



Join the **AMI Elementary Alumni Association** for our first European summer gathering. Come to be refreshed, gain inspiration, and connect with our vibrant community!

# 2019 European Summer Conference

*The Art of Nurturing the Spirit*

July 30 - August 4, 2019

The Montessori Place ~ Lewes, United Kingdom

The conference will be held at the first Erdkinder in the United Kingdom, **The Montessori Place**. This site is home to 13 acres of ancient woodland, most likely wooded for nearly 10,000 years, as well as a 1-acre walled organic garden, sports courts, and dormitories to sleep 30. Vegetarian meals will be served.

One-thousand-year old Lewes is nestled in the heart of historic Sussex, 90 minutes from London, 60 minutes from Gatwick, and 60 minutes from Cretaceous white cliffs that are teeming with fossils. Not only populated by nice people all around, but also home to voles, moles, and rabbits!



**Registration is available through the links below!**

[www.ami-eaa.org](http://www.ami-eaa.org)

[https://ami-eaa.formstack.com/forms/uk\\_eaa\\_summer\\_conference\\_registration](https://ami-eaa.formstack.com/forms/uk_eaa_summer_conference_registration)

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## **Observing, Exploring, and Appreciating Nature with Elementary** with Amy Sunshine Eshelby

*Whether your school or classroom is urban or land-based, exploring Nature is essential. Experience games, sensorial explorations, and creative expressions to take back to your student communities, as well as details of planning and logistics. Be ready to get outside and have fun!*



Amy Sunshine Eshelby is from the wild Pacific Northwest in the US. She grew up in scrub oak and sagebrush country with no running water or electricity. She lived briefly in Sussex, while nannying in 1998, and is beyond thrilled to be back for this EAA experience! Amy has been working in Montessori since 1998, first as a classroom assistant, then as a Guide for 6-9s for sixteen years and 9-12s for the last three years. She has a 15 year old son- Owen, and a dog -Bella. Her hobbies include: camping, kayaking, biking, crafting, dancing, forest bathing, and soaking in hot springs.

## **Practicing Pedagogy** with Maryse L. Postlewaite

*This workshop will include a blend of interactive replicable activities to build community, classroom management ideas to support the application of freedom and responsibility, and exchanges of group work projects.*



Maryse L Postlewaite has traveled internationally to share her skills from her experiences with mentoring, leading workshops, and teaching. Maryse has been a Montessori educator since 1979 when she trained in Bergamo, Italy. She has taught six to twelve year olds since then. In the early 1980's, Maryse trained with Children's Creative Response to Conflict (CCRC). Many additional trainings include Positive Discipline, KidPower, Mindfulness, and Non-violent Communication. Through the years, she implemented many strategies in her own classes. She has led workshops in both public and private school settings. She has been a presenter at numerous national conferences, highlighting classroom management, team building, and conflict resolution tools. In her spare time, Maryse builds cairns and gardens.

## **Exploration of Art for the Elementary plus Hands on Art Lessons** with Joni Perry

*The best way to learn how to present art is to do it for yourself! I am going to talk about the elements of art and how to use them to inspire your students to work creatively. You are going to learn how to use the tools of the artist so you can help you children explore their ideas. We will complete several lessons in a variety of media.*



Joni has been teaching at Marin Montessori since 1996 where she has taught both lower and upper elementary. She has taught in public schools as well as Montessori schools, from Chicago to Hawaii, and from Santa Cruz to Marin. Recipient of a BA in Fine Arts from the University of Missouri and a Masters degree in Education from Loyola College of Maryland, she also holds an Elementary AMI diploma and has been certified to teach K-8 (multiple subjects) in California and K-12 (single subject/ Art) in Missouri. She has presented on the subject of art at AMI training programs in San Diego, Portland and 3 courses in France. She also presented at a NAMTA conference on art and concentration.

