

New Learning Culture

NLC Live Webinar Training MAY/JUNE 2013

*“Becoming a Learning Companion
to Accompany Children Ages 3 to 14”*

The concept of an education centered upon the care of the living being alters all previous ideas. Resting no longer on a curriculum, or a timetable, education must conform to the facts of human life.

— Maria Montessori (1870 – 1952)



The New Learning Culture (NLC) online training provides an introduction to a new paradigm of sustainable, student-led education accompanied by adults. It is based on Maria Montessori's original writings and Rebeca Wild's child-centered educational model that is currently used in over 180 alternative schools across Europe. But most of all the NLC approach is based on the genuine needs of children.

Participants will learn how to accompany children on their path as self-directed learners, enrich the children's natural development with hands-on learning materials, provide non-invasive teaching within prepared environments, and guide the children's social skill development through healthy boundaries. The training includes tools and elements from the field of alternative education (Montessori, Waldorf, Reggio Emilia, Froebel and others), the sciences of neuro-cardiology, epigenetics, and social intelligence, attachment theory, play therapy, and mindfulness in education.

Each one of us has unique gifts to offer children. In addition to being parents, home-schooling parents, educators, child-care providers, or psychologists, we can become "learning companions" for children. The NLC training empowers participants to use a wide array of tools relevant to genuine child-directed learning within healthy boundaries. This training provides you with a structure to explore and share your unique teaching gifts in authentic, efficient, and respectful ways. NLC non-invasive teaching skills can be used in homes, classrooms, playgrounds, hospitals, and also to co-create alternative schools based on self-directed, hands-on learning. NLC courses also aim to provide the education and network needed to co-create pre/k-12 schools, home-school coops, and learning centers; in fact, an elementary school is being planned in Marin, California.

NLC Detailed Course Content

WEBINAR 1 – The New Learning Culture Approach

- The New Learning Culture school model
- The “enriched” Montessori and Rebeca Wild-inspired schools in Europe
- Foundational principles of the New Learning Culture approach
- Evolving paradigms of learning

WEBINAR 2 – Inspiration from Alternative Education

- Overview of education approaches and roots of the NLC school model: Maria Montessori, Rebeca Wild, the Reggio Emilia Approach, Friedrich Froebel, Célestin Freinet, the Waldorf Approach, Non-Directive Play Therapy, the Forest Kindergarten, and Democratic Education.

WEBINAR 3 – The Child in You is Important

- Remember yourself as a child
- Reparenting ourselves
- From nuclear family to community
- Inspiration for nurturing the child in you

WEBINAR 4 – Fulfilling Genuine Needs 1

- What are a child’s genuine physical and emotional needs?
- How can we identify a child’s genuine needs?
- Creating a field of agreement for learning

WEBINAR 5 – Imagination and Free Play

- The self-healing and self-educating powers of free play
- Empathy through role play
- Accompanying free play: Inspiration from non-directive play therapy

WEBINAR 6 – Fulfilling Genuine Needs 2

- What are a child’s intellectual and spiritual needs?
- Helping children recognize and fulfill their own genuine needs
- Authentic needs and replacement needs
- When genuine needs are not fulfilled

WEBINAR 7 – Inner Guidance and Healthy Boundaries

- Wisdom from quantum theory, unified field theory, and epigenetics
- Balance between inner guidance and boundaries
- Inspiration for healthy boundaries in self-directed learning environments
- Accompanying conflicts



WEBINAR 8 – Setting Healthy Boundaries

- A child's egocentric perspective
- Setting boundaries respectfully for children
- Peace education

WEBINAR 9 – Natural Child Development and Self-Directed Learning

- Allowing the heart to choose: wisdom from neuro-cardiology
- The child's inner plan and the natural intelligence of life: an exploration of natural development of infants, toddlers, children, and adolescents
- Sensitive Periods

WEBINAR 10 – Becoming a Learning Companion

- Care for the physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual well-being of children and oneself
- Observing with loving attention
- Non-Invasive Teaching
- Maria Montessori's Three-Period Lesson

WEBINAR 11 – Creating Self-Directed Learning Environments

- Preparing indoor and outdoor Yes environments
- Fulfilling a child's genuine needs through the environment
- Checklists for child-friendly environments

WEBINAR 12 – Hands-On Learning Materials

- Overview of movement, practical, sensorial, and academic hands-on materials from Hengstenberg, Montessori, Froebel and other educators; especially to simplify mathematics
- Unstructured and structured hands-on learning materials
- Crafting, purchasing, and inventing materials
- Introducing hand-on learning materials

WEBINAR 13 – The NLC School in Practice

- Daily rhythm and structure, weekly council meetings
- Exploration teams and apprenticeships
- Progress assessment: the checklist curriculum
- Parent involvement

Conclusion: The NLC Approach in Your Life

One-on-one exploration of your personal situation to support you in using NLC tools

Free Online Introductory Webinars

Saturday April 27, 10 AM PST, 1 PM EST, 7PM Rome

~ OR ~

Wednesday May 1, 10 AM PST

~ OR ~

By appointment

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Webinar Schedule

Starting Sunday May 12 – from the comfort of your home

1 hour in the mornings – 2 times per week for 7 weeks

13 hours live online teaching and discussion

plus 1 hour personal conclusive consultation

Exact schedule determined according to the group's needs

Video recordings will be accessible anytime thereafter

NLC Certificate of Attendance

Participants will receive the "New Learning Culture Certificate of Attendance."

