The Montessori Approach to Aged Care and Dementia

Who was Maria Montessori and what is dementia? How can the work of a pedagogue be relevant to ageing? What are the human tendencies and how do they change throughout life? Can we build multi-sensory experiences using direct and indirect aims to enhance the lives of people with dementia? How can meaningful activities build community and create hope?

We will discuss how our changing brain physiology effects independence and behaviour. We will explore when, why and how these changes occur and look into Montessori philosophy and principles from a different perspective. We will share ideas for designing activities with purpose to create opportunities for the hand to feed the mind.

This talk includes:

- The wholistic view of the person
- Emotional triggers
- Human tendencies
- Different forms of communication
- How to provide a sense of purpose and well-being through work

Maxine Swensson is an international speaker and was one of the first to bring Montessori to Aged Care in Australia in 2009. Maxine has an Association Montessori International (AMI) 3 to 6 Diploma and 25 years of experience in early childhood education in Sydney. Maxine has found another Montessori endeavour of great interest. She is now consulting within the health system in Sydney in order to enable them to offer a Montessori approach to residents of Aged Care Facilities. The use of the Montessori method in Dementia and Aged Care is a growing movement in Australia, the Netherlands, USA and Austria.

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