



Information and Application for the Intensive Study Week in Reggio Emilia, Italy January, 2020

1. The Purpose of the Intensive Study Week

- An intensive week of dialogue with a limited number of participants.
- To create and strengthen connections with people from all sectors of education and other professions within the states and territories of Australia.
- The study program commences on the evening of **Sunday, 12 January** and concludes **Friday 17 January**.
- The venue for the week is the Loris Malaguzzi International Centre, Reggio Emilia.
- Lectures will be in either English or Italian. An interpreter will be available whenever the Italian language is to be used.

2. Participants should consider:

- The focus for the week will be **The Culture of the Atelier and the Hundred Languages of Children**.
- The atelier is not just place for 'art', rather in Reggio Emilia, it represents a place of cultural expression. Art and other means of expression demonstrate the differences in the perceptions that people have and mirrors the society from where it has genesis. Loris Malaguzzi introduced 'ateliers' to the preschools of Reggio Emilia in the 60's, deliberately choosing the French word atelier to honour the French artists who had contributed so much to the arts. The premise of the atelier was polysensorial exploration: where a child's senses became the new allies for learning. The atelier was introduced to offer children materials and experiences for expression, exploration of artistic processes and to introduce them to new aesthetic dimensions. These processes were summarised in poetry by Loris Malaguzzi and are now widely known around the world as the metaphor of the Hundred Languages.
- This professional learning opportunity is designed for educators who have attended Reggio Emilia Study Tours previously and are keen to return to take their learning further. This tour **IS NOT SUITED** to people just beginning to explore the principles of the Reggio Emilia Educational Project.

3. Study Program

- The group will be accompanied by **two study tour leaders from Reggio Australia**.
- The study program will **commence on Sunday 12 January at 5pm** with a meeting for all delegates. The venue will be confirmed closer to departure. The program will then continue on **Monday 13 January** at the Loris Malaguzzi International Centre. It is within walking distance from the Astoria Hotel. The program **concludes on the evening of Friday 17 January**.
- There will be opportunities for the group to come together in the late afternoon or evening for further discussions facilitated by the accompanying study tour leaders. These get-togethers will present opportunities for the participants to network, share their own practice and reflect on the day's presentation during the study week.

- Study tour leaders will be available throughout the study tour to assist REAIE participants.
- Reading materials will be provided to participants prior to departure from Australia to assist with preparation for the study tour and to facilitate learning.
- General travel advice and tips are provided to the group prior to departure from Australia.
- REAIE Office is available for any questions or concerns in the lead up to the tour's departure and to answer any queries while you are away.

The program costs include:

- Organisation of the program by Reggio Children.
- Presentations by and meetings with pedagogista, teachers, administrators and parents.
- Visits to Infant Toddler Centres and Preschools of the Municipality of Reggio Emilia.
- Information for each participant about the town of Reggio Emilia, its municipal infant toddler-centre and preschool experience and Reggio Children.
- Private bus transportation to and from the centres in Reggio Emilia as required by the program.
- Professional English interpreters as required by the program.
- Coffee, lunch breaks and farewell tea.

4. Travelling to Italy

- Delegates are to make their own travel arrangements. The study tour leaders travel arrangements will be provided to delegates as soon as they are confirmed. They will be arriving in Bologna on Saturday 11 January 2020.
- REAIE uses the services of **DQ International Travel Service**. To contact **DQ International Travel Service** please call Damian Quirk **03 9614 4588** or email **travel@dqinternational.com.au**. Damian is also able to organise travel with other airlines and incorporate other travel arrangements and tours.
- **Please ensure you provide Damian with a scanned copy of your passport when making a booking.**
- Please consider when deciding how best to book your travel that booking through a travel agent means that any issues that may arise before or during your travel will have the assistance of an agent. Without a travel agent, you are on your own.



5. Accommodation

The study tour leaders will be staying at the Astoria Hotel, which is situated in the centre of the city of Reggio Emilia. Damian Quirk at DQ International Travel Service is able to assist you with these arrangements should you wish to stay with the study tour leaders. The cost for a Single Room is approximately \$140AU per night and the cost for Double or Twin Share is approximately \$157AU per night. Both rates include breakfast and are subject to exchange fluctuation and availability. For information about other accommodation options please refer to the Reggio Children website <http://www.reggiochildren.it/dove-alloggiare-a-reggio-emilia/?lang=en>

6. Study Program Cost

The cost of the 2020 Intensive Study Week is \$3450.00AU.

N.B The fee is an all-inclusive cost to all participants and cannot be altered for non-use of some of the components, e.g. land transportation, etc.

N.B It does not include accommodation, airfares, insurance, transfers or other associated costs.

To secure your place please register online and include a deposit of **\$950**. Registrations will close on Wednesday 16 October 2019.

7. Study Tour Cancellation Fees

- Delegates who cancel their registration before 16 October 2019 will incur an administration fee of \$100.
- Delegates who cancel their registration between 17 October and 11 November 2019 will incur the loss of the full deposit paid (\$950).
- The final balance is due by 11 November 2019.
- Delegates who cancel their registration after the final payment has been made will incur the loss of the total fee \$3450 where the place is unable to be filled by another delegate.
- If the place is filled, the loss incurred will be the deposit of \$950.

8. Insurance

All participants must take out an individual travel insurance policy for illness, accidents or loss which may occur during the study tour. Damian Quirk at DQ International Travel Service can assist with arranging travel insurance for you.

9. Bus transfer option from Bologna Airport to Reggio Emilia

There is a new service that is available to connect Reggio Emilia with Bologna Airport. This service is called Aerbus www.aerbus.it and runs between Reggio Emilia (3 stops) and Bologna Airport from 3.50am to midnight. Reggio Children has a special agreement with the bus company that offers a 10% discount on the tickets using the promotional code RECHILDREN17.

10. General information about travelling to Reggio Emilia, Italy

The best way to reach Reggio Emilia by public transport is by train, half an hour from Bologna or two hours from Milan. There is a bus from most airports to a railway station. Reggio Emilia is conveniently situated for travel by train to many destinations.

More information about the City of Reggio Emilia can be found on the web. The city's tourist information website in English can be found at:

<http://www.municipio.re.it/IAT/iatre.nsf/pagine/070EF0CE7AF2F4E0C12568DC0066FC14?OpenDocument&lng=eng>

All participants must be over 18 years of age.