

CONNECTIONS*

November 30/December 1, 2012

*An Intensive
Institute with
Lella Gandini*

Making
Sense of
*The Wonder
of Learning
Exhibit*
For Our
Own
Contexts



Lella Gandini

North American liaison for the dissemination of the Reggio Emilia Approach

Location: La Perla Ballroom, New Westminster

In association with *The Wonder of Learning* exhibit from Reggio Emilia

Lella Gandini is a native of Italy. She was connected early with the world famous Reggio Emilia educational approach, which focuses on fostering relationships and learning among children, teachers, parents and community. She would later become the point person for the approach in North America.

As Gandini describes the Reggio Emilia Approach: "The starting point is to be convinced that children have tremendous potential already when they are born, so that - in a preschool - rather than thinking 'What can I teach these children?' teachers observe and listen to children and construct learning with them."

She moved to the United States after meeting and marrying a professor at Smith College. She became an Italian instructor there while completing her Bachelor's degree and Master's degrees, and later received her Ed.D. from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She is co-author of several books for parents and educators and author of many books of fairy tales, nursery rhymes and stories for children.

Come spend two days with Lella and *The Wonder of Learning* Exhibit. This is a rare opportunity to dig more deeply into the complexities of the Reggio Emilia experience as embedded in the exhibit with someone who is intimately familiar with these ideas. During our time together there will plenty of opportunity for interactions and dialogues as we consider, with Lella, how principles of the Reggio Emilia Approach can inform and inspire our own teaching here in British Columbia.

Take advantage of this unique occasion to be with one of the primary authors of the Reggio Emilia experience. One and two day are options available. Everyone is welcome, whether you are just beginning to be curious about the Reggio Emilia philosophy or have been engaged with these ideas for a while. Educators, administrators, artists, parents are all welcome.

To register, complete attached form or contact Jennie Hoffman at jennie@froghollow.bc.ca or 604.251.1225

Friday, November 30, 9am-4pm. Lunch included. \$175

Saturday, December 1, 9am-4pm. Lunch included. \$175

Full Institute (both days).

\$295

*Certificates for professional development hours available.

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Making Sense of *The Wonder of Learning* Exhibit For Our Own Contexts

An intensive institute with Dr. Lella Gandini

**In Association with *The Wonder of Learning*:
An Exhibition of the Infant-Toddler & Preschool Programs of the
Municipality of Reggio Emilia, Italy**

Institute Description

Participants will be invited, both days, to begin the event in *The Wonder of Learning* exhibit. The mornings will be a combination of exhibit exploration and dialogue with Lella Gandini about the messages of the exhibit. Together we will consider the ways in which the exhibit gives visibility to connection and collaboration as related to the role of educators, encounters with materials and creative thinking. In the afternoon Lella Gandini will present visual stories to be interpreted also with the audience. There will be stories about children, teachers in the environment of the school, connecting with some of the many crucial aspects of the Reggio Emilia Approach, such as: the co-construction of knowledge through listening, observing, and supporting children's interactions in environments that are intentionally prepared; the use of pedagogical documentation as a tool for revisiting and interpreting experiences and for advancing learning and professional development; and the representation of ideas and hypotheses through many expressive languages as a way to communicate them to peers and adults.

The Institute will take place in La Perla Ballroom, located upstairs in the River Market.

A delicious Italian lunch will be served.

810 Quayside Drive, New Westminster.

November 30 and December 1, 2012. 9:00am – 4:00pm

Lella Gandini's books include:

The Hundred Languages of Children: The Reggio Experience in Transformation (2011)

Insights and Inspirations from Reggio Emilia: Stories of Teachers and Children from North America (2009)

In the Spirit of the Studio: Learning from the Atelier of Reggio Emilia (2005)

Bambini: The Italian Approach to Infant/Toddler Care (2003)

Beautiful Stuff: Learning With Found Materials (1999)

and numerous children's books published in Italian

Registration Form

Connections Institute with Dr. Lella Gandini

Registration Form

1. Print and fill out this registration form.
2. Email, fax or mail it to:
 - Attention: Jennie Hoffman, Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House
 - 2131 Renfrew Street
 - Vancouver, BC V5M 4M5
 - Email: jennie@froghollow.bc.ca
 - Fax: 604.254.3764
3. Please include payment if sending via mail.

To pay with cheque

Please mail completed registration form and cheque to Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House.

To pay by PayPal

Print and fill out this registration form (see below).

Indicate that you would like to pay using PayPal. Send completed form to Frog Hollow.

An electronic invoice will be sent to the email address you have provided. You will be able to complete the registration process by following the link provided.

Please complete the following information

Name _____

Program/Employer _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

- Friday, November 30 (\$175) _____
- Saturday, December 1 (\$175) _____
- Full Institute – both days (\$295) _____

Total amount owed _____

Dietary Restrictions? Please note _____

Payment method (please check below)

_____ **Cheque** (Please make cheque payable to "Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House" and mail to 2131 Renfrew Street, Vancouver BC, V5M 4M5)

_____ **PayPal** (an electronic invoice will be sent to the email address you listed so that you may complete the transaction)

_____ Are you a student? (yes, no)

_____ Do you require a receipt? If so, please indicate the following:
 "Please make receipt out to _____".

Registration Confirmation

When registration is received, you will:

- Receive a PayPal invoice if this is the preferred method of payment.
- Receive a confirmation email when payment has been received.