



WORLD FORUM IN ACTION

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Meet World Forum National Representative Magela Guimaraes!

Location: Montevideo, Uruguay

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Provincia Nuestra Señora de la Esperanza.

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What are you most passionate about?

“Interaction with children. Being with them is the fuel of my life.
Teaching young teachers how to deal with everyday situations is fantastic.”

How did you become a National Representative?

“I attended the very first World Forum in Honolulu, Hawaii [in 1999]. And since then I’ve gotten involved with each World Forum, as presenter, moderator and doing what is needed to add participants, and to promote the event in my country. Is it an addiction? I don’t know, but I make any possible effort to be part of this huge event and to connect other teachers to attend it, at least once in their lives. Everyone deserves to experience the World Forum spirit, the kind atmosphere, and open the heart to a new lifetime friend. It does work, believe me.”

What is your hope for the World Forum Foundation?

“To keep gathering educators from all around the world in order to exchange ideas and create many networking forces on behalf of the children.”

What has been your favorite experience as a National Representative?

I can’t choose one, because being in my country sharing the enthusiasm is really amazing, but getting in touch with other National Representatives from so many countries made me learn about tolerance and understanding. This makes me more sensitive with whatever happens in the countries where I know someone. The world map is not only just geography data; it is the face, the home, the place where many children, many teachers are striving to give their best, unfortunately in very hard and dangerous conditions. So the voice of a National Representative is heard and we get information about what is really happening. This makes the world smallest and warmest.”

Will we see you in New Zealand at 2017 World Forum?

“Yes! If God helps me keep myself healthy, I’ll be in New Zealand for a second time. There are still many new friends to meet, and a bunch of dear ones that I really want to be with and keep on talking to, sharing all about the challenges of being educators.”

Conversations in the Connection Center – Join in!

Did you know that you can engage in a worldwide discussion with the World Forum community on early care and education issues that you are most passionate about? Visit the Connection Center at **connect.WorldForumFoundation.org** to see what others are talking about and join the conversation.

“Building inclusive programs through early childhood programs.”

“Inspiring stories!”

What are you most looking forward to at 2017 World Forum?

“Being together.”

“Role of males in early childhood development programs.”

“Good practices for child care programs for the 0-8 year olds.”

Build Your Dream of Being in New Zealand for 2017 World Forum

2017 World Forum will be held in New Zealand from May 9–12 — and you will want to participate! With almost a year to strategize, you have time to make your dream a reality. The World Forum is an energetic global community of people exchanging ideas about young children. Here are some ways delegates have funded their own participation. Use these ideas to inspire your own. Share with others in your local community to support the funding of individuals or a country delegation.



- Team with others to fund a representative(s) who will attend and report back to your community or organization.
- Assign some of your professional development dollars to this event.
- Organize monthly program/center bake sales, garage sales, car washes, fundraising dinners.
- Work on a grant from a local funder to support your participation.
- Set aside an amount from each paycheck for World Forum 2017; some employers have set up matching funds!

Small fundraising ideas can add up in big ways! Visit the Connection Center at **connect.WorldForumFoundation.org** and share your funding ideas with the World Forum community. Thanks to Canadian National Representatives Sue Sterling and Glory Ressler, for compiling fundraising ideas.