The Breadth of Montessori – Christine Harrison and Megan Tyne

The Montessori Movement began in 1907 in Italy, when Dr Montessori, Italy’s first female medical doctor, commenced in the slums of San Lorenzo in Rome. The results were remarkable and attracted the attention of educators around the world.

In 1912 a small group of women from different states of Australia sailed to Italy to be trained by Dr Montessori in her revolutionary method of education. After their training they returned home to Australia to begin what has now become a highly regarded and world-renowned method of education.

This presentation looks at how Montessori principles have been applied throughout the world in virtually every socio-economic, educational and cultural setting to support the natural development of the human being from birth to maturity.

The Montessori Australia Foundation’s President and Executive Director, Christine Harrison and Megan Tyne, will highlight the scope, diversity and renown of the Montessori approach, revealing at its heart the universal nature and dignity of the child.

The Essence of Montessori – Laura Flores Shaw

Parents frequently ask, “What is Montessori education?” Responses to this question vary widely but often include language about mixed-age classrooms, hands-on learning, and brain-based curriculum. While such responses are correct, they do not express the most important benefit – the core – of Montessori education and its contribution to the development of a child’s authentic self-esteem. The Core of Montessori will demonstrate this benefit in terms that are truly relevant to parents and in a way that inspires their full support of this holistic developmental method.

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