

SAMAcon CALL FOR SPEAKERS - 2019

Dear Colleagues,

The South African Montessori Association is pleased to announce that the 17th National SAMA conference will be held at the Generation Schools' Imhoff Campus, Western Cape, South Africa.

The conference will run over two days on Saturday, 27th April, and Sunday, 28th April. Our international keynote speaker is Montessori educator, trainer, author, and parent **Clare Healy Walls**. Clare is the founder and leader of Waterpark Montessori International (WMI) and has been extensively involved in the research and development of training programmes and Montessori schools for all age groups (Birth -18 years). She has used Maria Montessori's philosophy for people of all ages, highlighting the common themes of life from birth to adulthood. Clare has worked extensively with parents whom she believes need to be guided to reflect upon their experiences, rather than lectured.

We look forward to receiving abstracts from speakers that will support our 2019 theme of being...



We will be inviting participants that include teachers, teacher trainers, school heads, parents and students (from both Montessori and regular education sectors for children age 0 – 18) and also leading academics, community leaders and other experts in the field of education.

We invite you to be a part of our conference by presenting a paper as either an oral or workshop presentation. We are particularly interested in content that speaks to the fundamental principles of SAMA:

Principle 1:

Classes in Montessori Schools are mixed-age and non-graded.

Principle 2:

Montessori schools accommodate an extended period of uninterrupted self-chosen activity – a period during which children can choose their own activity and work undisturbed for a minimum of three hours.

Principle 3:

Rewards and Punishments are not used in a Montessori environment.

Principle 4:

A prepared environment is a critical component of Montessori Pedagogy.

Principle 5:

The adults in the Montessori environment exhibit and apply the principles of Montessori pedagogy

Principle 6:

Montessori schools implement the SAMA Montessori curriculum for ages 0-12.

For inclusion in the conference programme, please submit an abstract (summary of the content) of your paper to the conference committee (admin@samontessori.org.za) by no later than the **15th December 2018**.

EVENT DETAILS:

WHEN: 27 & 28 April 2019

WHERE: Generation Schools – Imhoff Campus
Western Cape

Format of Abstract: Please use the attached template

Your abstract should be a maximum of 300 words.

Abstracts must be submitted in Arial 12-point font with 1.5 line spacing

Presentation Options:

Abstracts may be submitted for the following presentation types (please specify):

1. Oral presentation: 45 **OR** 90 minute session
2. Interactive workshop presentation: 45 **OR** 90 minute session

Please Note:

- Submission of abstracts implies the author's agreement to publish the full paper in the conference Magazine. Speakers are to provide a hand out for delegates in word format by the 30th January
- **Acceptance of abstracts does not imply any payment from the SAMA.**
- Presenters will be required to carry their own costs in terms of travel, accommodation, etc. in order to attend the conference.
- Presenters attending the conference will not be required to pay for their attendance on the day they present.
- Acceptance of abstracts is at the discretion of the SAMA Executive Committee whose decision is final.

Should you require any further information or have any suggestions for us, please do not hesitate to contact the conference committee via email admin@samontessori.org.za or telephonically on 082 679 7916.

Kind Regards

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