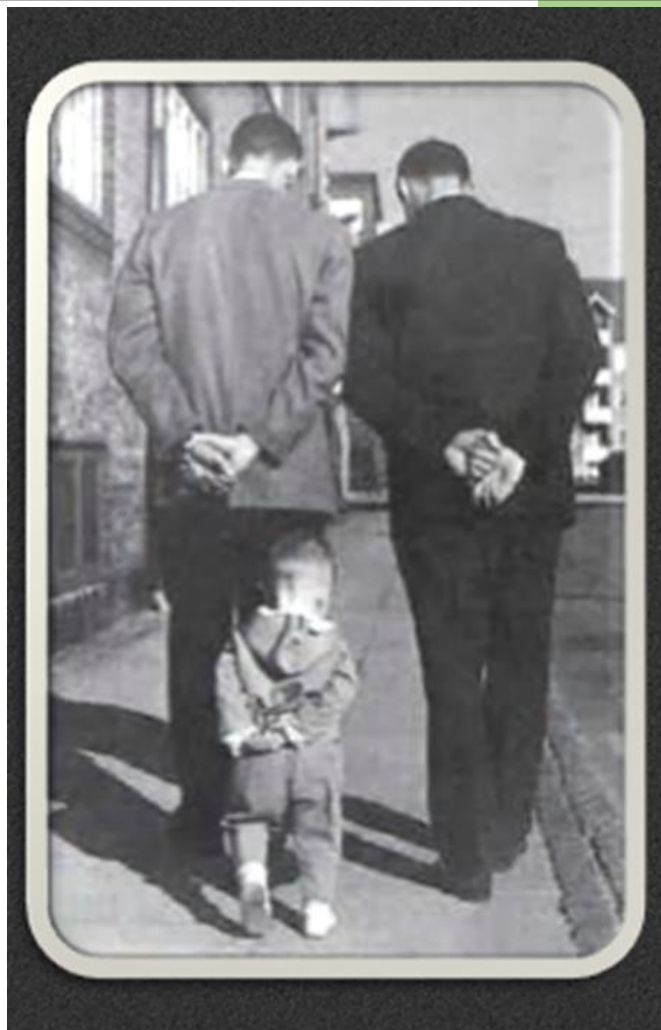


# The Montessori Society AMI (UK)



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The Montessori Society was founded 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1934 to promote the principles and practices laid down by Dr Maria Montessori herself and to preserve the integrity of her life's work. Since then the Society or AMI UK as we are also known, has continued in its role - to impact adults for the benefit of children.

In the UK, the Society enacts the [AMI](#) vision to “connect Montessori to the world” by working to:

- Keep information about Montessori education freely available.
- Keep Montessori practice refreshed and relevant for teachers.

To carry out its mission, the Society offers membership to everyone. Among our members are teachers with and without Montessori training and practitioners in the related fields of psychology, pedagogy and neuroscience. Many of our members are also parents.

Society members are people from all walks of life who have one thing in common - they are inspired by Dr. Maria Montessori's philosophies on human development and the path she illuminates to harmonious living.



The Society is an affiliate of the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI), an organisation founded by Dr. Montessori in 1929 and dedicated to promoting Montessori education globally.

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 The house now preserves all traces of their work, documents, books, published and unpublished lectures.

The building which is open to visitors by appointment, features Dr. Montessori's study, a materials room and an archival library.



Our board consists of education professionals. Each year we welcome nominations for the General Purposes Committee. Elections take place at the Society's Annual General Meeting.

## Society Board

<i>President</i>	Vacant
<i>Vice President</i>	Hilla Patell
<i>Vice President</i>	Karen Pearce
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	Beverley Maragh
<i>Executive Director</i>	Diana Bradley

### General Purposes Committee

Sarah Cummins, *Chair*  
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Elizabeth Hood  
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Poinsy Pino  
Shallal Qureshi  
Magdalena Sala  
Georgie Williamson

**Full Individual Members only** shall each have one vote at the Society's General Meetings.

**Individual Members, annually or monthly**

Subscription fee covers:

- Full membership of the Society and the AMI for 12 months.

