

"More than anything I remembered myself, my values and principles. I re-encountered myself and through this re-encountering, felt joy, passion and a renewed energy for research and early years pedagogy. Reggio is an opportunity to re-charge batteries and delight in the 'wonder of learning' in conversation with others. "

" It was an amazing week full of emotions, learning experiences and inspiration. The week was incredibly well organised and we feel we were given enough time to listen, reflect and share thoughts and ideas with the other participants. We particularly enjoyed the lectures about projects and the visits to the schools were most revealing, certainly the highlight of the week! ""

Reggio Study Week participants 2012

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Reggio Emilia Study Week 2013



14th to 19th April
Reggio Emilia, Italy

Encounter and be inspired by the world-renowned educational approach of the preschools and infant toddler centres of Reggio Emilia

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Why has Reggio Emilia become so important in the world of education?

Reggio Emilia is a small city in Northern Italy where they have pioneered a new approach to early childhood education for over 40 years. The first school was set up after the second world war by parents who wanted a new kind of school for their youngest citizens, with the crucial support of psychologist Loris Malaguzzi, founder of the Reggio approach. The founding principle was to create schools which taught children to think for themselves and which had at its heart the image of the child as 'rich, strong, competent and full of potential'. There are now over fifty preschools (3-6 years) and Infant toddler centres (0 to 3 years) in Reggio Emilia using this approach. Thousands of settings in over twenty-five countries endeavour to work in dialogue with Reggio's approach.

Key characteristics of the Reggio Approach.

- ♦ Creativity and expressive languages of children
- ♦ Listening to children
- ♦ The environment as the third teacher
- ♦ Parents as partners
- ♦ Democratic citizenship
- ♦ Children as a subject of rights
- ♦ Children and educators as researchers
- ♦ Observation, interpretation, documentation
- ♦ Making learning visible
- ♦ Professional dialogue

“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

Who should apply?

The Reggio study week is suitable for anyone wanting to learn about the internationally acclaimed Reggio approach. We expect that the UK group will be part of an overall international contingent of around 400 participants. Early application is advisable to ensure a place.

How can I apply?

Each applicant must fill in an individual application form, even if they are part of a group.

The application form is online at the Learning section of our website www.sightlines-initiative.com. Alternatively you can request a copy by email.

How much does it cost?

The participation Fee is £1350. ***The price has been held at the 2012 rate.*** (*This fee does not include flights and accommodation.*)

How will I get there?

You will need to make your own travel arrangements. We recommend you fly to Bologna Airport, from where we usually arrange onward coach travel. Participants will receive detailed travel advice upon application.

When should I travel?

We advise that you arrive in Reggio Emilia by Sunday 14th April 2013, when we plan to have a UK group meeting in the morning. Usual checkout time is Saturday 20th April 2013.

Where will I stay?

We will arrange the accommodation for you. It will cost in the region of £550 for seven nights; the cost is reduced by sharing a room.

What is included?

Five days' intensive and inspiring study through lectures, project presentations, meetings, discussions, visits to preschools and infant toddler centres, exhibitions and workshops. Typically participants will have the opportunity to visit 3/4 settings during the week. Transportation to settings is provided.

Where will it take place?

The event will take place at the Loris Malaguzzi International Centre, which is within walking distance of our chosen hotels.

