



PRESS RELEASE

Montessori Everywhere - the beginnings

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 blossomed a huge wonderful celebration which took place around the world on Sunday 30 August 2020, one day before what would have been Dr Montessori's 150th birthday.

The theme of the day was "Embracing the 21st century - Montessori for a better world for all." There were panel discussions, networking cafes, and children celebrating too with The Montessori Musical, words of solidarity, and online workshops for making with their hands. Replays are available on our website [here](#).

Over 6,000 people joined and we raised over US\$20,000 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.

Montessori Everywhere - becoming a movement

Recognising that we can have more impact together, this one day event has become a movement. To CELEBRATE, CONNECT, and CHALLENGE ourselves to improve ourselves to make the world a better place for our children and for all.

We will be featuring voices of the Montessori community in long-form interviews and 60-second stories.

We will host quarterly Connect sessions on Zoom where we will dialogue with Montessori friends around the world.

And we have been invited to present at Montessori conferences on "Community is..." helping to grow this global Montessori community.

Free to join

We want to make Montessori accessible and equitable for all. Our events are free and we are volunteer run. Funds raised during our events go to organisations supporting underserved communities. Sign up for our newsletter to take keep up to date with what is happening next over at www.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.

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