



## PRESS RELEASE

### Montessori Everywhere - 30 August 2020

*One of the biggest global 1-day events in honor of Dr Montessori's 150th birthday*

A group of Montessori educators wanted to make a big difference - to connect the world and make the world a better place, particularly in view of our current challenges. With Dr Montessori's 150th birthday just around the corner, we thought "why not create a global event where parents, Montessori educators, Montessori schools, training organisations, not-for-profits or anyone interested in the Montessori approach could come together?"

From this small idea has blossomed a huge wonderful celebration which will take place around the world on Sunday 30 August, one day before what would have been Dr Montessori's 150th birthday. It's free for people to join the event and we will be fundraising on the day for the [Black Montessori Education Fund](#) - an organisation dedicated to getting more Black teachers in Montessori training, more Black children into Montessori schools and research.

The theme of the day is "Embracing the 21st century - Montessori for a better world for all." There will be a day of panel discussions, networking cafes, and children celebrating too with The Montessori Musical, words of solidarity, and online workshops for making with their hands. All welcome.

We will CELEBRATE, CONNECT, and CHALLENGE ourselves to improve ourselves to make the world a better place for our children and for all.

For more information visit [www.montessorieverywhere.org](http://www.montessorieverywhere.org) or email [info@montessorieverywhere.org](mailto:info@montessorieverywhere.org)

### What is Montessori?

Montessori was always considered an alternative education system. With people disillusioned with the traditional top-down schooling approach and more and more Montessori schools in the public system, Montessori is becoming a realistic mainstream approach.

There is a rich curriculum with hands on materials laid out in the classroom for the children to work with at their own pace. The teacher is a guide and observes where each child is up to and when they are ready for the next lesson or invitation to explore further. There is a mixed age group

generally of 3 years (0-3, 3-6, 6-9, 9-12, adolescent programs) so older children can help and model for younger children consolidating their own learning, and the younger children learn so naturally from observing the older children. Children get to choose what they feel like working on, they are treated with respect, where they are encouraged to develop creative solutions, discover things with their hands, and to work with others in community and in the larger society.