Course Fee

Promotional Course fee \$800

Payment plans possible.

Registration

Register with course fee

Paypal or credit card to Carmen@NewLearningCulture.com

Instructor and Learning Companion

Carmen Viktoria Gamper is the founder of [New Learning Culture Consulting](#) and author of *The Sacred Child Companion Handbook for Child-Centered Education*. She is an international advocate for innovative child-centered education and assists educators and parents through consulting and trainings. Together with a group of parents, Carmen is planning to offer an elementary school in Marin, California. Currently, she is writing an extended edition of her book in the high desert of Mexico where she is helping a school of the indigenous Huichol people to improve their program. During May and June 2013, she will be in Italy (hence the morning hours for this online



course) where she will provide training to the public middle school's Montessori program.

Carmen is part of a European wave of "enhanced" Montessori teachers who are inspired by Rebeca Wild, Maria Montessori, Claus-Dieter Kaul, Elfriede Hengstenberg, Joseph Chilton Pearce, and other educators and researchers of child development. Carmen co-created and was educational director of two K-8 private schools in Europe. She was hired by the leadership of the "Schule Miteinander" in Wörgl, Austria, to re-create their school learning environment. Her work helped this alternative school to be awarded the status of an accredited school. Working with a group of parents in her hometown of Meran, Italy, she co-created an alternative school in 2004 that is still thriving.

After finishing her degree in German and English linguistics/literature/didactics, Carmen took a Montessori teacher training with Claus-Dieter Kaul who founded the "Institut für Ganzheitliches Lernen" (Institute for Holistic Learning) in Munich, in support of a new wave of enhanced Montessori teacher training throughout Europe. Carmen also studied extensively with Rebeca and Mauricio Wild (Pesta School, Ecuador), two of the world's foremost promoters of active learning. As a true self-directed learner she acquired knowledge and skills from a wide range of educational philosophies including Waldorf, Reggio Emilia, Froebel, and democratic education. Carmen is a pranic energy healer, and studied with Grand Master Choa Kok Sui and Master Sai Choletti in Germany.

Testimonials

"As a Montessori teacher, I mistakenly thought that I had a firm grasp of what holistic, child-centered education looked like. But Carmen has blown my mind and heart wide open and I now have a much deeper understanding of how to truly serve children. I AM SO GRATEFUL for this transformation!"

— **Cristan Norman, Montessori teacher, California**

"This course has opened up my eyes to new ways of being in the classroom. It inspires me to create opportunities and spaces that support, nurture, and honor children's natural learning processes."

— **Joy Gallina, public school teacher, California**

"In the NLC Course I gained the courage to identify and follow my family's dreams for education. With the circle of support created through the NLC community of like-minded parents and inspiring, innovative educators, I gained the confidence and skills to participate in the creation of our homeschool co-op. We have spent the last year weaving together very satisfying and rich learning days for myself and my daughter, and other families in our town. Thank you so much Carmen!"

— **June McCroy, Founder West Marin Free School, California**

“The NLC Training offers an expansive and comprehensive vision of child-directed learning. I was very inspired by my time with Carmen.”

— Margaret Hirsh, Montessori teacher, California

“I just wanted to say thank you for this course! It’s worth every penny!”

— Patricia Lutke, Learning Disabilities Psychologist, California

“I have been actively endorsing NLC online course and have been speaking about it to many people who I meet. Truly transformative work, very organized and offers details to help expand awareness and intuition in education and in life.”

— Chelsea Cooley, artist and energy healer, USA

“Carmen Gamper has a deep understanding of the guidance required and environment necessary to supports the development of the unique expression of each child.”

— Bradford Hansen-Smith, childhood educator, USA

“This has been a wonderful transforming experience. I did not know this course would delve deep into my own experience with life and school. Enabling me to surmount obstacles and grow at tremendous rates. Thank you!”

— Patrick Lee, councilor, California

“Carmen is a master in waking up the creative forces in children and in adults, and helping them on their individual path to their full potential!”

— Elisabeth Viertler, pediatrician, Italy

“Our greatest blessing was to meet Carmen Gamper. I can’t remember who introduced us – but she appeared like a gift from heaven! She presented us parents and teachers with exactly what we needed most: concrete suggestions and practical support for the bigger and smaller problems that a school encounters.”

— Sybille Tezzele-Kramer, alternative school founder, Italy

“I highly encourage parents and educators to take the NLC course and discover the new parenting and teaching paradigm of the 21st century. This was a very complete course for me. It was truly a blessing to learn this material and put it to practice with my child and other children. Thank you, Carmen!”

— Nancy Chavarria, mother and event manager , California

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