

# The Montessori Society AMI UK





The Montessori Society, or AMI UK as we are also known, is an affiliate membership organisation dedicated to bringing authentic Montessori to a wider UK audience.

## **Dr Maria Montessori's work has relevance to everyone living and working with the young, the old and all ages in between.**



Montessori is a partner in preparing your child to make a difference in the real world.

Training



Outreach



Montessori Football



Montessori for Dementia and Ageing

*"As we evolve and move forward, we are aware that we need to meet the needs of today's society, to help people to live their lives more fully, healthily and effectively, while still staying true to the original principles of Montessori."*

*Lynne Lawrence,  
AMI Executive Director*

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# CELEBRATE!

The Montessori Society AMI (UK) is proud to join our colleagues in celebrating 100 years of Montessori training in the UK.

Along with our members, we are committed to supporting the continued growth of Montessori professionalism. This special publication describes the benefits of joining the Society and the work of the AMI.



- Reduced rates for members on our events
- Newsletters delivered to your inbox
- Free website listings for members' schools & projects
- Job postings on our website
- Society membership for students
- Mentorship for members
- Members' discount on materials from Nienhuis Montessori
- Members get access to AMI Digital
- Members' discount on books by and about Montessori



**Individuals of any training or none at all are invited to join the Society. Membership costs £60 per year.**

Our administrative Board consists of current and former teachers and parents. The Society Annual General Meeting this year will take place on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019. It is a relaxed occasion that gives busy parents and teachers the opportunity to connect and contribute to Montessori development in the UK.

## Reduced rates for members on our events



The Society hosts talks and workshops for parents, carers and teachers during the year. Our 2019/2020 programme begins with 'Preparation of the Home: How families can organise for optimal child development'. Our speaker, Heidi Philippart (left), runs two Montessori Bilingual Preschools in the centre of Amsterdam and the 2Voices Montessori Study Room for adult education.

## Newsletters delivered to your inbox

Receive news and views throughout your membership year. Issues feature job vacancies, education and training news. Members also receive AMI e-publications which include articles from Montessori leaders & practitioners and international news.

## Free web listings for members' schools & projects

Promote your work! The Society's listings are a valuable resource for those seeking Montessori professionals in a variety of settings.

The application of Montessori principles in and out of the classroom is growing in the UK and we aim to reflect this. The Society values connections with schools, parent & child groups, home-schooling, youth work, seniors and other education and care groups.

Takako: "As a relief worker I kept on looking for how true peace could come about. I found it in Montessori. AMI is an advocate of peace; their standards are high, and they are a strong and established organisation."

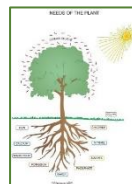
## Job postings on our website

The Society offers low advertising rates to help employers reach high calibre Montessori professionals. Visit [montessorisociety.org.uk/jobs](http://montessorisociety.org.uk/jobs) to find your first Montessori position or your next career move.

## Members get access to AMI Digital

AMI Digital provides a large range of digital Montessori materials including charts, classified cards and publications. An option to print materials in any language is available for some items.

Visit [montessoridigital.org](http://montessoridigital.org)



## Society membership for students

Students enrolled on diploma or degree courses at The Maria Montessori Institute receive Society membership for the duration of their studies.



**More than just a job**

**Be the early years teacher you always wanted to be!**

- Gain the ultimate Montessori qualification – the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI)
- Teach anywhere in the world or even set up your own pre-school
- Be counted in staff-to-children ratios by gaining the Early Years Educator qualification
- New Foundation Degree offered in collaboration with the University of East London

We offer teacher training, professional development and short courses including the AMI classroom assistants certificate course aimed at parents and those wanting to work with children.

All our courses provide an in-depth understanding of Montessori principles and practice delivered through a combination of lectures, discussion, observation and teaching practice.

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## Mentorship for members

Karen Pearce is Director of Pedagogy at The Montessori Place. She uses her 30 years of Children's House experience to mentor Montessori guides, in between lecturing and running workshops across Europe. To join the WhatsApp group contact:  
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**Montessori Unwrapped: a WhatsApp Group**

Wednesdays between 6-7pm GMT

A question and answer service to offer support and advice for Montessori Guides in their day to day practice.

An opportunity to unwrap our practice, reflect on Pedagogy, ask for advice in your work with parents and how to best support your team's development.

