



Reggio Study Week 2022

Date	Sunday 12th June 2022
End Date	Friday 17th June 2022
Available places	100
Cut off date	Friday 3rd June 2022
Price	£1,560
Location	Reggio Emilia, Italy
Online Registration Link	RSW 2022 Sightlines Initiative or visit www.sightlines-initiative.com > educators > forthcoming events

The preschools of Reggio Emilia have for more than a half-century been an international beacon for educators seeking to form enlightened education.

The vision and determination of a local community to create places of warm convivial learning for their children, enriched by a tenacious, researchful vision for education is a lasting and powerful contradiction to the idea of sitting children in an environment of passive instruction.

These are times of possibility. Amidst calls and demands to 'return to normal' there are many who have lost patience with the 'old normal' or have seen that other ways of living and learning are indeed preferable. Multitudes of educators, head teachers, parents and advocates are striving to protect and develop possibilities for educational experiences with children's rights, wellbeing and proclivities for natural enquiry at the heart. Internationally we can see the development of education with principles informed by the exuberant work of Reggio's preschools.



È un uccello, c'ha le ali... sta volando. / It's a bird, it has got wings... I'm flying. Veronica 2,6 anni / years

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Loris Malaguzzi International Centre, Reggio Emilia, Italy.

This is a one-week study visit to learn about and be inspired by the world renowned educational approach of the preschools and infant toddler centres of Reggio Emilia.

This course will explore the key principles underpinning the Reggio approach to early childhood education including:

- History and background
- Creativity and expressive languages of children
- The pedagogy of listening
- The environment as 'the third teacher'
- Parents as partners
- Democratic citizenship
- Children as the subjects of rights
- Children and educators as researchers
- Observation, interpretation, documentation
- Making learning visible
- Professional dialogue

You will receive our help and support before, during and after the study week.

Before - a simple booking process - you fill in the online application form, we confirm your place and keep you on track.

If you wish, we will book you a hotel room with one of our selected hotels (we've already negotiated a discounted bed and breakfast rate with them). This also ensures you won't be alone as other group members will be staying in the same hotel as you.

Also, to make your travel as smooth as possible, we can arrange transfers both ways for you from Bologna airport to Reggio Emilia, dropping you off at one of our hotels on Saturday 11th June and transporting back to Bologna airport on Saturday 18th June respectively (additional cost applies).

We will email you a welcome pack which includes information about the Reggio Experience and the organisation of the infant and toddler preschools, plus suggested reading and viewing material so you get the most out of your week. Plus nearer to the time, a programme of the week, a Reggio Emilia map and some useful Italian phrases to facilitate your time there.

We will arrange at least one online group introduction leading up to the trip, and we can also arrange preliminary formation sessions with you and your teams. We recommend this guided preparation with your setting during the six months leading to the week, especially if you are planning this visit as part of strategic development.

During – Sightlines Initiative representatives will be in Reggio with the group for the duration of the week to help with any queries about getting around the town, participate in discussions and generally to ensure things are running smoothly.

We plan to start the week with a group orientation meeting on Sunday morning 12th June, then Sunday lunch. If possible, there will be a guided tour of the city on Sunday afternoon. (*These plans are currently provisional due to the covid-related complexities and we will define these as soon as we can, in conversation with Reggio city colleagues.*)

We hold further discussion groups through the week to assist your reflections.

After - three months' free membership to Sightlines' Community - be part of exchanges with like-minded educators, plus access to network resources ...

You'll also receive notes from the week, quotes, suggestions for your own next steps ...

The participation fee is £1560. This fee covers all the above:

- Administration, advice and support before and during the week.
- Introductory Group Session a.m. Sunday 12th June, including lunch
- Hotel booking facilitation
- Guidance on developing your centre's practice
- Seminars, presentations, exhibits at the International Centre Loris Malaguzzi
- Guided tour of the city (*to be confirmed*)
- Sunday group lunch (*to be confirmed*)
- UK discussion group opportunities
- Interpretation
- 5 lunches at the International Centre Monday - Friday
- Lectures, presentations, exhibitions at the Malaguzzi centre
- 3 months' membership to Sightlines Initiative's Community
- We cannot predict or confirm the feasibility of visits to preschools and infant-toddler centres at the time of registration, due to the ongoing pandemic-related circumstances; however all the organising parties within Reggio Emilia desire to make this possible and will be seeking to maximise the possibilities, in collaboration with the parent-city councils.

