

# Upcoming

2015



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## 2015 Focus

Welcome to 2015. This year, Reggio Emilia Inspired Dialogues (REID) in Wellington offers another exciting programme for early childhood educators inspired by Reggio Emilia philosophy and practice. Our 2015 programme explores how Reggio Emilia ideas can enrich and expand dialogue and art experiences in early education in Aotearoa.

REID's focus in 2015 will be on adults and children living, learning and creating in cityscapes and natural landscapes. And we will live up to our name with a Dialogue Series in winter to "light your fire". The series will be like a book group with a purpose - to understand the depth and enjoyment of Reggio practices.

In 2014, REID's place-based symposium began with a guided walk focused on 'lost streams' in Wellington city. In the afternoon, the teachers created art responses and Lisa Terreni transformed them into a 'pop-up' art exhibition for Victoria University of

Wellington Karori. Investigations were proposed by participants for their own centres. The group dispersed to investigate streams in their part of Wellington. Their research set in motion dialogue in the community way beyond the group that came for the guided walk. Two months later, over dinner, the teachers told stories of re-discovering their place, the streams in their suburb.

In 2015, the title for our place-based symposium is "Street talk." What does this term mean to you? The first part of this symposium will entail a walk in Te Aro to explore how streets "talk". Visual art will feature large.

REID participants - regulars and newcomers - are invited to walk and talk, draw and pour - as they research with young children. The outcome? Documentation. Watch out for the REID flyer for some more clues. Meanwhile, put the date, 7 March 2015, in your diary. Part 2 will be late May.

In Winter, "Light your Fire". REID will be hosting a Reggio-inspired series of three dialogues - once a month. We're calling it our book group; hence, food and wine will feature. Readings about Reggio Emilia will be chosen and shared through workshops that

connect Reggio philosophy and practice with Aotearoa.

You will remember that in 2014, our parent body REANZ and REID brought Dr Stefania Giamminuti to Wellington. Our imaginations were fired up by the images she shared of the hundred languages of children in centre settings in Reggio. That evening, we "danced with Reggio Emilia".

In 2015, there will be no international speakers on the REID programme in Wellington. Italian speakers from Reggio Emilia will present at the REANZ Fiordland conference in Te Anau in April 2015. To hear them, hop on a plane and join the conference. Claire Maley-Shaw, a well-known kindergarten teacher, is another keynote speaker. (See [www.reanz.org](http://www.reanz.org), or register: <https://www.etchouches.com/ehome/92397>)

In Spring REID will offer a seminar with the same title as the Fiordland conference "Connecting children to the atelier of nature / Tuhono ana tamariki ki te taiao". REID will invite a speaker from the Southland Kindergarten Association to Wellington, or teachers from greater Wellington who regularly connect young children with nature will inspire you with their environmental programmes.



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REID is a group of Wellington EC educators who are influenced by Reggio Emilia pedagogy, which includes: listening to children's "100 languages", dialogue, in-depth investigations and parent involvement.

REANZ is a charitable trust (est. 2009) committed to providing opportunities for teachers to critically engage with the pedagogy of Reggio Emilia within the cultural content of Aotearoa.

## Three Reggio principles guide our 2015 programme:

### "The hundred languages:

*As s human beings, children possess a hundred languages, a hundred ways of thinking, of expressing themselves, of understanding, and of encountering others ... The hundred languages are a metaphor for the extraordinary potentials of children, their knowledge-building and creative process.*

### Research:

*Shared research between adults and children is a priority practice of everyday life ... necessary for interpreting the complexity of the world, of phenomena, of systems of co-existence. The research made visible by means of documentation builds learning, reformulates knowledge and underlies professional quality.*

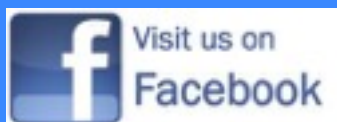
### Educational Documentation:

*Viewed as a "public place", documentation substantiates the idea of the ... centres as a forum."*

*Excerpts: Indications Preschools & Infant-toddler Centres of the Municipality of Reggio Emilia, 2010)*

## Get in touch with REID

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[www.reanz.org](http://www.reanz.org)

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/REIDwellington/>

## Street Talk

A place-based workshop that will examine the work of street artists in Wellington's CBD by visiting significant sites, see and discuss work by children at Early Years Leeds Street that has been created in response to exploring the central city, a hands on art session that will show participants how to create large artworks with children. A 2nd follow-up workshop will provide an opportunity for participants to share stories and art from their centres.

**Date:** Part One - 07 March, 2015.

**Time:** 9.30am-3pm

**Place:** Start Early Years ECE, Leed Street, Lunch @ Christian Revival Church Hall, Federick St.

**Cost:** \$100 (for two workshops)

**Part Two** - Late May, 2015 (TBA)



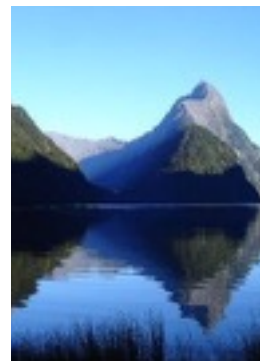
## REANZ Fiordland Conference

The conference title is "Connecting children to the atelier of nature / Tuhono ana tamariki ki te taiao." The conference invites participants to appreciate the realm of possibilities that nature in the wild offers and to experience its seasonal rituals

**Dates:** 9 - 12 April, 2015

**Place:** Te Anau

Go to [REANZ.org](http://REANZ.org) for more information.



## Light Your Fire - Dialogue Series

A Reggio-inspired series of three dialogue evenings - once a month. Readings about Reggio Emilia will be chosen and shared through 'book group' style workshops that connect Reggio philosophy and practice with Aotearoa. Food and wine will feature...

**Dates:** Thursday June 25, Thursday July 30, and Thursday August 27, 2015

**Time:** 6.15 - 9.00pm

**Place:** Te Rito Maioha/ Early Childhood NZ base (old name - NZCA, Thorndon Quay)

**Cost:** \$115 (for series of 3)



## Connecting children to the atelier of nature/ Tuhono ana tamariki ki te taiao

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**Dates:** Spring (TBA)