# Registration Information

## Online Registration

[https://ami-eaa.formstack.com/forms/uk\\_eaa\\_summer\\_conference\\_registration](https://ami-eaa.formstack.com/forms/uk_eaa_summer_conference_registration)

### Conference Fees

EAA Membership: \$50

EAA Membership for Current DAMIP Members: \$30

Tuition: \$300

Housing and Meals: \$400

### Non-Boarding Participants

Lunch Only at The Montessori Place: \$35

Lunch and Dinner at The Montessori Place: \$100

### Discounts

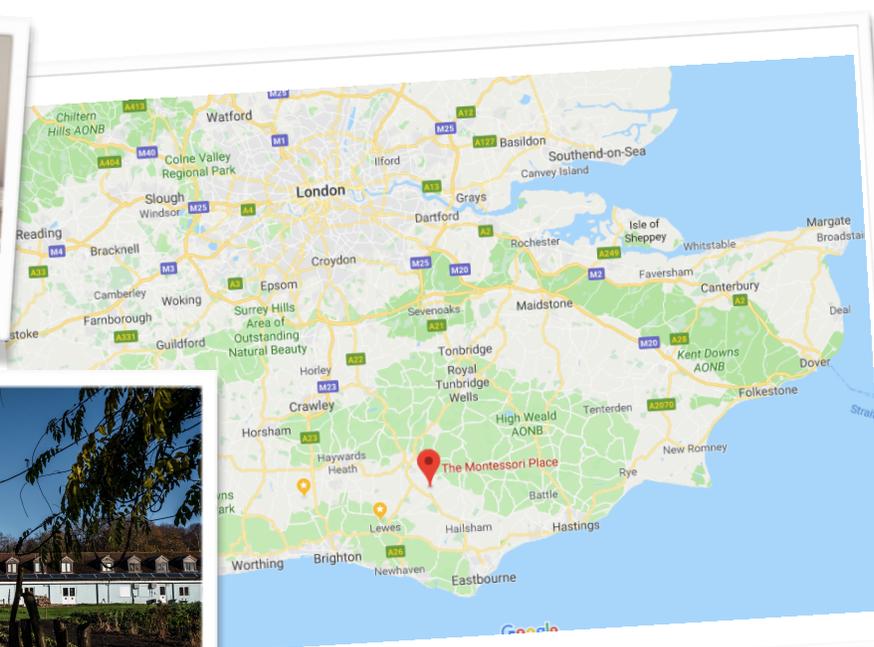
Early Bird (submitted by June 1, 2019): -\$25

US Refresher Course: -\$25

First Time EAA Summer Conference Attendees (first 5): -\$25

Alumni 25th Anniversary Discount: -\$25

Current Trainer or ETOT: -\$150



## **Travel to The Montessori Place, Eason's Green**

EAA Summer Conference, Tue 30<sup>th</sup> July – Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Aug. Registration from 4pm on Tuesday.  
Venue: The Montessori Place, Eason's Green, Near Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 5RE.

If you'd like to join one of the pick up's from Gatwick Airport or Lewes Station listen below,  
**please email your intentions/preferences** to [travel@themontessoriplace.org.uk](mailto:travel@themontessoriplace.org.uk).  
You can also call +44(0)1825 840969 on the day.



The nearest airport is London Gatwick (LGW), an hour away in the minibus. From London Heathrow (LHR) the transfer to The Montessori Place will take just under 3 hours.

At **Gatwick** airport there will be pick ups on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July.  
These will leave from the North Terminal Arrivals Lounge at **3pm** and **6pm**.  
The driver will be holding an EAA sign.

Alternatively you can catch a train from Gatwick Airport South Terminal to Lewes and a minibus pick up from there (see below).

From **Heathrow** airport, take the London Underground, Piccadilly Line, to Hammersmith (around 50 mins). At Hammersmith exit the train and step across to the other side of the platform, continuing 'westbound' on any District or Circle line train to Victoria Station (15 mins). At Victoria Station follow the signs (→) to the mainline trains and catch a train to Lewes (see below). Underground tickets can be bought in Heathrow Airport station or you can use contactless payment on a debit card.



The easiest station to arrive at is **Lewes** (pronounced Loo-iss). Most Lewes trains terminate at Eastbourne, so look for this on the electronic platform displays.

From Victoria Station (London) trains leave at 16 & 46 mins past the hour (65 mins journey time) from platforms 15-19.

from Gatwick Airport (South Terminal) trains leave at 20 & 50 mins past the hour (33 mins journey time). Buy a ticket before you get on the train from a ticket machine or the counter.

The  minibus will be picking up from outside the main entrance of **Lewes Station** at **4pm, 6pm and 7pm**.



If you are driving, pop the above address into your map app. We share a driveway with 'Pilgrim Hall' which has blue signs that you might spot before The Montessori Place sign.

The reverse of all these arrangements will be supported at the end of the Conference.