

Call for Proposals: Montessori-rooted Initiatives in Lebanon

Issued by: Montessori for Lebanon (the AMI affiliated Society in Lebanon)

Montessori for Lebanon (the AMI affiliated Society in Lebanon) is excited to invite proposals for innovative projects rooted in the principles and values of Montessori education. We aim to foster a collaborative environment where NGOs, private companies, institutions, and individuals can develop initiatives that promote child-centered learning and holistic development based on the teachings and findings of Dr. Maria Montessori.

About AMI: The Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) was established in 1929 by Dr Maria Montessori in order to protect and preserve the integrity of her life's work. After her death in 1952, it was led by some of her closest collaborators, including her son Mario and her granddaughter Renilde Montessori. AMI's fidelity to the highest standards of Montessori theory and practice ensures that teaching is tied to a fundamental understanding of child development - and that each child's distinct personality and independence are nurtured throughout their educational journey. AMI is the trusted international provider of high-quality Montessori training through its centres and affiliated societies in over 50 countries.

About Montessori for Lebanon: Montessori for Lebanon (also known as "Montessori for Education and Development") is the representative of AMI in Lebanon. It is a not-for-profit association established by ministerial decree 1396/2021, and dedicated to assisting human flourishing through the Montessori approach. It provides parenting support and AMI certified training. We believe in the transformative power of this approach, which respects the individuality of each child and nurtures their innate curiosity and creativity.

Proposal Guidelines:

We are seeking proposals for a collaboration with Montessori for Lebanon that:

- 1. Are aligned with Montessori Principles: Projects should reflect the core values of Montessori education, including respect for the child, independence, and the importance of a prepared environment.
- 2. **Target Diverse Audiences:** Initiatives may focus on various age groups, communities, or educational contexts, aiming to enhance access to Montessori education.
- 3. **Demonstrate Sustainability:** Proposals should outline how the initiative will be sustained over time, including potential partnerships and funding strategies.

4. **Include Training and Mentoring Needs:** Highlight any specific training or mentoring requirements your project may have. Montessori for Lebanon is pleased to offer AMI Montessori Training Courses at a discounted rate, along with ongoing support and community workshops.

Please note that Montessori for Lebanon is in no way offering to finance the proposed initiatives but rather to support such initiatives by empowering and equipping the team members with the necessary educational knowledge.

Submission Process:

- **Deadline:** Proposals must be submitted by 30 September, 2024 and sent to <u>hello@montessori-lebanon.org</u>.
- Format: Please submit a detailed proposal (maximum 15 pages) in English, French, or Arabic, including the following:
 - Project Title and Description
 - Objectives and Expected Outcomes
 - Target Audience
 - Implementation Plan and Timeline
 - Budget Overview
 - Training and Support Needs
 - Contact Information

Evaluation Criteria:

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Alignment with Montessori principles
- Innovation and creativity
- Feasibility and sustainability
- Potential impact on the community
- Resources available at Montessori for Lebanon to support the specific initiative

Contact Information:

For inquiries or further information, please contact us at <u>hello@montessori-lebanon.org</u> or by phone/WhatsApp on +961 3 965 103.

We look forward to your innovative proposals that will help shape the future of quality education in Lebanon!

"The child is capable of developing and giving us tangible proof of the possibility of a better humanity... The child is both a hope and a promise for mankind."

Dr Maria Montessori | Education and Peace