Detailed Programme Assembly Educateurs sans Frontières

Daily Outline:  Morning 9.15-12.15 (break around 10.30 – 11.00)

Lunch Break

Afternoon 2.15-5.15 (3.30 – 4.00)

Strands Assembly

1. Documenting the Stories
   • Capturing and Recording
   • Production of Project Resources
   • Production of Collective Resources

2. Writing the AMI EsF Strategic Plan, 2015 – 2018
   • Review current strategic plan
   • Investigate and articulate key frameworks for the foundation for sustainable action
   • Formulate goals and objectives
   • Detail action plans for each area

3. Developing an AMI Mentoring Support Programme
   Mentoring facilitates sharing knowledge, expertise, skills, insights, and experiences through dialogue and collaborative learning
   • Investigate best practice in mentoring programmes
   • Consider contexts and settings
   • Develop programme
   • Develop programme materials
   • Develop programme support structures

Sun, 2 August  Arrival and evening reception greeting

Mon, 3 August  Orientation: Introduction to EsF: Working for Social Change, a Montessori Perspective by Lynne Lawrence, AMI Executive Director and André Roberfroid, AMI Global Ambassador

Introduction:
- Introduction of Participants
- Work that needs to be done
- Goals for Assembly
- How to Contribute

Practical:
- Who is in charge of recording the day?
- Develop Stories
- People to take notes (to be printed or put in Dropbox)
- Activities
Tue, 4 August
Montessori Pedagogy: Reading and Study
Session

- Lynne on the Montessori perspective of EsF – Human Tendencies
- Thinking Session – Break into groups to read – start to deepen understanding of Montessori’s view on 4 Planes, Human Tendencies, Freedom, Independence 8 groups
- Last session come back and report.
- Reading sessions, group to break into groups of 4 to 5

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.

- 60 Min presentation, followed by questions and discussion

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.

- 60 Min presentation, followed by questions and discussion

- Afternoon: the Work of EsF, study and reading session

Thu, 6 August
Collaboration and Partnerships: Panel Discussion and Individual Presentations with Dr Namfa Benjalug, Senior Specialist in Academic Affairs and Learning Development, Consultant to Secretary General of OBEC, Thailand, Jim Ackers, Regional Education Adviser UNICEF, and André Roberfroid, AMI Global Ambassador and former UNICEF Deputy Executive Director for programme and strategic planning, 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.

Fri, 7 August
Montessori Pedagogy: Reading and Study Session

Dr Priyanut Dharmapiya - Director of the Sufficiency School Centre and the Foundation of Virtuous Youth, which supports the “Sufficiency Economy” drive in Educational Institutions and to Young People, will host a site visit to an outreach project in Thailand.

- EsF Work: Panel discussion, 20 min presentations by Kathleen Guinan, Beverley Maragh and Mary Caroline Parker on their outreach projects
- Readings and study
Sat, 8 August  Visit to Montessori Schools, Training Centre and Princess’s project

Sun, 9 August  Day off to explore the region Khon Kaen, Thailand

Innovative Solutions

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: Hillary Korir, Caritas Director Nakuru, Kenya, has implemented emergency relief and humanitarian programmes to underserved communities in his country, including Corner of Hope.

Thu, 13 August  Montessori Pedagogy: Reading and Study Session.
- EsF Work: Panel discussion,
  20 min presentations by Susan Stephenson, Sandrine Mallet and FAMM (Constanza Carballo and Marisa Sioli) on their outreach projects

Fri, 14 August  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.

Sat, 15 August  Presentations from the participants — “Our Great Work”.

Concluding Remarks

Farewell Dinner
- Next Steps for EsF
- Closing Address

Sun, 16 August        Departures