar websites to find hotels like www.booking.com or www.trivago.com. Another possibility is to stay at an affordable rate at a bed & breakfast nearby our company. You can use www.bedandbreakfast.nl to find a b&b nearby our company.

Registration

You can register by using the following link: <http://retreat.nienhuis.nl/>

After your registration we will contact you for more detailed information about the participants so that we will be able to prepare your badge for the event.

The last date to register for this Montessori Retreat is 31 October 2019.



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