

Practical information

Platform

The Voices of Educateurs sans Frontières series will be held fully online. The majority of the sessions will be hosted on Zoom. A number of other platforms will be used for communication and networking, all easily accessible and user-friendly. Upon registration, participants will receive log-in details which give access to a dedicated page on the EsF website. In this section you will find all information, resources and documents we will take inspiration from during our series; this page will also include short bios and photos of all the participants; it is always so nice to be able to put a face to a name!

Participants

The series is open to anyone who is interested in

- Applying Montessori principles beyond the classroom
- Montessori's ideas on social change, with the aim of bringing about changes in the lives of more children and communities, sometimes living in difficult circumstances
- Becoming actively involved or setting up an initiative based on the values of EsF
- Contributing to social change

Voices of Educateurs sans Frontières is open to anyone: we do not require an AMI diploma or certificate. The group will be limited to a maximum of 80 people so we can really have deep and meaningful discussions, interactions and reflections. Participants must join all sessions as the interconnection between these is an essential part of the programme.

Programme

The theme of the 2021/2022 series is: *Child, Community and Cosmos — From Independence to Interdependence*. The series will focus on the interconnectedness between the child, the community and the cosmos and explore the journey of human development, moving from building independence towards connecting to one's community and culture and finally to the interdependence with the global community. Through readings, discussions, reflection and exchange, participants will explore the complexity of the challenges of today's world and how Montessori principles can help address these.

The following sessions will be held:

Supporting Human Development

- 8 July 2021 – speaker session
- 2 October 2021 – feedback session

Sowing the Seeds of Culture

- 11 November 2021 – speaker session
- 29 January 2022 – feedback session

Finding our Connection to Nature

- 1 March 2022 – speaker session
- 30 April 2022 – feedback session

Each theme will have a speaker session, discussion groups and a feedback session.

Speaker sessions

Specialised speakers, whose work, wisdom and knowledge will enhance our ability to serve our communities, share their expertise throughout the series. The presentations will provide inspiration and new perspectives on topics and themes relevant to today's challenges. They are the starting point

for further discussion and exploration. Three speaker sessions will be held throughout the year, strongly connected to each other each. The speaker sessions will be hosted on Zoom.

Discussion groups

Following each speaker session, participants will organise and conduct discussion groups. The discussion groups will use a set of questions to support the reflection process and encourage participants to explore the topic from a local perspective, allowing for a more in-depth conversation on implications and opportunities.

Participants are encouraged to form their own local discussion groups to enrich the conversation with perspectives from within their community and from people with a different expertise, thus discussion groups are open to non-participants as long as the facilitator of the group is a registered participant. To make sure all participants are accommodated in a discussion group, we will help coordinate groups where needed. We will collect the outcomes of the discussion groups, which will be used as a foundation for the feedback sessions.

Feedback sessions

Each topic will be concluded by a feedback session, which allows participants to relate their local experience to the global questions and compare their insights and experiences to those of other participants. The feedback sessions will evolve around the outcomes of the discussion groups and create opportunities for learning and inspiration.

To ensure deep and meaningful discussion, interaction and reflection, the feedback sessions are open to registered participants only. If a discussion group includes people who did not register for the event, the registered participant(s) of the respective group can afterwards share the insights from the feedback sessions with the other group members.

Resources

On the Voices of Educateurs sans Frontières page we will share a list with recommended readings and other relevant resources for each session. These resources will deepen participants' understanding in order to allow for more in-depth discussions.

Registration

The fee for the whole Voices of Educateurs sans Frontières series is €100. This fee will cover your costs of participation. If you would like to contribute to covering the participation fees of participants with less financial means, please consider making a [donation](#).

We wish this programme to be accessible to everybody, so please reach out to us if you find yourself unable to pay the full registration fee. Please send a message to info@montessori-esf.org with your motivation to participate in Voices of Educateurs sans Frontières.

You can register to Voices of Educateurs sans Frontières [here](#).

Please contact us at info@montessori-esf.org with any questions you may have. We look forward to hearing from you.