



MEDIA BRIEFING

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Montessori around the World

Montessori education, based upon the scientific discoveries and observations made by Dr Maria Montessori, is an approach to human development designed to support the development of every child's full potential. It is often referred to as "Education as an Aid to Life". Montessori educational programmes are offered for children from birth to three, three to six, six to twelve and twelve to eighteen years of age. Montessori professionals also work to support the needs of children outside the classroom setting, with a particular emphasis on parent education and community outreach programmes. Montessori is offered in public, private, community-run and religious schools throughout the world. Montessori is the single largest pedagogy in the world with over 22,000 schools in over 110 countries.

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Colombia	Israel	Peru	United Kingdom
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