

Saturday, 15 November 2025								
ABU DHABI TIME ZONE (GMT+4)	LONDON TIME ZONE (GMT+0)	The Vision Room	The Nurture Room	The Mosaic Room	The Leadership Room	The Discovery Room	Montessori Exploration Room	
In-Person at HCT Abu Dhabi with Global Live Transmission								
9:00-10:00		HCT Abu Dhabi Campus & Conference Secretariat Open						
10:00-10:30			Holistic Wellbeing in the Early Years: Practical Mind–Body Approaches, <i>Dr. Ruba Tabari & Dr. Sahira Mahmood, UAE</i>	Inclusive by Design: Montessori Classrooms that Honour Every Child, <i>Prof. Brandon Gilbert, USA</i>	Working Hand in Hand: Families, Educators & Communities United, <i>Melissa Patrick & Lea Arnold-Phillips, Saudi Arabia</i>	Future-Ready Teaching: Preparing Educators for the Age of AI, <i>Dr. Rosina Merry & Dr. Graeme Severinsen, New Zealand</i>		
10:30-11:00								
11:00-11:30			The Paradox of Play: AI in the World of Early Learners, <i>Laura James, France</i>	Playful Paths to Reading: Montessori Strategies for Early Literacy, <i>Jenny Amar, Indonesia</i>	Flipping the Education Model <i>Dr. Lauren Loquasto, USA</i>	Putting the PIECES Together: Strategies for Inclusive Early Learning, <i>Michelle Furnell, France</i>		
11:30-12:00								
12:00-13:00			Networking Lunch — HCT Abu Dhabi Campus					
					From Identification to Support: Inclusive Practices for ASD & SEND in Early Learning, <i>Smitha Paul, UAE</i>	Family Engagement in Action: Practical Strategies for Early Childhood Settings, <i>Khadija Aljasmí & Maryam Alshamsi, UAE</i>		
13:00-13:30								
13:30-14:00			Child-Led, Culture-Rich: New Pathways in Montessori Education, <i>Dr Michelle Wisbey, UK</i>	Hands-On Futures: Preparing Educators for Child-Led Montessori Learning, <i>Nadya Moosa, UAE</i>	Seeing the World Through Their Senses: Supporting Young Children’s Sensory Needs, <i>Gina Uttamchandani, UAE</i>	Participatory Innovation in Action: Ethical AI for Early Years Education, <i>Dr. Rob Miles, UAE</i>		
In-Person at HCT Abu Dhabi & Park Plaza Victoria, London — with Global Live Transmission								
	9:00-10:00	London Venue & Conference Secretariat Open						
		Session Moderator – London: <i>Dr. Jacqueline Harding, UK</i> Preparing Great Teachers: From Training to Thriving in Real-World Classrooms, <i>Dr. Ahmet Sami Konca, Dr. Priti Verma, Erin Fitzgerald, UAE</i>	Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: <i>Dr.Tania AlAghar, UAE</i> The Role of the Inquiry Educator in Play <i>Sue Tee, Netherlands</i>	Session Moderator – London: <i>Jen Poulton, UK</i> From Observation to Action: Equipping Educators to Bridge Early Intervention Gaps, <i>Dr. Essence Allen-Presley, USA</i>	Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: <i>Basma Abdulla, UAE</i> Little Learners, Big Futures: AI in Early Childhood Education, <i>Sue Atkins, United Kingdom</i>	Session Moderator – London: <i>Debi John, UK</i> From Play to Progress: Empowering Early Learning Through AI, <i>Dr. Reema Jebril Qaralleh, UAE</i>	<u>Montessori Exploration</u> Innovate and Imagine Touch & Try Create Your Own Montessori Material Montessori-Inspired STEM & STEAM Montessori Practical Life in Action	
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14:30-15:00	10:30-11:00							
15:00-15:30	11:00-11:30	2025 Professionalism & Leadership Forum & Meeting of the Special Interest Group (SIG) Members, <i>Co-Chairs: Dr. Eirini Gkouskou & Dr. Lizbeth Bullough, UK</i> <i>Presenter: Jamie Wagler, Canada</i>	Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: <i>Dr.Tania AlAghar, UAE</i> Sherborne Developmental Movement: Playful Pathways to Inclusion, <i>Amy Fowler & Amanda Turner , UK, Dr. Kine Melfald Tveten, & Unni Vågstøl, Norway"</i>	Session Moderator – London: <i>Jen Poulton, UK</i> The AI Bridge: Closing the Early Intervention Gap with Hyper-Personalized Learning for Children with Developmental Delays, <i>Martin Fung, Singapore</i>	Session Moderator – London: <i>Dr. Jacqueline Harding, UK</i> Storytime Meets STEM: Introducing AI Concepts in Early Childhood, <i>Vidhi Singhal, UAE</i>	Global Lessons from Finland: What the World Can Learn from Finland’s Play-Based Education, <i>Sirpa Turves-Mankila, Finland</i>		
15:30-16:00	11:30-12:00							<u>Montessori Exploration</u> Innovate and Imagine Touch & Try Create Your Own Montessori Material Montessori-Inspired STEM & STEAM Montessori Practical Life in Action
