



Municipality of
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**FIRST INTERNATIONAL
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Preface

This communication aims to offer an initial outline of the event - First International Summer School in Reggio Emilia - that wants to be an occasion for encounter, dialogue, study, research among people from different cultures and from different experiences.

The Preschools and Infant Toddler Centres, Istituzione - Municipality of Reggio Emilia, Italy are world wide recognized as high quality educational experiences. The town of Reggio Emilia has always invested in early childhood services since the beginning of this pedagogical experience after the second world war. Within this experience, a pedagogical and cultural project has been developed that has continued to represent a point of reference of intense vitality, research and innovation, not only for the town of Reggio Emilia, but also at national and international level.

The aspect of Reserch for Innovation that characterizes the pedagogical experience of Reggio Emilia has been appreciated in the world and its study in depth has encountered the interest of many teachers, pedagogistas, atelieristas, educators, researchers and administrators in the Educational field. Reggio Children - the Reggio Emilia experience has been receiving numerous requests at national and international level to be studied in depth for a period that could last more than a week. Consequently Reggio Children has decided to organize, for the first time, a two weeks International Summer School in Reggio Emilia - July 2010 that will offer to the participants the possibility to go deeper into the organizational structures, contexts, contents, strategies, study and research of the Reggio Emilia philosophy.

A Summer School in Reggio Emilia will also offer opportunities to study in depth the experience of the Municipal infant-toddler centres and preschools through different modalities of professional development occasions.

Through the revisiting of past experiences with study groups and dialogues with colleagues at internation level we have noticed that there is an increase of demands for having more time available to stay in Reggio Emilia and to study the Approach. We thought that a Summer School in Reggio Emilia that lasts two weeks could be a strategy of professional development that could have the purpose to develop and support a deeper knowledge and understanding about different topics that will be studied.

A bibliography of texts and articles will be given in advance to the participants before coming to Reggio Emilia. The texts should be read and studied in order to further develop thoughts, reflections and questions that then in Reggio Emilia, will find a place capable to be listened to and valued.

The first International Summer School will take place in Reggio Emilia, Italy at the International Centre Loris Malaguzzi from July 4-17, 2010.

The main contents of The Summer School will be:

- The principles of the educational project- Infant Toddler Centres and preschools, Istituzione of the Municipality of Reggio Emilia.
- Experiences of theories and practice in dialogue
- The school seen as a system of interactions and relationships
- Analysis of research projects
- Encounters with teachers, pedagogistas and atelieristas
- Parents participation in the life of the school
- The experience of the preschools and continuity with the primary school
- The hundred languages of children. Expressive and cognitive learning
- Exhibitions seen as professional development tools
- Atelier Ray of Light, Atelier of Water and Energy. Visits and workshops
- The cultural project of the International Centre Loris Malaguzzi
- Reggio Children and the role of International Networks
- Friends of Reggio Children International Association
- The town, the community, the early childhood services in Reggio Emilia
- Encounters with local administratoris, politicians, city council members
- Projects in collaboration with Univerisities
- The Italian Educational System
- Experiences from the World: dialogues and conversations with the participants

The programme will be developed through lectures, power point presentations, plenary sessions, workshops, hands-on, working in groups, role playing, projection of video clips, analisys of documentation tools, making the learning visible: workshop in motion.

The two weeks will be in English. The participants are expected to have a good knowledge of the language in order to facilitate exchanges among them and to support active interactions and communications.

Date: July 4-17, 2010

Number of participants: 100

The individual participation fee for the International Summer School is: Euro 2200 (VAT included)

Registration forms can be downloaded from Reggio Children web site:
www.reggiochildren.it



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