

# Association

# Montessori-Ukraine United

## Management Plan 2022 – 2025

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## 1. Introduction

On Thursday 24 February 2022 Russia invaded Ukraine. Normal life came to a standstill. With the bombing of cities and villages, homes, schools, and hospitals were heavily damaged as well. Many families lost their home and had to find other places to stay. Numerous families did not have the possibility to leave and had to find their way in the shelters. Education for all has been severely interrupted or made impossible. This will have an enormous impact in the development of all children from 0 to 18. There is unfortunately no indication when the war will be over, but it is of the utmost importance that a plan will be ready to rebuild/restore schools and open schools as quick as possible. There will be children who are traumatised and many children will be behind in the cognitive and intellectual development despite a great number of initiatives taking place to continue education for the children. The Montessori Ukraine United Association want to offer their knowledge, capacity, and financial support to assist in training and education in the present situation in and outside of Ukraine.

Though it is incredible difficult at this time to set a realistic time for this strategic plan we decided to stick to the normal period of 3 years. If situation in Ukraine changes drastically the Strategic plan 2022-2025 may have to change at an earlier stage.

## 2. Vision and Mission

The Association Montessori-Ukraine United was established after Russia started the invasion and war on Ukraine. Yuliia Timoshevska the Director of the Association Montessori Internationale Affiliate in Ukraine wanted to set up an organisation to assist and help the Montessori community in and outside the Ukraine effected by the war started by Russia.

### 2.1. Vision

The vision of Association Montessori-Ukraine United is to support the Ukrainian Montessori Community presently effected by the war towards a situation where the natural development of human beings from birth to maturity, enabling them to become the transforming agents in society leading to a more harmonious and peaceful world is possible in again in Ukraine.

### 2.2. Mission

Association Montessori-Ukraine United will collect funds to enable to start initiatives in order to support the Ukraine Montessori community in and outside the Ukraine.

### 3. Present Situation

The Montessori-Ukraine United Association was established on 18 August 2022. Prior to the official establishment several activities in preparation had already taken place. These activities had to do with the continuation of training for teachers in training, sending out a survey to the Montessori community in Ukraine to see what their needs are, seeing how funding can be achieved by for instance having voluntary trainers giving global online courses open globally where Ukrainian students can join for free and the other course participants pay a fee with the proceeding going to the Montessori-Ukraine United funds. After the establishment of a bank account the association can actively start fundraising and supporting activities.

#### 3.1. Activities of the Association

The objective of the association is to aid and support to Montessori education in Ukraine. This objective may be achieved by the following means:

- (a) Providing financial assistance to rebuild/repair damaged schools and training facilities
- (b) Providing support and financial assistance in replacing damaged Montessori material
- (c) Provide financial assistance to enable Ukraine students to finish or follow courses
- (d) Provide financial assistance in setting up Montessori support to children and parents
- (e) Providing financial assistance to inform and inspire Ukraine Montessori community

The conditions set out should be interpreted in the widest sense of the word. Any profit-making is precluded.

### 4. Future

At this moment it is very difficult to predict the future for Ukraine. It has become clear that the war Russia has started will not be over soon.

The end state is a peaceful independent Ukraine where Montessori education is available for all. Till that end state is reached the association will continue to support the activities mentioned above.

## 5. Organisation

The Montessori-Ukraine United Association was registered on 18 august 2022 at the Chamber of Commerce Amsterdam KvK number 87317745, RSIN 864263740. The postal address is Koninginneweg 161, 1075CN Amsterdam. E-mail address [Montessori-UkraineUnited@montessori-ami.org](mailto:Montessori-UkraineUnited@montessori-ami.org) . telephone +31 20 2366714

### 5.1. Board

The Board consists of several independent unpaid members:

- Yuliia Timoshevskya (Head of Ukraine AMI affiliate) - President
- Mariya Taranenko Co-founder Montessori school Odessa) – Secretary
- Nico Vasseur (Chief of Staff AMI) -Treasurer
- Andre Roberfroid (Former Deputy Director UNICEF ) – member
- Henk Franken (Former Director UNICEF Netherlands) – member

### 5.2. Employees

There are no further employees

## 6. Finance

At this moment the running cost for the association are very low and the association is supported by the Association Montessori International.

The capital and pecuniary resources will consist of:

- (a) The amount deposited at the Foundation's inception;
- (b) Donations, Legacies, and Inheritance;
- (c) Interest on the Foundation's capital;
- (d) Any other benefits and contributions.

The Montessori Global Growth fund (MGGF) an IRS registered 501 (C)(3) public charity already has been collecting donations to pass on to the Montessori-Ukraine United association.

### 6.1. Asset management and use of funds

The association has no assets. The association will build up capital to finance specific projects. Agreement on which projects to support has to be a unanimous board decision. The Montessori Ukraine United Association does not have to file a turnover tax (VAT), corporate tax or payroll tax return.

### 6.2. Fundraising

The organisation will raise funds via various means. This can be by organizing courses by voluntary trainers. The proceedings will go to the association. A fundraising campaign will be organised amongst the global Montessori community. We expect to receive donations from companies producing Montessori Material.