

FINAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Mosaic of Marks, Words, Material Exhibition + *Atelier*

Vancouver, British Columbia | 2022–2023



The background of the slide is a photograph of a community meeting or exhibition. Several people are gathered around large informational posters or displays mounted on a wall. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm, orange-toned overlay. The posters contain text and images, though they are not clearly legible. The overall atmosphere is one of community engagement and information sharing.

Community Overview

HOSTED BY
Vancouver Reggio Association

Vancouver Reggio Association



The Vancouver Reggio Association (VRA) is a non-profit organization focused on providing Reggio-inspired professional development opportunities. This organization was established in 2010 to host *The Wonder of Learning* Exhibit in Vancouver in 2012. Subsequent to 2012, the primary role of this organization has been about supporting mentorship opportunities and hosting conferences and workshops, all on a volunteer basis. Our current board consists of 12 members.

Working Group



Laurie Kocher
Vancouver Reggio Association
and Capilano University



Janice Novakowski
Vancouver Reggio Association
and Richmond School District



Angela Meredith
Vancouver Reggio Association

Venue & Schedule

Italian Cultural Centre

October 1, 2022 – January 15, 2023

Visitors

2,500⁺



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Vancouver Reggio Association directors and *atelier* working group members led a professional learning event at the Italian Cultural Centre for StrongStart educators (infant, toddler, and preschool age) from seven local school districts. As part of their professional learning experience, participants visited the *Mosaic of Marks* exhibition and had the opportunity to engage in an interactive *atelier*.

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3rd NAREA Fall Conference

*Possibilities and Complexities:
Reconnecting, Reimagining, Relaunching*

October 20–22, 2022

Speakers



Mirella Ruozzi
Atelierista



Massimo (Max) Ghirardi
Atelierista

Participants

235

States

14

Provinces

3

Countries

3



Vancouver, British Columbia

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Mirella and Max made the experiences come to life through their presentations. What they presented was truly inspiring. It is very important for them to bring these lively ideas and questions of the children into the wider world.

2022 NAREA Fall Conference Participant



Professional Learning

Interactive *Ateliers*, Workshops, & Children's Visits/Engagements

Atelier Participants

521

Workshop Participants

613



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The Vancouver Reggio Association *atelier* sub-committee gathered, purchased, and curated a selection of materials for facilitated interactive *ateliers* held within the exhibition-*atelier* space. In total, six sessions were offered to the public.

Early childhood education classes from Vancouver Community College, Langara College, Capilano University, Simon Fraser University, and several other programs participated in self-guided visits to the exhibit.

Preschool groups from nearby childcare centers regularly visited, engaging with the interactive *atelier* materials during their visits.

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Support

Supporters of the Project

Thanks for making this possible.

- Italian Cultural Centre
- Bowen Island Children's Society
- Westcoast Childcare Resource Centre
- Volunteers and family members
- Vancouver Reggio Association
- Reggio Children
- NAREA



The Consul General of the Republic of Italy and children from L'Albero Magico (Scuola d'Infanzia) at the opening night reception and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Significance

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The Vancouver Reggio Association directors worked passionately to bring the *Mosaic of Marks, Words, Materials* Exhibition and *Atelier* to our communities of children, parents and educators in Vancouver. A wonderful collaboration formed with the Italian Cultural Centre, who provided the venue, Bowen Island Children's Society, who, together with Westcoast Childcare Resource Centre assisted with government grants for early childhood educators, and with the many volunteers and family members who supported us on this journey.

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WE CELEBRATE YOU WITH GRATITUDE AND HOPE

The North American community of early childhood education has been strengthened by your dedication, solidarity, and determination.

