



Montessori from the Inside Out

Communicating with the wider society and community

Montessori Europe is thrilled to announce that our 20th Anniversary Congress will take place in Dublin at the Crowne Plaza Blanchardstown on October 11th -12th, 2019.



Together with local Montessori groups coordinated by St. Nicholas Montessori Society, the ME Congress will celebrate this anniversary and explore how to communicate about Montessori with the wider society and community.

Our topic this year “Montessori from the Inside Out” will focus on the impact of Montessori pedagogy and how to communicate that to our wider society. The values of the natural world, care of the environment, social justice and special learning needs provide the framework for the congress.

Call for Proposals for workshops and forums

Your experience and work are what we want to showcase at this congress with its practical value for our participants. With this call for proposals we invite you to contribute to our congress with a proposal for a workshop, a forum or a panel discussion.

Proposals should address one of the following subtopics:

1. Explaining Montessori education to different stakeholders: Stakeholders would include parents, teachers, government officials, people in traditional education.
2. The social impact of Montessori: Peace education or introducing Montessori education within the public (state) sector or taking Montessori into disadvantaged communities; Montessori and special needs.
3. Application of Montessori principles to the outdoor environment (from the inside of the classroom outside), care of nature and environmental sustainability.

Each proposal should be addressed to one or more of the following target groups:

- Infant/Toddler
- Children’s House
- Elementary
- Adolescents
- Administrators

Please read the following information carefully and send in your proposal by March 22nd. We will select 10 workshops, 4 forums and 2 panel topics. The ME Congress Committee will review all proposals and respond by April 15th, 2019.

Set of Criteria

To ensure the quality of workshops, all proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

Website: www.montessori-europe.net

Relevance

The proposed topic should have a clear connection to the theme and subthemes of the congress.

Quality

The proposal should provide a summary description of the content and methods, give implications for usefulness in practice and outline expected outcomes. It will be appreciated if you highlight what makes it different, how it contributes to the knowledge of the participants and what are the expected benefits for the participants.

You will confirm that your level of English is sufficient to lead a workshop/forum.

Interaction

Outline the format and the design of the workshop. Describe:

- the opportunities for interaction with and between the participants; how will you engage the audience/participants;
- the exchange of multiple perspectives; how will it support networking and community building
- the methods used for interaction and group work.

Personal experience

The proposal should be submitted together with a professional summary outlining the qualifications of the workshop leader, his/her experience and links to publications or videos as references.

- Short bio information, focus on practical/scientific experience and achievements
- Background information (training, education)
- References/experience in delivering workshops/lectures/training

Submission Information

Please use the “Submission Form ME Congress Dublin” for your submission – available on the website.

Proposed duration:

90 minutes for workshop, 90 minutes for forum and panel.

Please submit the proposal in English; the language for the activity is English.

Proposals should be a maximum 2 pages in length; they can be submitted in PDF or DOC format via email to workshops@montessori-europe.net. Please use the subject line “ME Conference Dublin Proposal” when submitting.

The deadline for submission is March, 22nd, 2019.

The Montessori Europe Board and conference committee will review all proposals. **Notifications of acceptance will be sent via email to the workshop proposers by April 15th 2019.**

Workshop Conditions

Upon submitting the proposal, the proposers commit that, if the activity is accepted, they will attend the congress and conduct the activity.

For accepted workshops and forums, ME will

- book a single room incl. breakfast for one workshop leader from 11th to 12th October 2019.
- Additional nights are on self-payer basis
- In case of booking an accommodation on your own, ME will refund max. 120 Euro after receiving the original receipts, after the congress
- Invite one Workshop leader to attend the congress as a special guest (including evening events)
- Refund travel expenses for one Workshop leader (max. 200 Euro) after receiving the original receipts, after the congress.

Miscellaneous

- ME will not provide any laptop or working material for workshops.
- In case that there are two workshop leaders holding a workshop, the second person needs to register as a regular congress participant; Early Bird conditions apply.
- Please send us your arrival/departure dates before 31st August 2019 latest.

Cancellation policy

ME reserves the right to cancel workshops up to the end of September 2019 if a minimum of 10 registrations is not reached, with the following consequences:

In case of attending the congress, even if the workshop is cancelled:

- One workshop leader can still attend the congress as a special guest.
- Hotel and travel expenses will not be reimbursed.

In case of not attending the congress, if the workshop is cancelled:

- ME will cover arising hotel charges (see above) if the reservation was made via ME.
- ME will reimburse travel costs (see above) for bookings that were made before the cancellation.