



Speaker Profiles



Nicky O'Leary

Nicky O'Leary is a consultant psychologist with expertise in Educational Psychology, Counselling Psychology and Psychotherapy. Her training in Montessori education sparked an interest in human development that led her to complete a doctorate in Psychology at University College Dublin. She has maintained her interest in Montessori education and is actively involved in the training of Montessori teachers in Ireland. Nicky is a frequent speaker at both national and international conferences inspiring change and encouraging a fresh perspective. She promotes positive psychology and her research interests and teaching include the Psychology of Gifted Development. Nicky has wide experience of working with parents, educators and young people.

Averil Courtney

Averil Courtney is Head of Montessori Education at St Nicholas Montessori Teacher Training College. She has extensive experience in all aspect of Montessori Education with particular interest and expertise in History. She has worked with children 3-6 year olds. She currently lectures on Montessori philosophy and methodology at primary education level.



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St. Nicholas House



Friday 23rd & Saturday 24th April 2010



Conference Programme



Friday 23rd April 2010 - St. Nicholas House, Dunlaoghaire

- 6.00pm St Nicholas Montessori Society of Ireland Annual General Meeting
- 6.30pm Registration
- 7.00pm Music from the Musicals 'Seventies & Eighties'
Children -St. Nicholas Montessori School
- 7.15pm Trevor Eissler
- 8.05pm Music from the Musicals 'Nineties to the Noughties'
- 8.15pm Refreshments

Saturday 24th April 2010 - Royal Marine Hotel, Dunlaoghaire

- 9.30am Registration
- 10.00am Official Opening
- 10.15am Angeline Stoll Lillard
- 11.00am Coffee Break
- 11.30am Trevor Eissler
- 12.15pm Speakers- Question Time
- 1.00pm Lunch
- 2.30pm St. Nicholas House - Seminars
Seminar 1 - Angeline Stoll Lillard
The Impact of Variations in the Montessori Programme on Children's Outcomes
Seminar 2 - Nicky O'Leary
Gifted Development
Seminar 3 - Averil Courtney
History Programme in the Montessori Classroom
- 3.30pm Closing Ceremony
- 7.00pm Dinner & Music-Royal Marine Hotel, Dunlaoghaire

Stanford University in 1991, after which she became established as one of the leading developmental psychologists of her generation, receiving the American Psychological Association's Boyd Mc Candless Award in 1999. She is currently a professor of psychology at the University of Virginia. Recently she returned to the issue of how scientific research bears on Montessori principles, and *Montessori: The Science behind the Genius* is the result. Impeccably researched and highly readable, her book is a must-read for all parents interested in considering educational alternatives for their child.

Trevor Eissler

Trevor Eissler lives in Georgetown, Texas, USA. He is a father of three Montessori students. He is a career pilot, but has taken a long term leave of absence, as he has felt a calling to "talk Montessori" and to try to help reach as many parents as possible. His interest is in making the connections between Montessori and our adult lives. He does not pretend to be a trained Montessori teacher. Instead he wants people to recognize that many of Montessori's principles apply not only to the way children learn, but to the way all humans learn. If you are the parent of a young child, his book *Montessori Madness* is a must-read!

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40 th Anniversary Conference 23 rd & 24 th April 2010	Members	Please ✓	Non members	Please ✓
Friday only (one ticket)	€ 15.00		€ 15.00	
Friday only (two tickets)	€ 20.00		€ 20.00	
Saturday	€ 60.00		€ 65.00	
Saturday including dinner	€100.00		€110.00	
Friday & Saturday	€ 65.00		€ 70.00	
Friday & Saturday including dinner	€ 90.00		€100.00	

Please return completed form no later than **Wednesday 31st March 2010** to
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Angeline Stoll Lillard

Angeline Stoll Lillard was a Montessori child, took Montessori training, and then became a Montessori parent. An interest in child development research led her to a doctorate in Psychology from