**Individual Members, annual subscription**

Subscription fee covers:

- Subscription fee covers **Society only membership** for 12 months.
- This membership level is for students on Montessori courses and individuals who hold AMI membership elsewhere and would like to join the UK Society.

**School Membership – for each setting**

Subscription fee covers:

- **Full Individual Membership** of the Society and the AMI for 12 months, for the Lead person.
- **Society only membership** for up to five staff members for 12 months, at each setting.
- Free listing on the Society's website for UK Montessori schools, including the **School Membership logo**.

- Member schools may display the School Membership logo on their own website and literature. **Please note:** the logo does not denote accreditation and serves only to demonstrate the schools' commitment to keep their Montessori practice 'refreshed and relevant'.
- Society professional development events will be advertised as such and may be attended by one or up to six members (Lead + 5) at the free or reduced rate. The viewing of recordings will not be counted as attendance. A record of events attended will be available in your membership profile.
- The School Membership logo will be removed from the Society's website listing if a minimum of two live professional development events are not attended during any 12 months membership period. In addition, schools will be required to remove the logo from their website and literature.

## Notes

- Individual Members are not permitted to use or display the Society logos on their website or literature. Please enrol in School Membership for this benefit.
- Members are not permitted to use or display the AMI logo on their website or literature. The AMI provides [free graphics](#) and other resources for use.
- Current membership fees are as quoted on our website. The membership renewal fee is due on the one-year anniversary of the previous payment. Renewal reminders are emailed automatically to members.

- Individual members may switch to Schools Membership during the subscription year (fees will be adjusted accordingly) or wait until membership renewal is due.
- The Society reserves the right to refuse or cancel membership at any time. No refunds will be paid if membership is terminated early for any reason.
- Your attention is drawn to the Society's [Privacy](#) notice.



## **Membership Benefits**

- **Society newsletters delivered to your Inbox** at intervals through your membership year. Members also receive AMI e-publications which include international news, articles, access to podcasts and e-learning resources. Sign up to the AMI Weekly Digest for updates.
- **Free and reduced rates for Society events.** The Society hosts regular online professional development workshops in addition to a variety of general information sessions.
- **Free Montessori Jobs postings with Schools Membership.** Job advertising to assist employers in reaching high calibre professionals. Visit [montessorisociety.org.uk/jobs](https://montessorisociety.org.uk/jobs) to find your first Montessori position or your next career move.
- **Free listings on the Society website.**

As the application of Montessori principles expands, our members' listings are a growing resource for those seeking trained professionals. In addition to schools, we list tutors, nannies, childminders, parent & child groups, home-schoolers, youth workers, aged-care providers and other relevant Montessori services.

School Memberships carry a Society logo, which highlight those settings which are committed to keeping their practice 'refreshed and relevant'.

## Discount on books by and about Montessori



The Society carries a comprehensive range of titles for parents, carers, teachers and students. Orders may be placed through our online bookshop for postal delivery.

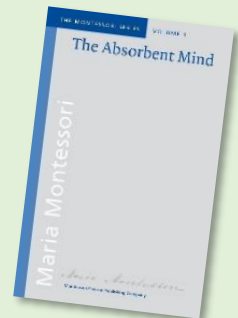
Dr. Montessori's own writings are supplied to the Society by the Montessori-Pierson Publishing Company. This collaboration supports the family's commitment to uphold and further the Montessori movement.

*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.*



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## Discount on materials from Nienhuis Montessori

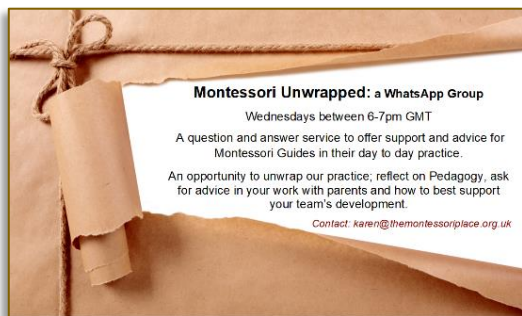
Nienhuis Montessori was founded in 1929 by Albert Nienhuis, who collaborated with Maria Montessori to create products which reflected her vision of education.

