



# FOURTH ASSEMBLY

## Educateurs sans Frontières

Montessori Education for Social Change:  
Sustainable Initiatives — Innovative Solutions

2-16 August, 2015

Inpawa Hotel Ban Phai, Khon Kaen, Thailand



*This two-week assembly will combine a study and reflection of Montessori principles and practices and the historical development of EsF with a series of thought-provoking and inspiring presentations from individuals who bring the practice of Montessori into a broad range of contexts and environments and/or experience of humanitarian endeavour.*

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

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| Sun, 2 August | Arrival and evening reception greeting   |
| Mon, 3 August | Orientation — Introduction to EsF: Working for Social Change, a Montessori Perspective<br><b>Lynne Lawrence</b> , AMI Executive Director and <b>André Roberfroid</b> , AMI Global Ambassador   |
| Tue, 4 August | Montessori Pedagogy: Reading and Study Session   |
| Wed, 5 August | Sustainable Initiatives: <b>Eve Annecke</b> , 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.<br><br><b>Christine Harrison</b> , 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 | Collaboration and Partnerships — Panel Discussion and Individual Presentations with <b>Dr Benjalug Namfa</b> , Senior Specialist in Academic Affairs and Learning Development, Consultant to Secretary General of OBEC, Thailand; <b>Jim Ackers</b> , Regional Education Adviser UNICEF, and <b>André Roberfroid</b> , AMI Global Ambassador, 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 | Reading and Study Session  |
| Sat, 8 August | <b>Dr Priyanut Dharmapiya</b> , 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.   |

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## 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	<b>Adele Diamond</b> , 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: <b>Anne Kelly</b> , 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: <b>Hilary Korir</b> , 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.
Fri, 14 August	<b>Kay Boulden</b> , 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
Sun, 16 August	Departures