

We hold an image, strong and optimistic about the child, who is born with many resources and extraordinary potentialities that never fail to surprise us. A child with autonomous capacities to construct thoughts, ideas, questions and attempts to give answers. We see the child, every child, as a gifted child..." Loris Malaguzzi



November 20-23, 2016

Infant-toddler centres and preschools as privileged contexts to encounter and to know, along with the families, children with special rights

The Reggio Emilia Approach To Education

Study group

A study opportunity for deeper investigation into the concepts, contents, and values that are part of the educational project of the Municipal Infant-toddler Centers and Preschools of Reggio Emilia.

WHEN This four day Reggio Children/NFI study group begins on Sunday November 20th. The program begins on Sunday afternoon with a walking tour of Reggio Emilia and an evening plenary with the Next Frontier Inclusion facilitators.

CONTENTS Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 21-23, will involve visits to municipal schools and infant-toddler centres and opportunities to meet with the Reggio educators in order to focus on their approach to support the development of children who learn differently.

Our essential questions include:

What values, beliefs and assumptions drive our work in becoming more inclusive?

What specific skills do we need to further develop as we become more inclusive of children with special rights?

What concepts do we need to understand or perhaps rethink in order to embrace the learning of all children?

The program involves an interweaving of theoretical talks and presentations of documentation of the experiences carried out in the Municipal Infant-toddler Centers and Preschools of Reggio Emilia, along with days set aside for visits to the municipal educational institutions.

During the evenings the NFI facilitators will lead reflection sessions focusing on what we are learning from Reggio Children and how these learnings may complement and/or challenge pre-existing beliefs and assumptions.

WHO This four-day study tour conversation is suitable for school leaders, board members, principals, classroom teachers and learning specialists. In order to maximize the learning of the Reggio Children/NFI study tour, it is expected that all participants will have read *The 100 Languages of Children, 2nd edition*, prior to the visit.

WHERE The Loris Malaguzzi International Center, Reggio Emilia Italy will be the venue for the study week. Bus transfers when required by the program are organized.

REGGIO CHILDREN – International Center for the Defense and

Promotion of the Rights and Potentials of All Children – is a mixed public-private company established in 1994 on the initiative of Loris Malaguzzi and the commitment of a group of local citizens, with the aim to manage the educational and cultural exchange initiatives that had been taking place for many years between the municipal early childhood institutions of Reggio Emilia and a large number of educators and researchers from around the world.



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THE PROGRAM WILL ALSO INCLUDE

- the town of Reggio Emilia, its community and its context
- the principles of the educational project of the Preschools and Infant-toddler Centres Istituzione of the Municipality of Reggio Emilia
- research projects realized inside the Preschools and Infant-toddler Centres
- visit to Preschools and Infant Toddler Centres
- visit to the Loris Malaguzzi International Centre and to the Documentation and Educational Research Centre
- exchanges of experiences among participants
- working groups
- discussion groups

INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEE:

NFI Member schools: Euro 1100

Non-NFI member schools: Euro 1300

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION:

The course runs from November 20 to 23, 2016. Registration for NFI Member schools will open April 1st, 2016 on a first come first served basis. If spaces remain available after, June 1st, registration will be opened to non-NFI member schools.

Payment is due by October 1st after which NFI is unable to provide refunds. For NFI participants who wish to participate in both the NFI Round Table and the Reggio Children Study Tour there is a special discounted registration of Euro 1300.

date	event	NFI Member School	NFI Non Member Participant
Nov. 18-19, 2016	NFI Round Table Conversation, Genoa, Italy	Euro 400	Euro 450
Nov. 20-23, 2016	Study Group, Reggio Emilia, Italy	Euro 1100	Euro 1300
Nov. 18-23, 2016	NFI Small Schools Round Table Conversation and Study Group	Euro 1300	Euro 1500

Please note that **registration does not include travel and accommodation.** Participants will pay for their travel and accommodation separately and directly.

A list of suggested hotels follows below:

<http://www.reggiochildren.it/dove-alloggiare-a-reggio-emilia/?lang=en>

http://turismo.comune.re.it/en/hotels-and-restaurants/where-to-stay?set_language=en



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