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 a pdf catalogue at [montessorisociety.org.uk/Shop-Materials](http://montessorisociety.org.uk/Shop-Materials)



## Mentorship at Montessori Unwrapped



Karen Pearce is a Vice President of the Society and Director of Pedagogy at The Montessori Place where she mentors the Children's Houses guides in between lecturing and running workshops across Europe.

Karen also uses her more than 30 years of Children's House experience to lead and support graduates through the Maria Montessori Institute's post-diploma course on the science of observing children. This is an informal [mentorship group](#) to get advice and share best practice.

# Montessori Sports

This 40-hour online course will provide you with knowledge of how to integrate sports into Montessori environments across all planes of development.

You can do this course at your own pace and in your own time and there are no designated time slots to be online. [Click here for the course brochure.](#)

At the end of this course, you will receive an AMI accredited certificate and an invitation to attend a 1-hour live graduation ceremony (online) together with fellow Montessori Sports students and trainers. Watch the video.

Certified students will also get the opportunity to become a member of Montessori Sports which will give them access to an exclusive video library with sports activities, interviews and webinars. This library will be updated monthly to give the latest knowledge of what is happening in the field of Montessori Sports.

Society members please use the coupon code AMIUKSPORTS to receive your discount.



Montessori Sport

As the UK affiliates, the Montessori Society and the [Maria Montessori Institute](#) collaborate with the AMI to bring Montessori education to the widest audience.

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

*"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



Courses and Workshops





Montessori for Dementia and Ageing

Full membership of the Society supports the rights of children throughout the world. The AMI directly manages various initiatives in sometimes challenging situations.

*Educateurs sans Frontières, a division of AMI, identifies innovative educational initiatives worldwide that are based on Montessori principles, and supports them with mentorship and resources, guiding them towards sustainability, expansion, and replication.*

*EsF prepares individuals to carry out the broader social mission of the Montessori movement; deepening their understanding of the needs of humanity and the development of the child by revisiting Montessori principles and practices from the perspective of society at large.*

[www.montessori-esf.org](http://www.montessori-esf.org)




**7TH ASSEMBLY  
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**HAND AND MIND TOGETHER-  
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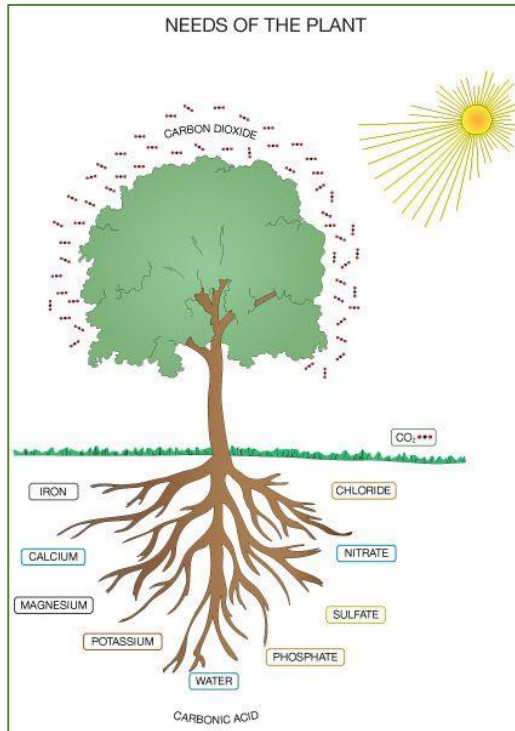
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*"I got a chance to meet an inspiring group of individuals and families all working towards a common goal of creating impact through Montessori education in the communities they find themselves in."*

2018 EsF Assembly Participant

More details?  
Visit [www.montessori-esf.org](http://www.montessori-esf.org) or  
contact [info@montessori-esf.org](mailto:info@montessori-esf.org)



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