



# FOURTH ASSEMBLY

## Educateurs sans Frontières

Montessori Education for Social Change:  
Sustainable Initiatives — Innovative Solutions

6 – 20 July, 2014

Inpawa Hotel Ban Phai, Khon Kaen, Thailand



*This two-week assembly will combine a study and reflection of Montessori principles and practices and the historical development of EsF with a series of thought-provoking and inspiring presentations from individuals who bring the practice of Montessori into a broad range of contexts and environments and/or experience of humanitarian endeavour.*

### Week 1 Montessori Education for Social Change "Guiding Principles — Sustainable Initiatives"

- Sunday July 6 Arrival and evening reception greeting.
- Monday July 7 Orientation: Introduction to EsF: Working for Social Change, a Montessori Perspective  
**Lynne Lawrence**, AMI Executive Director.
- Tuesday July 8 Montessori Pedagogy: Reading and Study Session
- Wednesday July 9 Sustainable Initiatives: **Eve Annecke**, Director of the Sustainability Institute in Cape Town, South Africa, will address ways in which we deeply engage with the communities we wish to serve.
- Thursday July 10 Montessori Pedagogy: Reading and Study Session.
- Friday July 11 Collaboration and Partnerships: Panel Discussion and Individual Presentations with **Philip O'Brien**, AMI President, ex UNICEF and Senior Advisor to the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation; **Dr Namfa Benjalug**, Senior Specialist in Academic Affairs and Learning Development, Consultant to Secretary General of OBEC, Thailand, and a **representative from UNESCO** (invited) will discuss the process of creating global partnerships and alliances as Montessori is introduced to communities in widely diverse geographic, political and economic places.
- Saturday July 12 **Dr Priyanut Dharmapiya**, Advisor, The Crown Property Bureau, Project to support the 'Sufficiency Economy' Drive in Educational Institutions and to Young People will host a site visit to an outreach project in Thailand that supports young people who have been identified as "troubled youth".

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## Week 2 Montessori Education for Social Change "Resourceful Work — Innovative Solutions"

- Sunday July 13 Day off to explore the region of Khon Kaen, Thailand
- Monday July 14 **Adele Diamond**, Canada Research Chair, Professor of Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience, University of British Columbia will lay the foundation for a study of individual development within the context of neuroscience and address the topic of "The Importance of Dance, Music, and other related activities for the Development of Children".
- Tuesday July 15 Montessori in New Frontiers: **Anne Kelly**, Managing Director, Montessori Aged Support Services will present her work using Montessori principles to mitigate the effects of Alzheimer's.
- Wednesday July 16 Working with Diverse Communities: **Hilary Korir**, Caritas Director Nakuru, Kenya, has implemented emergency relief and humanitarian programmes to underserved communities in his country, including Corner of Hope.
- Kay Boulden**, International and Government and Community Liaison, Montessori Children's Foundation, will speak of her experiences in delivering innovative to the Indigenous people of Australia and the Torres Strait Islands.
- Thursday July 17 Montessori Pedagogy: Reading and Study Session.
- Friday July 18 **Denis Caillaux** (ex UNICEF and ex Secretary General of CARE International) will introduce the innovative work of Article 15 Foundation (Senegal), which he founded to help youth find a way out of poverty.
- Saturday July 19 Presentations from the participants – "Our Great Work".
- Concluding remarks.
- Farewell Dinner.
- Sunday July 20 Departures.