

7 Montessori Adolescent Summits 2017



May 17-20, 2017

Topic: Humans

Vienna, Austria

Host School:

Montessori Campus

Wien Hüttendorf

**Inclusion through Solidarity
and Collaboration**

What Are the Seven Montessori Adolescent Summits?

An invitation to the Montessori Adolescent

Adolescents are uniquely suited to address the critical issues of the world. Only by directly experiencing the complexities of society and working in a global community will adolescents develop an authentic understanding of the human condition as their social and moral selves evolve. To encourage hope and positive action for the future, the adolescent needs to feel that they are part of the solution by their efforts to solve one problem at a time. When a group of Montessori students from different parts of the world collaborate, they become advocates for what is true human progress. This is their developmental task.

At each summit, adolescents will apply these skills, acquired in their Montessori experience, to global realities:

- an understanding of complexity applied to a particular issue
- an ability to identify the significant components of a problem
- a capacity to focus and concentrate on an issue
- an ability to ask essential questions about a problem
- a habit of conscious conversation in a problem solving capacity
- a desire to engage in dialogue that builds trust and innovation, and
- a hope to construct bridges across local, national, and international sectors.¹

¹Fisher & Ury. (1991). *Getting to Yes: Negotiating Agreement Without Giving In*. Houghton Mifflin Company, New York.



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Join Montessori adolescents from around the world in tackling major global issues. Our areas of focus are based on the interdependent elements: water, air, land, plants, animals, humans, and energy. All summit locations are home to a dynamic project related to their theme. Each summit will focus on one of these themes. The work can be thought of in three parts. First, participants explore the theme as is relevant to their local community. They then travel to the summit to connect and deepen their knowledge with other Montessori adolescents. Finally, they return home and enact a project born out of their research. The seven summits will culminate at the 2017 AMI Congress in Prague, where adolescents will present their summit work to highlight the interdependence of the issues at hand and the mission to work towards change for the future



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On January 1, 2016, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development — adopted by world leaders in September 2015 at an historic UN Summit — officially came into force. Over the next fifteen years, with these new Goals that universally apply to all, countries will mobilize efforts to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change, which are among the reasons for the displacement of large populations. The large forced displacement of populations is now a global crisis that requires a collective effort by the international community, led by world leaders. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is calling on everyone to work together to define a clear path forward guided by international refugee law, human rights and humanitarian law.

The Civil War in Syria has created a large population of refugees to migrate to Europe, including into Austria. Last year, as a way to better understand the controversial issue of migration to their country, the adolescent students of Montessori Campus worked with refugee groups to create visual art projects and cooked meals together. Their goal was to come together with these groups to create human understanding and solidarity through collaborative work. This year, Montessori Campus will be continuing their mission of inclusion through a drama project and once again cooking and sharing meals. The work of this summit will focus on migration, particularly



that of refugees seeking a new home due to a number of factors prevalent in parts of our world today, including war and political conflict. Sharing in this mission with the students of Montessori Campus, visiting students will take their experiences from the summit in Vienna as a jumping point for working with homeless or refugee populations in their local communities.

Preparation:

- Research, analyze, and prepare a short paper and story to share at the Summit
- Choose one local and one international institution (organization, business, program, etc.) to interview/research and analyze to serve as case studies.
- Optional: Submit a photograph/photographs which captures the issue for our photo exhibit

During the Summit:

- Present research and conduct interviews with experts
- Develop and present guidelines for protecting the land and create concrete action plans for local implementation
- Explore the photo exhibition and share stories

Follow Up:

- Post updates (written, video or photos) of local action implementation on the PeaceX blog
- Contribute feedback to improve the Summit

Note for Adult Chaperons:

Each group of adolescents should be accompanied by an adult facilitator who is willing to oversee student preparation, to supervise students during the summit, and to assist in student implementation of their action plan upon returning to their home communities.

1.Day
May 17, 2017

8:00-12:00

Arrival
Check-in with the host family

12:00-14:00

Lunch at the host family

14:00-16:00

Registration and get to know each other circles.

16:00-16:30

welcome remarks

16:30-17:30

Introductory games and activities

17:30-19:00

Cook and eat together

19:00

go to the host family

2.Day
May 18, 2017

9:00-9:30

arrival at the summit center

9:30-12:00

group project discussion

12:00-14:00

Lunch

14:00-16:00

Small group action plans

16:00-16:15

Break

16:15-18:15

expert talks (Ngo and other)

18:15

Dinner with the host family or
(maybe cinema night with refugees)

3.Day
May 19, 2017

8:30-9:00

arrival at the summit centre

9:00-10:30

Action plan presentations

10:30-12:00

write the conference manifesto

12:00-14:00

Lunch

14:00-18:00

city tour

18:00

Dinner at the host family

4.Day
May 20, 2017

9:00-12:00

Cooking and pancake brunch
With games and activities

12:00-13:00

reading the manifesto

13:00-14:30

goodbye celebration and ceremony

15:00-16:00

Pizza for lunch

16:00-17:00

Summit ends.

Adolescent Summit Registration

Please complete one form for each student and adult attending from your school.

Registration fee: \$145 per person (\$185 per person after April 7, 2017)

Registrations will not be accepted after April 28, 2017.

Name: _____ adult student

Name of Your School: _____

Phone : _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Payment Options:

Check or money order enclosed. *Must be payable in U.S. currency & drawn on a U.S. bank.*

Bank wire transfer. *Must be payable in U.S. currency.*

Credit card: (Circle one) Visa; MasterCard; AmEx; Discover

Card Number: _____

Name on Card: _____

Expiration Date: _____ 3- or 4-digit Authorization Code: _____
(month/year) (found on front of AmEx, back of other cards)

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

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Mail, fax, or e-mail the registration form at the end of this document to:

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Registration fee of \$145 (late fee of \$185) does not include transportation costs to and from the summit location. Summit registration cost includes:

- All conference proceedings
- Breaks and Lunches
- Transportation for Conference Events

Accommodations:

Students will stay with host families provided by the school.

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March 1-4, 2017

Topic: Air

Cagayan de Oro,
Philippines

Host School:
The Abba's Orchard



March 22-25, 2017

Topic: Land

Chihuahua, Mexico

Host School:
Colegio Montessori
de Chihuahua



April 5-8, 2017

Topic: Plants

Houston, Texas

Host School:
School of the Woods



April 19-22, 2017

Topic: Humans

Dundas, Ontario,
Canada

Host School:
Dundas Valley
Montessori School/
Strata



May 8-11, 2017

Topic: Energy

Huntsburg, Ohio

Host School:
Hershey Montessori
School



May 22-28, 2017

Topic: Water

Brittany, France

Host School:
Collège Montessori
Amerique



May 26-June 1, 2017

Topic: Animals

Costa Rica

Host School:
MISP and Natural
Solutions' Peace and
Biodiversity Program

*Alternate date for
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