



AREA professional learning initiatives

2019 introduction to the principles of the Reggio approach
Sign up for all nine practical workshops – or just one

Deepen your teaching practice and connect with educators who are interested in and inspired by the Reggio Emilia philosophy of education. During this series of nine practical workshops run by the Africa Reggio Emilia Alliance (AREA), you will be introduced to core principles of the Reggio approach, and work with a group of peers to explore the possibilities for applying these principles and philosophy in your own classroom and context. While workshops are tailored toward teachers, parents and interested individuals are welcome. Sign up for the full series, or individual workshops.

#1 The image of the child

26 January 2019

This workshop looks briefly at past and present views of children. It challenges teachers to question what they believe about children and childhood, and how their own view of children is reflected in their classrooms.

#2 The 100 languages of children

2 March 2019

The 100 languages refers to the many different ways in which children express their thoughts and discoveries. The focus of this workshop is on the role of creative media in extending and enriching children's thinking and investigation.

#3 Participation, listening and the pedagogy of relationships

6 April 2019

This workshop covers how important participation, listening and relationships are in learning. It looks at the role of parents, children and teachers in the learning project, and stresses the importance of listening to children and respecting and valuing their ideas.

#4 Learning and the construction and socio-construction of knowledge

18 May 2019

This workshop focuses on children as meaning makers – how they develop their own concepts of the world around them right from birth, and how their learning is influenced and shaped in relationship with others and their own environment.

#5 Educational research

13 July 2019

This workshop focuses on children's natural curiosity and discovery as they play and make meaning of the world around them. It introduces the ideas of children and teachers researching together to enrich learning, and of schools being laboratories of research.

#6 Documentation and progettazione

17 August 2019

In the Reggio Emilia approach, documentation of children's learning through the use of sketches, photographs, videos, recordings, posters and books is considered vital in education. This workshop focuses on the significant value and potential outcomes of making children's learning visible.

#7 Organisation, environment, spaces and relations

21 September 2019

This workshop looks at the critical role of the environment (both natural and man-made) in stimulating and enriching children's discoveries and thought processes, in developing and supporting relationships, in fostering empathy with others and the natural environment.

#8 Sharing documentation

12 October 2019

Over the course of the workshop series, participants are encouraged to start doing their own documentation in their classrooms. During this session, participants are invited to share their documentation and discuss and give feedback on each other's work.

#9 Professional development and assessment

16 November 2019

The workshop series closes with reflections on the rights of teachers to ongoing professional development – and how this can be achieved in part by cultivating a reflective practice as a teacher and working in collaboration with colleagues. It also considers questions of assessment in a broader sense relating to children, teachers, educational practice, time management, and environment within a contextual curriculum.

AREA is an accredited SACE provider, and each workshop is endorsed for 5 SACE CPD points.

Venue: Nova Pioneer Ormonde, 49 Dorado Avenue, Ormonde

Time: 09:00-12:00

Cost: R3 950 for the full series (non-AREA member) or R3570 (AREA member)
R450 per workshop (non-AREA member) or R400 (AREA member)

Discounted rates are applicable for teachers from schools with school fees less than R800 per month. If you qualify for this discount, workshops costs R70 per person per workshop (which covers catering and workshop resources). Payment can be made in cash at each workshop or by bank deposit electronic transfer for payment for all nine workshops (R630).

TO REGISTER

Step 1: Complete this form and submit to pre-register

Please tick the relevant box to specify whether you are registering for the full introductory course OR an individual workshop.

INTRODUCTORY COURSE (9 workshops)

INDIVIDUAL WORKSHOP:

First name (as per identity document):

Surname:

Cell number:

Address:

Email:

Name of school:

School's address:

Step 2: Pay by bank deposit or electronic transfer and email to tessa@reggio.co.za to confirm your place.

Use your initials and surname plus INTRO as a payment reference

Account Name: Africa Reggio Emilia Alliance NPC
Bank: Standard Bank
Account Number: 001 802 321
Branch: Norwood
Branch Code: 004105
Swift No: SBZAZAJJ

NOTE:

- Cancellations less than three days prior to any workshop will incur a cancellation fee.

REMEMBER: Email your completed registration form and proof of payment to: tessa@reggio.co.za