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4th Assembly of Educateurs sans Frontières

2-16 August 2015 | Khon Kaen, Thailand

Participant Bulletin 2



Dear Participant,

With only six weeks to go, we are eagerly anticipating the Fourth Assembly of Educateurs sans Frontières. Thank you for joining us at Hotel Inpawa in Khon Kaen, Thailand. We hope that you are looking forward to meeting friends, colleagues and members of the Montessori community across the world!

We now have participants and speakers from 22 different nationalities. While most places have been filled, registration is still open. If you might know someone else who wants to join us in Thailand, please tell them to register as soon as possible to ensure participation in the Assembly.

In this second bulletin, we provide you with some further information to help you to plan and prepare for our time together. We kindly ask you to send in a short bio, to be made into a booklet 'Who's Who', introducing all participants, speakers and staff. Please also send in your travel details.

We have added two texts for pre-reading that will help set the context for the Assembly. You will also read about one of the speakers, Anne Kelly, and find some further practical information. To conclude with, there have been some changes in the programme. The updated programme can be found in this bulletin as well.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.

Warm regards,
Organising Committee
AMI Educateurs sans Frontières

PRE-READING

We have added two new reading suggestions, with more to follow soon. We hope you will have some time prior to our gathering to take inspiration from these readings.

- [Declaration of the Rights of the Child](#), United Nations General Assembly Resolution 1386(XIV), 20 November 1959
- [United Nations Proposal for Sustainable Development Goals](#): the Open Working Group Proposal for Sustainable Development Goals for the United Nations Development Agenda beyond 2015. The 2015 Millennium Goals are also included.

Other Pre-readings

1. [Preface to the booklet 'Educateurs sans Frontières by Renilde Montessori](#)
2. ['Educateurs sans Frontières as by Renilde Montessori, Builders of Peace' published in Communications 2012-1/2](#)

Recommended Books

- *Education and Peace* by Maria Montessori.

The book can be ordered from the [North American Montessori Teachers Association](#) or [Montessori Pierson Publishing Company](#).

- *Educateurs sans Frontières* by Renilde Montessori

The booklet can be ordered from [Nienhuis Montessori](#).

PRACTICAL MATTERS

WHO'S WHO

A booklet with a photo and write-up on all those attending the Assembly will be created to provide information on the participants, speakers and staff. See the [Who's Who](#) of the 2011 Assembly in Dallas for some inspiration. Please send a bio of approximately 150 words and a picture of good quality to info@amiesf.org, before **June 29**, 2015.

IMMUNISATIONS

We recommend that you consult with your General Practitioner or Practice Nurse about recommended vaccinations and antimalarial tablets. Ideally, this should be done about 6 weeks in advance of travel.

TRAVEL

If you have not already done so, please share your Khon Kaen arrival and departure times with us as soon as you book your tickets so that we can reserve a seat for you on the airport-hotel transfer shuttle. Send your travel details to info@amiesf.org

WHO'S WHO

Speaker: **Anne Kelly**

Anne Kelly, a Montessorian Dementia Consultant who also holds qualifications in Post Graduate Dementia Management, Assessment and Workplace Training and Dementia Care Mapping. She has worked extensively in dementia care both residential and community for the past 30 years. In 2009 she was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to further study Montessori methods for Dementia Care which enabled her to travel to Greece, Canada and the USA to work alongside world experts in this area.



Since her return from overseas Anne has continued to build her reputation as an experienced Aged Care Montessorian and she is now in demand to provide mentoring and training in Montessori methods for organisations around the country wishing to embrace Montessori methods into practice. Anne is considered an Australian leader in Montessori Methods for aged care and together with her team she is changing the face of aged care one step at a time.

Week 1: Montessori Education for Social Change “Guiding Principles — Sustainable Initiatives”

Sun, 2 August	Arrival and evening reception greeting
Mon, 3 August	Orientation: Introduction to EsF: Working for Social Change, a Montessori Perspective Lynne Lawrence , AMI Executive Director
Tue, 4 August	Montessori Pedagogy: Reading and Study Session
Wed, 5 August	Sustainable Initiatives: Eve Annecke , Director of the Sustainability Institute in Cape Town, South Africa, will address ways in which we deeply engage with the communities we wish to serve. Christine Harrison , President and Senior Consultant of Montessori Australia Foundation will speak about volunteering for EsF projects - Understanding basic principles and working towards meeting everyone's needs.
Thu, 6 August	Montessori Pedagogy: Reading and Study Session
Fri, 7 August	Collaboration and Partnerships: Panel Discussion and Individual Presentations with Philip O'Brien , AMI President, ex UNICEF and Senior Advisor to the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation; Dr Namfa Benjalug , Senior Specialist in Academic Affairs and Learning Development, Consultant to Secretary General of OBEC, Thailand, and Jim Ackers , Regional Education Adviser UNICEF, who will discuss the process of creating global partnerships and alliances as Montessori is introduced to communities in widely diverse geographic, political and economic places.
Sat, 8 August	Dr Priyanut Dharmapiya , Adviser, The Crown Property Burea, Project to support the “Sufficiency Economy” Drive in Educational Institutions and to Young People will host a site visit to an outreach project in Thailand that supports young people who have been identified as “troubled youth”.

Week 2: Montessori Education for Social Change "Resourceful Work — Innovative Solutions"

Sun, 9 August	Day off to explore the region Khon Kaen, Thailand
Mon, 10 August	Adele Diamond , Canada research Chair, Professor of Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience, University of British Columbia will lay the foundation for a study of individual development within the context of neuroscience and address the topic of "The Importance of Dance, Music, and other related activities for the Development of Children".
Tue, 11 August	Montessori in New Frontiers: Anne Kelly , Managing Director, Montessori Aged Support Services will present her work using Montessori principles to mitigate the effects of Alzheimer's.
Wed, 12 August	Working with Diverse Communities: Hilary Korir , Caritas Director Nakuru, Kenya, has implemented emergency relief and humanitarian programmes to underseverd communities in his country, including Corner of Hope. Kay Boulden , International and Government and Community Liaison, Montessori Children's Foundation, will speak of her experiences in delivering innovative programmes to the Indigenous people of Australia and the Torres Strait Islands.
Thu, 13 August	Montessori Pedagogy: Reading and Study Session.
Fri, 14 August	To Be Announced
Sat, 15 August	Presentations from the participants — "Our Great Work". Concluding Remarks Farewell Dinner
Sun, 16 August	Departures



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