Contact: [karen@themontessoriplace.org.uk](mailto:karen@themontessoriplace.org.uk)

## Members' discount on materials from Nienhuis



Nienhuis Montessori was founded in 1929 by Albert Nienhuis, who collaborated with Maria Montessori to create products which reflected her vision of education. Each piece of material, which is manufactured according to the AMI blueprints, is identified by an AMI logo in the catalogue. Browse online or download catalogue at [montessorisociety.org.uk/Shop-Materials](http://montessorisociety.org.uk/Shop-Materials)



## Members' discount on books by and about Montessori



We carry a comprehensive range of titles for parents, teachers and students.

Orders may be placed through our website for postal delivery.

The Society also offers book sales at courses and other events.

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**Visit us at Conference Stand 1 in the Pickwick Room.**

Join the Society today and receive **free UK postage** on books ordered at the Conference.

Dr Montessori's books are supplied to the Society by the Montessori-Pierson Publishing Company. This collaboration supports their family commitment to uphold and further the Montessori movement.

*The Montessori-Pierson Publishing Company was started by the heirs (the 11 great-grandchildren) of Maria Montessori in 2006. The name stems from the fact that Mario Montessori was married to Ada Pierson who always stood beside him and Maria Montessori.*

*The annual net result allocated to Montessori-Pierson Publishing Foundation will virtually all be paid to Association Montessori International (AMI), the association Maria Montessori set up herself in 1929 to safeguard her legacy and work.*



## AMI – A MODERN TRADITION

The AMI Head Office is located in Amsterdam. The building was acquired by Dr. Maria Montessori and Mario Montessori, they lived and worked there until their respective deaths in 1952 and 1982. The house now preserves their work, documents, books and lectures both published and unpublished. The building is open to visitors and appointments are advised.



People from over 50 countries come together every year at the AMI's Annual General Meeting to welcome new members and listen to inspirational speakers.

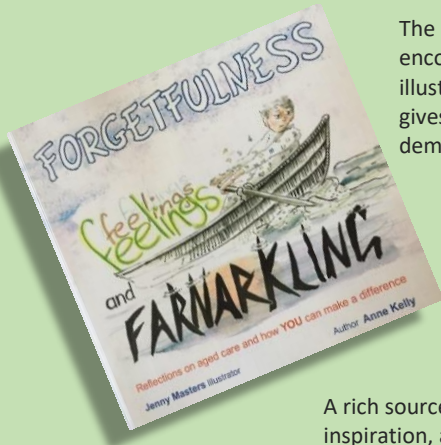


*L-R: Junnifa Uzodike, Helen Henny, Karen Kenison, Carolina Montessori and Alexander Henny*

Junnifa: "The power of Montessori allows children to blossom and enjoy learning. I am excited about AMI's work and any contribution I can make to bringing Montessori to as many people as possible."

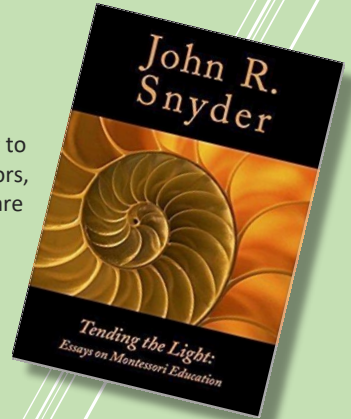
The April 2019 AGM was an even more special occasion. This wonderful cake was brought on stage to mark AMI's 90 years. Nienhuis Montessori, who share the same foundation date sponsored the occasion. The cake was cut by three of Maria Montessori's great grandchildren, a representative from Nienhuis, the AMI Board Young Professionals and staff.

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The book uses humour as a strategy to encourage reflection on practice. Each illustration and its accompanying short story gives life to the voices of people living with dementia.

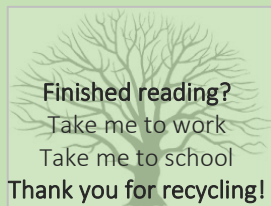
A rich source of information, inspiration, and guidance not only to Montessori teachers, administrators, and parents, but also to all who care about the lives of children.



The typescript of this course was to have significant pedagogical consequences, since The 1946 London Lectures became the foundation of AMI's 3-6 courses.



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