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2018 EsF Assembly

6th EsF Assembly
4 - 18 August 2018
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Stellenbosch South Africa

Strengthening Communities for a Sustainable Future





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“Who are you? What do you need?”



“Waken in our spirit a sense of gratitude.”



“Our children are our greatest treasure. They are our future. Those who abuse them tear at the fabric of our society and weaken our nation -
Mandela”





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Today's Programme

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9:30	Andre Shearer and Alain Tschudin
11:00	Morning Tea
11:30	Reading Session
1:00	Lunch
2.15	Working Groups (Tea available from 3:00 onwards)
3.30	Bukelwa Selema and Naledi Mabeba
4.30	Group Meeting
5.15	Yoga
7.00	Dinner

Capturing the Assembly

- Summaries
- Pearls
- Photos
- Interviews
- Reading Group - INSIGHT and a QUESTION
- Quotes



2018 Assembly Social Media

Twitter account: @AMI_EsF #EsF18

Facebook: @MontessoriESF

Website www.montessori-esf.org

Photographs & Videos to Dropbox OR
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Workshops

TUESDAY 7TH

- Non Violent Communication - Introductory Workshop -Room 3
- Digital Storytelling (Hall)
- Work of AMI and UNESCO - Room 2
- Designing Programmes for Parents 0-3
- First Steps in Raising Funds to support initiatives

THURSDAY 9TH

- Non Violent Communication - Empathy
- Healing Centred Education - Deepening Our Understanding
- Healthy Environments for Elders
- Mother Tongue based Multilingual Education
- How to Approach Foundations





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ESF 2016, Hyderabad: Working Group Essential Principles and Core Values

10 August 2016

Foundational Principles

The foundational principles of human development must be kept in mind while supporting *Educateur sans Frontières* (EsF) work:

1. Be mindful of the Human Tendencies that exist throughout life

Human Tendencies exist throughout life. Through the full exercise of these tendencies, human potential can be fully realized.

- Orientation
- Exploration
- Work/Manipulation/
Movement
- Concentration
- Orientation
- Communication/Belonging
- Order
- Perfection/Exactness
- Abstraction
- Imagination
- Repetition
- Control of Self
- Creation of Symbol

Resource: Mario Montessori, “The Human Tendencies and Montessori Education”

2. Be mindful of the Fundamental Needs of all cultures and societies

Material needs (food, shelter, clothing, etc.)
Spiritual needs (art, religions, education, etc.)

Resource: Mario Montessori, “Cosmic Education”

3. Be mindful of the Planes of Development

As Montessorians we know the characteristics and needs of the human being in all the planes of development. So the composition of the group we are working with (0 -6, 6-12, 12-18, 18-24, adults and the later years of life in the case of the elderly) should guide how we approach the work.

Educateurs: A plan for how to interact with “The Other”

Personal Preparation

1. The Key Idea - An individual who wishes to carry out the work of EsF should have personal attributes of inner and outer awareness, determination, integrity and joyfulness. They should also be prepared to work on developing the skills of listening and observation, being non-judgmental and creative.
2. Training and Workshops
 - Training can be programmed in honing and improving the stated attributes and skills.
 - The following Training and Workshops can be organized in this regard
 - Workshop on role-modeling
 - Mindfulness training
 - Mentors for the Educateurs as role models
 - Peace studies with focus on the Montessori philosophy.
 - Observations: observations can be setup as a part of the EsF training. Observations should be done keeping Montessori philosophy and principles in mind. Educateurs can also be given opportunity to work along with other EsF projects of their choice. This gives the new Educateurs an opportunity for observation and formulating ideas. They will also be mentored by previous EsF Educateurs.
 - Appropriate readings and resources to support their learning
 - Understanding boundaries between the Educateur and “The Other”
 - Techniques for self-reflection and self- regulation
 - Creating a network of Educateurs

2018 EsF Assembly SDG Statement

Educateurs sans Frontières (EsF), a division of the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI)*, is a network of Montessori practitioners, working with communities, governments and other partners to advance human development from the prenatal stage to early childhood care and education, continuing through to elementary, adolescence, adulthood and the elderly.

EsF promotes education as an “aid to life”, working to strengthen a culture of peace and global citizenship. We firmly believe in education that promotes resilience and adaptability in each and all in a rapidly changing, interdependent world. EsF aims to accomplish this through outreach, capacity building, and advocacy in communities, including indigenous peoples and other vulnerable populations, such as those affected by poverty, displacement, and discrimination, through equitable, inclusive, quality education that respects and celebrates diversity of cultures and languages. We promote the development of life skills and sustainable living for individuals, families and communities, while recognizing the interconnectedness of socio-ecological systems.

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2018 EsF Assembly SDG Statement

Education guides intentions and informs actions required to support and achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals, which are by nature interrelated. We recognize the foundational role of education in reaching these goals by empowering individuals and communities through whole-person lifelong learning “for the full realization of their rights and capabilities” (Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development).

Educateurs sans Frontières, supports the UN Sustainable Development Goals in their entirety, particularly Goal Four, with respect to equitable, inclusive, quality, universal and free education. We commit to contributing to the achievement of the goals of Education 2030.

* AMI is associated with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations and in partnership with UNESCO.



2018 EsF Assembly Goals/Working Groups

- Capture Proceedings
- Working Group 1: Guide to Engaging Communities
- Working Group 2: Communications and Message Branding
- Working Group 3: Building Partnerships

- EsF Statement on Sustainability

- SIGN UP SHEETS ON THE DOOR:
- MEETING: SATURDAY 11TH & MONDAY 13TH





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- Digital Storytelling - Gareth Hubbard
- Work of AMI and UNESCO - Victoria Barrès
- Designing Programmes for Parents 0-3 - Merry Hadden & Judi Orion
- First Steps in Raising Funds to support initiatives - Kathleen Guinan and Jeannan Peterson



Tomorrow's Programme

9:30	Eve Annecke - Building Community
11:00	Morning Tea
11:30	Reading Session (New groups)
1:00	Lunch
2.15	Offers and Requests (Tea available from 3:00 onwards)
3.30	Anne Kelly - May You Live Every Day Of Your Life
4.30	Group Meeting - Reflections/Pearls
5.15	Working Groups get together
7.00	Dinner

“My humanity is bound up in yours for we can only be human together.”

Desmond Tutu

“Ubuntu - A person is a person with other people.”





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