

RUSSIA

Montessori Public Fund

Mission

Montessori Public Fund, the AMI affiliate in Russia, has been successfully operating for the 6th year to promote authentic Montessori in Russia; to enhance the quality of Montessori education of children and adults; and to provide to as many children as possible qualified help to aid their development.

We support the work of AMI training centres in Russia. The Higher School of the Montessori Method is conducting its Fourth AMI Assistants to Infancy Training Course, having trained so far 100 Montessori-teachers at 0-3. In 2015 Montessori Public Fund Training Center, started the First AMI Primary Training Course in the history of Russia.

Thanks to the increase of qualified Montessori-teachers in Russia, Montessori classes operating according to AMI standard became available in many more regions of Russia.

Publications & Media

The Fund's website (www.montessori-org.ru) publishes information from AMI, news about the events of Russian and the world Montessori communities. The website has gradually become a popular resource of information for all Montessorians in Russia. We also run two popular Facebook groups: one is open for everybody and shares information about the AMI approach and another is professional resource for AMI trained teachers.

The professional community of AMI trained teachers is called the AMI-club and started to operate in different regions as permanent groups of Montessori teachers who gather regularly to share experiences and solve common problems. They have open meetings as well where every teacher is welcome in order to gain knowledge and experience.

The Fund translates AMI Bulletins and AMI Journals into Russian for our Russian speaking audience.

In the Montessori Fund Library series, the Fund published books on the Montessori Method. In 2015, the Fund published the articles "The Four Planes of Education" and "The Human Tendencies" by Mario Montessori – in one book. These articles were never before been published into Russian.

The Fund took part in the preparation of our annual Russian Montessori Conferences in November 2015 that focussed mainly on administrative work in a Montessori school.

Special Projects & Outreach

We continue to inform our members and public about news of Russia and global Montessori communities, in our monthly electronic INFO-bulletin. In December 2015 we

started a new project called free electronic Journal for Parents that inform adults about the most effective way to help the developing child.

In order to enhance the educational level of specialists and parents, the Fund conducts seminars and workshops led by AMI qualified specialists. In 2015 we held the workshop “The Montessori Adolescent Programs” by Sam Rotker, which was a great success.

The Federation of Eastern European AMI Affiliates, created by the Montessori Public Fund and the AMI affiliate in Ukraine, provides a very positive experience in mutual support and development of authentic Montessori Method in both countries. The shared knowledge of the Russian language allows us to cooperate on translating Montessori sources into Russian, spreading authentic information about the Method, conducting joint activities – conferences, seminars, workshops; and helping specialists in obtaining good quality education. The Federation is open for future participants; and we are looking forward to the involvement and participation from Belarus that is about to start the process of affiliation with AMI.

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