

"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!"

"Just listening to [the] speakers on the first day made me realise what a privilege it was to be amongst such intelligent forward thinking passionate women. I listened and wrote and wrote ... The notes and my reflections have led me to think that my setting has a long way to go but that I have fuel for our journey... the Nursery I run is large and quite complex, however I am not going to give up or lose the passion which has been ignited inside me!"

**Reggio Study Week participants 2012-13**

## Contact us

Please feel free to contact us to discuss any aspect of the study visit.

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# Reggio Emilia Study Week 2014



**6th to 11th April 2014**

**Reggio Emilia, Italy**

**£1400**

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 which has 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.

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 working with this approach. Thousands of settings in over twenty-five countries endeavour to work in dialogue with Reggio's approach.

## Key characteristics of Reggio's approach to early childhood education.

- ◆ Creativity and expressive languages of children
- ◆ Listening to children
- ◆ The environment as 'the third teacher'
- ◆ Parents as partners
- ◆ Democratic citizenship
- ◆ Children as subjects 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 Reggio's internationally acclaimed 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 part of a group). This can be found online at the Learning section of our website [www.sightlines-initiative.com](http://www.sightlines-initiative.com). Alternatively you can request a copy by email.

## How much does it cost?

Participation fee is £1400 (*flights, accommodation, subsistence not included.*)

## 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.

## When should I travel?

We advise that you arrive on Saturday 5th April ready for a UK group meeting on the morning of Sunday 6th, followed by a tour of the town. Usual checkout time is Saturday 12th April 2014 (6pm finish on Friday 11th April).

## 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, meetings, project presentations, discussions, visits to preschools and infant toddler centres, exhibitions and workshops. Typically participants will have the opportunity to visit three 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.

## Preparation

To maximise the benefits to you/your school, we highly recommend bespoke introductory seminars which we can arrange with you.

