



Information and Application for the Intensive Study Week in Reggio Emilia, Italy January, 2019

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, 13th January** and concludes **Friday 18th 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 Participation.
- This study tour offers delegates an opportunity to encounter the principle of participation and hear about its' role within the educational project of Reggio Emilia. Honouring the 'constant relational reciprocity' that exists between children, educators, families and the community; participation offers a strategy for inclusion, belonging, advocacy, community and culture.
- 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.
- Preference will be given to REAIE members working in an Australian context.

3. Study Program

- The group will be accompanied by **two study tour leaders from Reggio Australia**.
- The study program will **commence on Sunday 13th January at 5pm** with a meeting for all delegates at the Loris Malaguzzi International Centre.
- The program will continue on **Monday 14th January** at the Loris Malaguzzi International Centre. It is within walking distance from the Astoria Hotel. The program **concludes on the evening of Friday 18th 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 12th January 2019.
- 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.

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 2019 Intensive Study Week is \$3250.00AU.

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.

Please complete the attached registration form and return together with a deposit of \$750 in order to secure your place. Registrations will close on Thursday 11th October 2018.

7. Study Tour Cancellation Fees

- Delegates who cancel their registration before 11th October 2018 will incur an administration fee of \$100.
- Delegates who cancel their registration between 12th October and 9th November 2018 will incur the loss of the full deposit paid (\$750).
- The final balance is due by 9th November 2018.
- Delegates who cancel their registration after the final payment has been made will incur the loss of the total fee \$3250 where the place is unable to be filled by another delegate.
- If the place is filled, the loss incurred will be the deposit of \$750.

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>

11. Registering for the Intensive Study Week

Please complete the registration form and return it to REAIE with your **deposit of \$750AU**.

NB A final invoice will be sent out at the beginning of November and the final balance is due by 9th November 2018.

Payment can be made by bank transfer, or credit card. The REAIE office is open on Mondays to Friday from 9.30am to 3.30pm for enquiries.

All participants must be over 18 years of age.