

NOURHAN ZEHNIE

Nourhan Youssef Zehnie, born in Amman, Jordan is the Academic Director for both the International Centre for Montessori Education and the Alraeda Company for Educational Investment. She is also the KG Principal for the Modern Montessori School, the external examiner for the ICME and a lecturer at the AlRiyadi Centre for Modern Teaching Methods. Nourhan has a B.A. in Education, a Diploma in Nursery Infant Training, a Diploma in Early Childhood Education - the Montessori Method, a four year Diploma in General Nursing and a Diploma in Neuro-Linguistic Programming.

Nourhan founded the Arabic Language and Literary programme, the Montessori Method. She also developed the Early Childhood Curriculum and Workbooks (Languages, Mathematics and Sensorial) for the International Centre for Montessori Education, in addition to being involved in Montessori training for over twenty-four years.

She has received distinction for numerous achievements in the field of Early Childhood Education and has acted as a consultant and advisor in Early Childhood Education for the Jordanian Ministry of Education. She has been, and currently is, a member of numerous committees such as the Higher Committee for the National Plan for Early Childhood Education (2004-2013); the "Education for All" committee; the "Quality Assurance System for Kindergartens" committee, the "General Frames and Learning Outcomes for Early Childhood Education" committee, the "Kindergarten Licensing and Accreditation Committee", to name a few.

She also acts and acted as an advisor for a number of Early Childhood Education and Developmental programmes for the Jordanian National Council for Family Affairs and several NGOs. Nourhan acted as a consultant for the USAID ERFKE Support Project for Kindergartens Accreditation for the years, 2003/2010.

In addition to that, she has been invited as a guest lecturer in Early Childhood Education, the Montessori Method in several Jordanian universities and conducted several workshops in different Arab countries.

Moreover, Nourhan has been invited as a private sector consultant and acts as a member of the Advisory Board for Hikayat Simsim season two, three and four, a co-production executed by Jordan Pioneers and Sesame Workshop in New York. She has also been consulted for the video production of "Al Haywanat Min Hawlina" which was produced by the Al Mufakiroun Al Sighar Company.

It is her passion and her perseverance for the betterment of children as society's cornerstones that have made her one of the leading authorities in the field of Early Childhood Education in Jordan and a pioneer in the Montessori Method of Education in the Middle East.