



The Montessori Group partners with the Montessori Institute in Australia to strengthen support for Montessori Educators across the globe

The <u>Montessori Group</u> and the <u>Montessori Institute</u> are delighted to announce their international affiliation.

The partnership will support practitioners and facilitate professional and regulatory recognition for the vital work that they do as educators, early-years specialists and graduates from both the Montessori Institute and Montessori Centre International (MCI).

The Montessori Institute is a not-for-profit organisation based in Australia offering nationally accredited Montessori training courses, as well as education and professional support relating to the Montessori approach, through partnerships with schools, childcare centres and the wider community.

The Montessori Group includes the Charity (Montessori St. Nicholas) and the training organisation, (Montessori Centre International - "MCI") and offers high-quality Montessori and child-centred teacher training provision; quality assurance services; community support for families and professional networks practitioners alongside its social impact initiatives.

Both MCI and the Montessori Institute were founded by Margret Homfray and Phoebe Childs, who, having completed their training with Dr Maria Montessori, developed Montessori training courses in the UK, Australia, and the US.

It is a testament to their vision and dedication to her work that both institutions continue to offer high-quality, recognised and accredited Montessori teacher training courses for all levels and stages of an educator's career and professional development, thus ensuring the sustainability of Montessori education today.

Leonor Stjepic, CEO of the Montessori Group, says:

"A global collaboration of this kind reflects the vision of Maria Montessori of an education for the world. We are delighted that we are growing our international affiliations with an organisation that has such historic links with us."

Rachael Stevens, National Director at the Montessori Institute, says:

"We thrilled to be collaborating with The Montessori Group. It's a partnership that will enhance opportunities for recognition and progression for all of our graduates. To be able to offer our students professional recognition and transferability into the UK sector is fantastic. We look forward to further exploration and collaboration together."

Maccs Pescatore, CEO of Montessori Centre International, says:

"We are proud to be able to work alongside the Montessori Institute in Australia, enhancing our connected global community of Montessori professionals and allowing each individual to benefit from the chance to learn more about a range of different contexts for Montessori practice".