Montessori Research Workshop

Action Research and Academic Pathways for Montessori Educators

15 May 2010, Sydney

The Montessori Australia Foundation is pleased to be holding the inaugural Montessori Research Workshop. The workshop is open to all Montessori educators working with children from birth to eighteen years, as well as Montessori teacher trainers. The aim of the workshop is twofold. First, the workshop aims to involve teachers in classroom-based research, sometimes called 'action research' or 'practitioner enquiry'. Workshop participants will be introduced to classroom-based research principles and methods. They will also be supported to design a small research project of their own. The project will be one they can implement in their own classroom in order to reflect critically and systematically on a particular area of the curriculum, or a classroom-based issue, with the view to bringing about informed and effective change. The workshop also aims to introduce participants to academic pathways available to Montessori educators. This will be particularly valuable for teachers planning their careers within the parameters of state-based teacher registration authorities, for example, the NSW Institute of Teachers, as well as for teachers who are interested in undertaking study for higher degrees beyond initial teaching qualifications.

09:00 - 11:00 **Introduction to Practitioner Enquiry/ Action Research**
Dr Katey de Gioa and Dr Fay Hadley, Institute of Early Childhood, Macquarie University

11:00 - 11:30 **Morning Tea**

11:30 - 12:30 **Academic Pathways for Montessori Educators**
Dr Susan Feez, School of Education, University of New England
Dr Lesley Payne, Murdoch University

12:30 - 13:30 **Action Research**
Professor Anne Burns, Department of Linguistics, Macquarie University

13:30 - 14:30 **Lunch**

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Saturday, 15 May 2010, 9:00am - 4:30pm

Macquarie University
Balaclava Road, North Ryde, NSW
(Lecture room to be advised)

Registration Fee: $150 (including GST)

Registration includes lunch, afternoon tea and workshop papers.

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14:30 - 16:30 **Workshop to Devise Individual Action Research Projects**
Dr Katey de Gio and Dr Fay Hadley will be joined by members of the MAF Montessori Research Advisory Committee to assist workshop participants in devising individual action research projects.

MAF Montessori Research Advisory Committee

MAF has established a Montessori Research Advisory Committee to development a comprehensive research framework for Montessori in Australia. Committee members are as follows:

Dr Susan Feez (Chair), University of New England
Kay Boulden, Montessori Children's Foundation
Nicky Chisnall, Auckland University of Technology
Peter Erskine, Montessori Children's Foundation
Amy Kirkham, AMI, MAF, AMTEF
Dr Lesley Payne, Murdoch University, MWEI

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