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			Session Moderator – London: <i>Dr. Jacqueline Harding, UK</i> <i>Co-Chairs - Abu Dhabi: Dr. Priti Verma & Dr Slim Khemakhem</i> Keynote Address: Smart Philanthropy and Scalable Systems: How AI Can Democratize Early Learning By the Winner of the Khalifa Award for Education in the field of early childhood. <i>Candice Potgieter, Chief Executive Officer, The Unlimited Child Foundation – South Africa</i>	Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: <i>Fatema Al Awadhi, UAE</i> Play Pedagogy in Action -Scotland’s National Play Pedagogy Award: A Whole-School Approach to Children’s Rights, <i>Fiona Kirkland, UK</i>	Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: <i>Dr Huda Alblooshi, UAE</i> First Steps of a Little Artist: An Innovative Approach to Teach Early Childhood Children and Autistic Children, <i>Prof. Erman Turkili, Turkey</i>	Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: <i>Dr Sahbi Hidri , UAE</i> Bridging Sectors: Educators & Physicians United for Early Childhood, <i>Julie Taylor, Divya Kaushal, Dr. Deborah Hoffer, Dr. Frances Lim-Liberty , USA</i>	Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: <i>Dr Robin Ogdol, UAE</i> "Pause, Play, Connect®: A Toolkit for Educators and Caregivers," <i>Debi John, UK</i>	
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17:00-17:30	13:00-13:30	Coffee/Tea Break — Abu Dhabi & Lunch Break — London						
		Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: <i>Dr. Tania AlAghar, UAE</i> From Play to Pathways: Harnessing Artificial Intelligence for Global Early Childhood Development, <i>Dr. Lora Bailey, Virgin Islands</i>	Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: <i>Laila N. Boisselle, UAE</i> Beyond Four Walls: A Therapeutic Case for Nature, Play, and Autonomy in Child Development, <i>Kate Beckwith, UK</i>	Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: <i>Dr Hiea Mizyed, UAE</i> Making Inclusion Work: Thriving Classrooms for Every Child, <i>Anna Rowe, UK</i>	Session Moderator – London: <i>Elizabeth Slade, USA</i> Montessori for All: Public School Leaders on Reform and Renewal, <i>Dr. Ian Parker, UAE</i>	Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: <i>Dr Robin Ogdol, UAE</i> Capturing the Whole Child: Creativity and Movement in Early Assessment, <i>Tracey Joyce, Dr. Kine Melfald Tveten & Prof. Eivind Aadland, Norway</i>	<u>Montessori Exploration</u> Innovate and Imagine Touch & Try Create Your Own Montessori Material Montessori-Inspired STEM & STEAM Montessori Practical Life in Action	
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18:30-19:00	14:30-15:00	'Part of the Evolving Voices of Children Pedagogy™ International project" AI Play Forum-Global Think Tank: Building the Foundations of AI Literacies Through Child-Led Play, <i>Co-Chairs: Prof. Susan Edwards, Australia, Dr. Eirini Gkouskou, UK, Dr. Priti Verma & Dr Slim Khemakhem, UAE</i> Keynote Address: <i>Prof. Mutlu Cukurova, UK</i> <i>Presenters: Jen Poulton, UK Hayley Peacock, UK, Adrian Lim, Singapore, Dr. Vahide Yigit Gencten, UAE</i>		Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: <i>Fatema Al Awadhi, UAE</i> Empowered Learners, Inclusive Classrooms: Individualized Learning the Montessori Way, <i>Yasmine Ghandour, & Tina Hillenbrand, Canada</i>	Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: <i>Dr. Ian Parker, UAE</i> Public Montessori in Action International: The System of Justness, <i>Elizabeth Slade, USA</i>	Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: <i>Aisha Alteneiji, UAE</i> AI in Action: Transforming Quality Improvement and Accreditation in Early Childhood, <i>Prof. Mary Harper, & Lawrence Izuagie, USA</i>		
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20:00-20:30	16:00-16:30		Raising Resilient Children through Parent- Professional Collaboration, <i>Dr. Pearlyn Henry-Burrell, Cayman Islands</i>	Theatre of Learning: Drama for Language Fluency and Cultural Awareness, <i>Evi Karydi, Greece</i>			<u>Montessori Exploration</u> Innovate and Imagine Touch & Try Create Your Own Montessori Material Montessori-Inspired STEM & STEAM Montessori Practical Life in Action	
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