

*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		Future-Ready Teaching: Preparing Educators for the Age of AI, <i>Dr. Rosina Merry &amp; Dr. Graeme Severinsen, New Zealand</i>	Holistic Wellbeing in the Early Years: Practical Mind-Body Approaches, <i>Dr. Ruba Tabari &amp; 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 &amp; Lea Arnold-Phillips, Saudi Arabia</i>		
10:30-11:00							
11:00-11:30							
11:30-12:00		Putting the PIECES Together: Strategies for Inclusive Early Learning, <i>Michelle Furnell, France</i>	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>		
12:00-13:00		Networking Lunch — HCT Abu Dhabi Campus					
13:00-13:30		Participatory Innovation in Action: Ethical AI for Early Years Education, <i>Dr. Rob Miles, UAE</i>	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>	Family Engagement in Action: Practical Strategies for Early Childhood Settings, <i>Khadija Aljasmi &amp; Maryam Alshamsi, UAE</i>	From Identification to Support: Inclusive Practices for ASD & SEND in Early Learning, <i>Smitha Paul, UAE</i>	
13:30-14:00					Seeing the World Through Their Senses: Supporting Young Children’s Sensory Needs, <i>Gina Uttamchandani, 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					
14:00-14:30	10:00-10:30	Preparing Great Teachers: From Training to Thriving in Real-World Classrooms, <i>Dr. Ahmet Sami Konca, Dr. Priti Verma, Erin Fitzgerald, UAE</i>	Learning Through Their Eyes: Child-Led, Inquiry-Based Practice, <i>Sue Tee, Netherlands</i>	From Observation to Action: Equipping Educators to Bridge Early Intervention Gaps, <i>Dr. Essence Allen-Presley, USA</i>	Montessori + Math at Home: Practical Strategies to Engage and Empower Families as Learning Partners, <i>Dr. Anastasia Betts, USA</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
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>Dr. Eirini Gkouskou &amp; Dr. Lizbeth Bullough, UK</i>	Sherborne Developmental Movement: Playful Pathways to Inclusion, <i>Amy Fowler &amp; Amanda Turner , UK, Dr. Kine Melfald Tveten, &amp; Unni Vågstøl, Norway"</i>	Inclusion Isn’t a Setting: Embedding Support for Diverse Learners into Everyday Practice in Early Childhood, <i>Dionne Martin, USA</i>	Storytime Meets STEM: Introducing AI Concepts in Early Childhood, <i>Vidhi Singhal, UAE</i>		
15:30-16:00	11:30-12:00				Drawing the Music: Unlocking Creativity with Songdrawing, <i>Stephanie Warrender, UK</i>		<u>Montessori Exploration</u> Innovate and Imagine Touch & Try Create Your Own Montessori Material Montessori-Inspired STEM & STEAM Montessori Practical Life in Action
16:00-16:30	12:00-12:30		Play Pedagogy in Action - Scotland’s National Play Pedagogy Award: A Whole-School Approach to Children’s Rights, <i>Fiona Kirkland, UK</i>	First Steps of a Little Artist: An Innovative Approach to Teach Early Childhood Children and Autistic Children, <i>Prof. Erman Turkili, Turkey</i>		Bridging Sectors: Educators & Physicians United for Early Childhood, <i>Julie Taylor, Divya Kaushal, Dr. Deborah Hoffer, Dr. Frances Lim-Liberty , USA</i>	
16:30-17:00	12:30-13:00						
17:00-17:30	13:00-13:30	Coffee/Tea Break — Abu Dhabi & Lunch Break — London					
17:30- 18:00	13:30-14:00	From Play to Pathways: Harnessing Artificial Intelligence for Global Early Childhood Development, <i>Dr. Lora Bailey, Virgin Islands</i>	Beyond Four Walls: A Therapeutic Case for Nature, Play, and Autonomy in Child Development, <i>Kate Beckwith, UK</i>	Making Inclusion Work: Thriving Classrooms for Every Child, <i>Anna Rowe, UK</i>	Montessori for All: Public School Leaders on Reform and Renewal, <i>Dr. Ian Parker, UAE</i>	Capturing the Whole Child: Creativity and Movement in Early Assessment, <i>Tracey Joyce, Dr. Kine Melfald Tveten &amp; Prof. Eivind Aadland, Norway</i>	
18:00-18:30	14:00-14:30						AI Play Forum-Global Think Tank: Building the Foundations of AI Literacies Through Child-Led Play, <i>Prof. Mutlu Cukurova, UK, Prof. Susan Edwards, Australia, &amp; Dr. Eirini Gkouskou, UK, Adrian Lim, Singapore, Hayley Peacock, UK, Dr. Vahide Yigit Gencten, UAE</i> <i>"Part of the Evolving Voices of Children Pedagogy™ International project"</i>
18:30-19:00	14:30-15:00						
19:00-19:30	15:00-15:30	Close of In-Person Sessions (Abu Dhabi)   Coffee/Tea Break (London)					
19:30-20:00	15:30-16:00		Raising Resilient Children through Parent-Professional Collaboration, <i>Dr. Pearlyn Henry-Burrell, Cayman Islands</i>	From Compliance and Control to Collaboration and Connection: An Inclusive Approach to Behaviour and Emotional Development, <i>Samantha Dholakia, UK</i>	Bridging Generations: Strengthening Professionalism, Leadership, and Family Engagement in Early Childhood Education, <i>Jamie-Lee Wagler, Canada</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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