Please note: The fee does not include flights, accommodation or subsistence.

Participation

We welcome applications from anyone working in the field of early childhood education and wanting to learn about Reggio's approach. There will be delegates from Canada in our custom group; this will provide wonderful opportunities for international exchanges.

We encourage participation of pairs, teams or groups as well as individuals. As usual, we welcome international participation in our group.

Currently places are limited to 100; so book your place early: there is already provisional interest from 86 people. Once registration reaches the limit, you will be entered on a waiting list.

Once you've booked your place you will automatically be sent an invoice, attached to your booking confirmation email. We will then be in touch within 7 days with further information including reading material and how to book your accommodation with us.

Travel arrangements

You will need to book your own flights. We recommend you fly to Bologna Airport. Alternatively you could fly into Milan or Parma and travel from there by train to Reggio Emilia.

We will offer the opportunity for group taxi connections between Bologna airport and our hotels, on Saturday 11th June, and for returns on Saturday 18th June.

We advise that you are in Reggio Emilia by the eve of Saturday 11th June as we will have a group welcome meeting on the Sunday morning, followed by lunch. We are also currently discussing the possibility of guided tours around the city during Sunday. ***The programme with Reggio will begin on Monday morning, at the international Centre Loris Malaguzzi. The programme will finish on Friday afternoon at around 4.30pm.***

Accommodation

To facilitate your booking, we have reserved block bookings with selected hotels in Reggio Emilia: hotels chosen because of their amenities and also their location. We like the group to be close so it's easier for us to meet up and keep in contact; it enhances group development.

You are of course, still free to make your own accommodation arrangements but our block bookings usually ensure the best possible rate. When you book we will inform you of the range of options and costs, which vary depending on the hotel/hostel. All our rooms include a buffet breakfast in the room rate.

Venue

The event will take place at the purpose-built Loris Malaguzzi International Centre on the outskirts of Reggio Emilia. This centre is within walking distance of our hotels.

Personal Insurances & Cancellation

You need to provide an assurance that you have personal insurance to cover accidents/medical expenses as well as additional costs which may be incurred connected with a medical emergency;

[also see [Terms & Conditions](#)]

Event cancellation

The organisers reserve the right to cancel/re-organise the event due to circumstances beyond their control, for example a pandemic-related situation, and are not liable for additional costs incurred related to this (e.g. travel, accommodation.)

Personal cancellation due to covid-positive test

In the event of a participant's proven and documented positive test result or in the event of a required isolation of a participant's cohabiting family member found up to the day of the start of the professional development programme, the participant is entitled to withdraw from the professional development programme and receive a full refund. The participant will have to cover travel, board and accommodation costs at their own expense, possibly with an appropriate travel cancellation insurance policy. A participant who tests positive for Covid-19 after the start of the professional development activity will not be entitled to any refund of professional development fees already paid. The participant will also be responsible for any additional travel, board, accommodation and hospital costs.

[also see [Terms & Conditions](#)]

More Information ...

Please ring us if you have queries about preparation material and arranging for development work prior to the week itself (which we highly recommend, especially for settings anticipating systems development) or if you have any other particular queries that you want answered.

For more information please contact Sightlines Initiative office on 0191 261 7666 or email Robin: robin@sightlines-initiative.com

If you have a query about your booking, hotel or travel, please email Karen: karen@sightlines-initiative.com

Coronavirus-related international travel information

Italian

[The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation: Italian nationals returning to Italy and foreigners in Italy](#)

[Ministry of Health :covid19 - travellers](#)

UK

[UK gov: foreign travel advice - Italy](#)