



An Overview of the Reggio Emilia Educational Experience

Jan Millikan

September 11th 2010

The Mining Exchange
128 Lydiard Street North, Ballarat

This seminar will provide an overview of the world acclaimed programs for young children in the city of Reggio Emilia, and explore some of the major principles illustrated in the exhibition "The Hundred Languages of Children".

Program Details:

10.00am-10.30am Registration

10.30am-12.30pm Presentation by Jan Millikan

12.30pm-1.30pm Lunch

1.30pm- 3.30 Concurrent Workshops



Registration

REAIE Member \$95 incl gst

Non Member \$115 incl gst

Lunch is **not** included in the cost of registration

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BALLARAT EXHIBITION WORKSHOP

Workshop 1 - Infant / Toddler

Presenter—Chris Celada

Chris will explore some of the Reggio Emilia principles when working with infants and toddlers. Questions like—*What can the theory of the “Hundred Languages” mean when working with babies? How can the practice of documentation assist teachers in planning? How can the principle of the “environment as the third teacher” assist teachers in looking at the physical environment for toddlers?* will be explored.

Chris is a kindergarten teacher who has been involved in early childhood for more than thirty years. She has worked in a wide range of settings in Australia and Latin America ranging from kindergartens, day care centres, residential care and tertiary training at TAFE. A search for a more meaningful framework for education for tertiary students led to her introduction to the educational project of Reggio Emilia. She became involved with REAIE firstly as a member in 2001, and was then elected to the committee in 2004 and became involved with the *Challenge* journal and the professional development programs.

Workshop 2 - Kindergartens

Presenter—Kirsty Liljegren

Kirsty will present a personal perspective on how the early learning centre she is currently Director / teacher at, interprets the Reggio Emilia Educational project through a series of projects and links to theory. Anecdotes from children aged three to five years will be interwoven with perspectives from parents and staff in the centre.

Kirsty Liljegren is currently the Director of St Leonard’s Early Learning centre, and teacher of the four year olds at the Cornish campus in Victoria, Australia which caters for children from aged three to five years of age. St Leonard’s College is a coeducational independent school thirty kilometres from the city and is situated on one hundred acres of marshland. The school as a whole has a strong emphasis on inquiry based learning alongside a commitment to sustainable education. Kirsty has been a committee member of the Reggio Emilia Australia Information Exchange since it began in Australia. In 2001, Kirsty was awarded a national excellence in teaching award for innovative practice. Recently Kirsty has had the opportunity to visit the Forest schools in Denmark as well as the nature Kindergartens in Scotland.

Workshop 3

Overview of Reggio Emilia through the eyes of the School

Presenter—Sophie Rudolph

Sophie will explore the possibilities for applying the values of the Reggio Emilia Educational Project within a Primary School setting in Australia, beginning with a conversation about the Image of the Child, Sophie will then share some of her work in a Reggio Emilia Inspired Australian setting with 5-7 year olds plus with some reflection on our own practice – the challenges, questions and opportunities – and imagine some possibilities for the future.

Sophie Rudolph is an early career teacher and has always been passionate about the potential for education to liberate people and transform discriminatory and restrictive ways of thinking. She has taught from pre-school to Year 8 in England, South Africa and Australia, most recently with the Reggio Emilia inspired program at Collingwood College, an inner Melbourne government school. She is on the Reggio Emilia Australia Information Exchange and will begin a Masters of Education in July this year.



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Saturday, September 11th 2010

10.00am registration — 3.30pm conclusion

INDIVIDUAL Registration Form and Tax Invoice

PARTICIPANT DETAILS: (Please complete one registration form per person)

Name:.....Member No:.....

Email:..... (This is essential for confirmation of registration)

Phone:.....(work or home) Mobile:.....

Workplace:.....Position:.....

Address:.....

Suburb:.....State:.....Postcode:.....(work or home)

Please select one of the workshops below:

- Workshop 1—Infant / Toddler Presenter: Chris Celada
- Workshop 2—Kindergarten Presenter: Kirsty Liljegren
- Workshop 3—Primary Presenter: Sophie Rudolph

**Registrations close 2nd September 2010
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REGISTRATION DETAILS:

Non Member Registration \$115 (including gst)

REAIE Individual Member \$95 (including gst)

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CANCELLATION AND NON-ATTENDANCE:

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