



10th A.M.I. MONTESSORI REFRESHER COURSE

The Nature of Engagement

Monday & Tuesday 19 & 20th July 2010, Maria Montessori Institute

'No one believes that the forces within the child can act alone, such that the child can be abandoned to his own devices. Education has to furnish the help, the aides necessary for the child to use his energies. when education is understood as help offered to life, that is to the manifestations of natural energies, the effect that is obtained is the strengthening of these energies'

Although, as we know, children have a huge power for self-construction it is still up to the adult to engage them in this process. When this engagement takes place in the Children's House we see children of character emerge and blossom in the Elementary years. The development of language, a mathematical mind and the seeds of social awareness are all sown in the Children's House and must be nurtured to expand as the child journeys through childhood. Montessori gave us an approach that will help us to help the child to take this journey and yet still we see children who are not yet engaged. What are the points that we need to be conscious of if we are to truly engage every individual child with nature's developmental plan? How do we lay the foundation for the mathematical mind, for an understanding of grammar or the capacity to explore the world in an interconnected way?

This year the Refresher will bring together those of you trained to work with children from 3-12 to explore ways to help children to become engaged in their own development. What ever your perspective you will have a chance to reflect on your role in the journey that the child is taking.

Course Leader

The Course will be given by **Nikki Hughes**. Nikki is no stranger to most of us. She is an AMI Trainer with a wealth of experience and is currently Director of Training on the new AMI Course in Geneva. She is an international examiner for AMI and a national school consultant for AMI USA.

Duration

The duration of the course is two days consisting of presentations and discussion groups. The course is suitable for AMI diploma holders at any of the three levels, 0-3, 3-6, 6-12. On completion of the course those who have attended both days will receive an AMI Certificate of Attendance.

Please note that your Diploma Number must be submitted to the Maria Montessori Institute on your registration form in order for your certificate to be issued by AMI.

Cost

£90 for AMI diploma holders [including lunch and refreshments]
£80 for schools sponsoring more than one attendee

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