

Detailed Programme



Building a Foundation

10 March 2020: An Introduction to Sustainable Development

- **Time:** 6:30PM
- **Venue:** Montessori Life, Sunningdale
- **Form:** 30minute presentation; 45minute open floor discussion
- **Topics covered:** What is the current world situation? What is SD? The era is sustainability? What are the approaches to SD?
- **Feature:** A prayer from the Living
- **Pre-reading:** "Understanding Sustainable Development" by John Blewitt
"Just Transitions Chp1" by Eve Annecke and Mark Swilling

13 April 2020: Sustainable Development Continued

- **Time:** 6:30PM
- **Venue:** Montessori Life, Sunningdale
- **Form:** 20minute presentation; 20minute documentary; 30minute open floor discussion
- **Topics covered:** Development with a capital D- who is it suitable for? Current measures that are in place. Sustainability at home.
- **Feature:** Ladakh
- **Pre-reading:** Who Sustains whose Development? By Subhabrata Banerjee

Excursion: Morning Meditation

12 May 2020: The Complexity Lens and Systems Thinking

- **Time:** 6:30PM
- **Venue:** Montessori Life, Sunningdale
- **Form:** 15minute presentation, 20minutes documentary; 30minute open floor discussion
- **Topics covered:** Paradigms. Organising principles of CAS. Ethics.
- **Feature:** Thinking Like a Mountain
- **Pre-reading:** "Social-ecological Systems as CAS" by Preiser, Biggs et al

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Dissecting Life

Economic Atmosphere

9 June 2020: SA history: the importance of the MEC

- **Time:** 6:30PM
- **Venue:** Montessori Life, Sunningdale
- **Form:** Forum
- **Topics:** MEC, Apartheid, Economic Timeline
- **Pre-reading:** "A history of South African capitalism in national and global perspective" by Hart and Padayachee

July 2020: The Capitalist World

- **Time:** 6:30PM
- **Venue:** Montessori Life, Sunningdale
- **Form:** open floor discussion
- **Topics covered:** Unpacking capitalism and its effect on Sustainable Development.
- **Pre-reading:**

The World of Work

- **August 2020:** The issue of unemployment
- **Time:** 6:30PM
- **Venue:** Montessori Life, Sunningdale
- **Form:** Presentation and forum discussion
- **Topics covered:** ZLTO and Yes4Youth
- **Feature:** Narrative

September 2020: Embedding Corporate Sustainability

- **Time:** 6:30PM
- **Venue:** Montessori Life, Sunningdale
- **Form:** Presentation by The Embedding Project
- **Topics covered:** How to Embed Sustainability in your Corporate

October 2020: Social Enterprise

- **Time:** 6:30PM
- **Venue:** Montessori Life, Sunningdale
- **Form:** Presentation by Matt Wickham
- **Topics covered:** The establishment of Sithanda

Excursion: Visit to Ekuthuleni Pre-School

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Living Large: Consumption

November 2020: Global versus Local

- **Time:** 6:30PM
- **Venue:** Montessori Life, Sunningdale
- **Form:** 30minute documentary, 15minute presentation on local versus global, 30minutes forum
- **Topics covered:** Who controls our food? Localisation of the food industry- pros and cons.
- **Feature:** GM Seeds
- **Pre-reading:** The Ecological Sustainability of Local Food Systems by Shindelar
Avoiding the local trap: Scale and Food Systems in Planning Research

December 2020: Biodiversity

- **Time:** 6:30PM
- **Venue:** Montessori Life, Sunningdale
- **Form:** Presentation by (TBC)
- **Topics covered:** Biodiversity
- **Feature:** excursion
- **Pre-reading:**

Excursion: Visit to the Durban Mangroves

January 2021: Waste and Climate Change

- **Time:** 6:30PM
- **Venue:** Montessori Life, Sunningdale
- **Form:** Presentation by Prof Cristina Trois
- **Topics covered:** The effect of climate change on the waste sector, mapping these problems, sustainable waste management
- **Feature:** excursion

Excursion: Paddle along the Umgeni River to the Litterbooms

Technology

February 2021: Alternate Building Materials

- **Time:** 6:30PM
- **Venue:** Montessori Life, Sunningdale
- **Form:** Presentation by Chris Whyte
- **Topics covered:** Utilising recycled materials, Durban's industry

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March 2021: Urbanisation and Informal Living

- **Time:** 6:30PM
- **Venue:** Montessori Life, Sunningdale
- **Form:** 20minute presentation by Michaela, 30minute presentation by Yente Oosthuysen, 30minute forum
- **Topics covered:** Forms of Urbanisation, informal living in South Africa
- **Feature:** Port Harcourt
- **Pre-reading:** "Africa's urbanisation: Implications for SD" by Cobbiah, Erdiaw-Kwasie and Amoateg
"Just Transitions" Chp on Urbanisation by Mark Swilling and Eve Anneke

April 2021: Sustainable Cities

- **Time:** 6:30PM
- **Venue:** Montessori Life, Sunningdale
- **Form:** 20 minute presentation by Michaela, 30minute presentation by (TBC), 30minute forum
- **Topics covered:** Who shapes our cities, how do we transition Durban into a sustainable city
- **Feature:** music video
- **Pre-reading:** "Design for/by the 'global South" by Escobar

Education

May 2021: Rural Education

- **Time:** 6:30PM
- **Venue:** Montessori Life, Sunningdale
- **Form:** Presentation by P(TBC)
- **Topics covered:** what is the state of the rural education system? What are the flaws and what is being done to improve the situation?
- **Pre-reading:**

June 2021: The Modern Child

- Time:** 6:30PM
- Venue:** Montessori Life, Sunningdale
- Form:** Presentation by Nicky Rodseth
- Topics covered:** The effects of technology on children
- Pre-reading:**

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Culture

July 2021: The Role of Culture

- **Time:** 6:30PM
- **Venue:** Montessori Life, Sunningdale
- **Form:** Introspective journey and brief presentation by Michaela
- **Topics covered:** The rainmakers, Totams, Ethical Approaches
- **Feature:** Introspection
- **Pre-reading:** "The Wholeness of Nature" by Bortoft
"The Nature of knowledge and knowing in the context of management, learning, education and development" by Chia

Excursion: August 2021: The Self and Nature

Time: a full weekend in the mountains

Venue: Drakensberg

Form: Introspection

Topics covered: hiking, camping, yoga, meditation, forum discussions

Features: Beauty as a Way of Knowing