

TUNISIA

Association Montessori Afrique du Nord (AMAN)

Events and Activities

AMAN provided seminar sessions every Saturday to encourage all members reflecting on Montessori's aspects and applying them in educational and social life.

AMAN organised several workshops in January and March 2016, to raise parents' awareness regarding the necessity of implementing Montessori's Philosophy in all aspects of Life.

Understanding the natural psychological human development of their children, supporting them at home and rebuilding a strong relationship between parents and Montessori school, were discussed in several parental workshops planned in AMAN's Association.

AMAN continued working on after school clubs through several activities designed to meet the need of the children and develop their learning potential.

AMAN organized several international days to promote children's cultural knowledge of the world they are living in:

- World Autism Awareness Day- April 2 - With the purpose of raising awareness amongst children about autism and the importance of the integration and acceptance of persons with autism.
- Global Safety and Health Day- April 7 - The lecture room has seen medical visitors who presented basic concepts regarding health care and special medical knowledge.
- Earth Day- April 22 - The children worked on practical ideas and projects to preserve a healthy environment.
- International Dance Day- April 29 - Children celebrated this day with their family and AMAN members with music and dance.

AMAN organized cultural trips and excursions to different regions in Tunisia such as: Haouaria, Touzeur, Matmata, Bizert and El Jem.

By the end of December, AMAN planned its third linguistic tour to France with members, teachers, parents and children.

Children had the chance to discover cultural and historical monuments as they benefited from the linguistic tour to practice and reinforce their linguistic skills; they attended linguistic workshops and conducted intercultural discussions to exchange perspectives and ideas regarding nowadays schools.

Special Projects and Outreach

The training centre CFMMT (centre de formation Maria Montessori de Tunisie) organized and offered in collaboration with the Tunisian Ministry of vocational training and employment, courses in July 2016 for license-graduated people who are interested in Montessori pedagogy.

In December 2016, CFMMT carried on being active hosting a training group that has taken an increased amount of work with both psychologist and sociologist who benefited from training sessions planned to make them rethink about the child's psychological analysis that can be conducted.

With the participation of psychologist, inspectors, teachers and special educator, the forum "New Education for a New World" was successfully organised in Nabeul, in October to rethink of educational reforms and plan for an effective system of education to promote our children's learning potential.

Collaborations

AMAN is still collaborating with the Tunisian Ministry of Education and Ministry of Vocational Training and Employment and working together on the issue: Preparing graduated teachers to operate in a professional context.

Media

Radio Monastir, radio Med and Tunisia's national radio invited AMAN's association to conduct a radio conference about "the school of tomorrow".

Memberships

At this juncture, AMAN has 70 members.

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