

Hidden Angel Foundation

1st Annual Multi Sensory Idea FORUM

July 5th – July 10th

“In an orchestra, each note blends to create an intricate symphony. Alone, every instrument is significant, but when arranged together they yield a more powerful presence (International Alzheimer’s Association, 2009 conference invitation)”. This summer, we invite you to join our orchestra of minds, as we unite discoveries, theories, and research into a symphony of MSE.

Participants:

Ad Verheul (and Anneke)

Paul Pagliano (and Fiona)

Linda Messbauer

Sandra Fornes

Bud Kirchner

Guests:

Anneke

Fiona, Chris, and Matt

Mandate:

One of the objectives of the Hidden Angel Foundation is to develop a theoretical and conceptual framework that stimulates new thinking around the practice and research of MSE in education, recreation and therapy.

The aim of this MSE think tank is to stimulate new ideas and further develop current idea around multi sensory environments.

With this in mind our mandate will be to make publically available the outcome of this think tank proceeding to share with MSE professionals and practitioners. The content of the think tank discussions will be published as a white paper or manuscript listing all participants as authors of the paper. Process as follows:

1. We will generate a typed transcript.
Everyone will be provided a copy of the transcript to edit, add, comment.
2. From the transcript a manuscript / white paper will be developed.
3. This manuscript will also be distributed to everyone for edit and comments.
4. We will then submit the article to one of the following journals for publications.
 - a. Council for Exceptional Children – Peer reviewed journal

- b. The Journal of Special Education – Peer reviewed journal
- c. American Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities – Peer reviewed
- d. Journal of Rehabilitation – Peer reviewed

Journal selection will be based on how the proceedings develop, for example, if they develop more along the lines of special educations then a special education journal will be selected.

- 5. If anyone wishes to also publish an article, paper, or publication, etc. from the proceedings of this forum, specific to their area of expertise, we ask that all participants be listed as contributors/ authors and that the Hidden Angel Foundation recognized.

Round Table Discussions:

Some topics that we would like to put forth for the agenda are listed below: Please add items that you believe would be valuable to the discussions as well as areas you would like to explore. We welcome every ones input of topic ideas and I will circulate a more complete agenda including everyone's ideas prior to everyone's arrival.

- (a) Why do MSE seem to be so beneficial. What on animal research an MSE.
- (b) Mind / brain connection
- (c) MSE artificially created supported by the natural environment?
- (d) Devoted to stimulate all the senses?
- (e) What about touch
- (f) Safe, comfortable, and predictable? If predictable do we induce change?
- (g) How best to design rooms to empower and provide self-choice even for those with profound disabilities?
- (h) Demand-free activity, fear of therapy
- (i) Best procedures for training facilitators for all kinds, professional, paraprofessionals, parents?
- (j) Techniques to change brain arousal and motivation?
- (k) Music, what type music, how to select music for MSE?

Agenda:

July 3 – Friday Paul, Fiona, Matt and Chris arrive by car

July 4 – Saturday Ad and Anneke arrive in Atlanta at 10:40pm

Linda Arrives in Atlanta at: 9:47pm

July 5 – Sunday Morning - Relax

Program begins

Sunday Afternoon MSE round-table discussions

Barbeque

July 6 – Monday MSE round-table discussions

July 7 – Tuesday MSE round-table discussion

July 8 – Wednesday Visit to Birmingham – visit Mansion, botanical garden, - Or Huntsville Space Center, Little River White Water Rafting or DeSota Cavern Park

July 9 – Thursday Chattanooga – MSE Day

July 10 – Friday - Drive to Atlanta –

Paul, Fiona and kids depart at 3:15pm

Linda Departs at 3:40pm

Bud, Sandra, Ad and Anneke Drive back to Gadsden

July 12- Sunday Sandra, Bud, Ad and Anneke Depart