



Enabling Environments -the third teacher

CPD

DEVELOPING AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT MAKES A RICH LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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Description:

The impact that the environment can have on learning, development, well-being and creativity is profound. We will look at the aspects of the environment that enhance continuous provision supporting play and self-initiated enquiry. We will look at the influence of leading approaches and pedagogies which have influenced current practice focusing on the Reggio Emilia approach. In the Reggio Emilia they refer to the environment as the Third Teacher - highlighting the importance placed on creating the right environment for learning and growth and for children to construct their own learning.

We will look at an in-depth environment audit - a resource that can be used to evaluate and reflect on your current learning environment and plan for possible improvements. We will consider the many elements that contribute to creating an outstanding environment from aesthetics, access to intelligent materials and open-ended resources, opportunities for inquiry based learning to environmental factors and sustainability. We will discover how the environment impacts on wellbeing, health and children's learning dispositions. The training will also emphasise the value and importance of learning outdoors and how we can really enrich our outdoors space working within realistic budgets.

Over the years I have supported a great number of schools and settings to develop both their indoor and outdoor environments. I have also visited a great number of international settings and will show some inspiring examples of these. Included in the training is a comprehensive hand out and 'Learning outdoors' and 'outdoor environments' pdf booklets and the '360° Environment Audit'.

Aims and objectives

 From this course you will:

- Develop an understanding of the importance of the environment for learning, development and well being
- Learn about the Reggio Emilia approach to the environment referred to as the Third Teacher
- Learn how the environment can support creativity and imagination
- How environments can facilitate and encourage communication
- Learn how the environment can support open ended enquiry based learning
- Look at ways that physical development can be enhanced
- Examples and case studies of inspiring indoor and outdoor environments
- Complete an in-depth environment audit
- Consulting with children – examples of children's feedback and contributions to design ideas
- Explore selection of design ideas for all budgets

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