

Internationale Montessori Vereniging 'Association Montessori Internationale' A.M.I. Amsterdam

Plans for 2024

- AMI will continue to plan and work to its new Strategic Plan.
- Support and planning for the 2026 and 2029 AMI International Congresses will begin.
- Membership and membership benefits will become a focus in 2024 with additional support from the newly approved Capacity Grant.
- The AMI Journal will be published.
- A suite of professional development certificates will be offered through Training Centres including an AMI Examiner's qualification.
- We will continue the work of strengthening the connections between Training Centres and Trainers in the USA in collaboration with the Director of Training Centre Evolution and Growth and representatives from affiliates and training centres, subject to obtaining further funding.
- We will continue to expand the range of courses that offer insight and training in the Montessori approach to human development.
- Programme content for the 0-3 and 6-12 courses will continue to be revised.
- Work will continue on the development of the Global School Accreditation Programme.
- AMI will continue to develop the strategic communications initiative with the guidance of the AMI Communications Advisor. Several Montessori campaigns are organised for 2024 to include Voice of the Trainer and AMI Talks.
- We will continue to support The 'Our Planet Our Future' campaign in collaboration with other NGO's and contribute to the Global Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action.
- All 12-18 teacher education programmes (AMI Diploma and In-Service with the Montessori Schools of Amsterdam) will be supported.
- AMI will continue to work on developing the digital Montessori Knowledge Hub, and the Maria Montessori Archive assisted by support from a generous grant.
- AMI continues to be contacted by and work with several philanthropic and educational organisations and foundations interested in spreading and applying Montessori principles and AMI wishes to continue to collaborate with them to increase the accessibility of good quality Montessori education in underserved communities across various regions of the world.
- We continue to develop the Montessori Architecture design tool and will provide support for a Montessori architecture competition in Kenya.

- We will continue to support further growth of the work in Africa, and particularly in Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa and Ethiopia and support the only fully funded 6-12 International Diploma Course on the African continent.
- AMI will extend the building at 163 Koninginneweg, Amsterdam to offer more exhibition and meeting space, as well as upgrading the fabric of the two buildings (161 and 163).
- The 2024 budget assumes a deficit of Euro 54,137. The budget assumes total income of Euro 2,886,556 and total expenses of Euro 2,940,693. An increase in personnel costs arising from the employment of additional staff and the introduction of an employee pension scheme together will be partially offset by anticipated additional revenue from course fees and memberships.

Future Perspectives and Recent Developments

In common with other organisations AMI is continuing to recover from the repercussions of the global Covid-19 pandemic.

The overall financial impact on 2024 is difficult to predict as the situation changes frequently but mitigating measures will continue to be implemented. Training centres have introduced remote learning wherever feasible, whilst ensuring that the quality of training, for which AMI is known has not been compromised. This will enable many students to complete or begin their Diploma studies. Online Orientation courses and the newly written Assistants Course Adjunct that are being introduced at most Centres.

AMI owns the two buildings at Koninginneweg and has substantial cash reserves. Business planning is underway to develop strategies for the training, including how to ensure future sustainability by continuing the Training of Trainers programmes and investigating alternative means of delivery and additional courses. Every effort is being made to contain costs.

The implementation of these measures should enable AMI to weather this situation and resume its growth path as global economic conditions stabilise.

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