



**Francesco
Tonucci**
Associazione di Promozione Sociale

News

Key activities of the third quarter

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The aim of the Francesco Tonucci International Association is to promote the ideas and contributions of Francesco Tonucci across political, educational, artistic, and cultural domains.

We hold that Tonucci's ideas embody an endless reservoir of wisdom and inspiration for fostering a better society for everyone, emphasizing the pivotal role of children.

Birthday of Francesco Tonucci

On July 5th, as we do every year, we celebrated Francesco's birthday with the Francesco Tonucci Association Community.

Thank you, esteemed Master, for your teachings, for your unwavering support of children's rights, and for leading us toward the creation of a better society for children and the benefit of all.



Happy 85th birthday anniversary.



Francesco Tonucci's schedule

Children's City

New cities within the global network

Partner institutions

Frato's graphic novel.

**...and many
other things**

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Francesco Tonucci

Francesco Tonucci is involved in the World Meeting for Early Childhood organized by OMEP.



Francesco participated in a significant international event held in Bologna, centered on children's right to play. This conference gathered experts, organizations, and leaders committed to the safeguarding of early childhood.



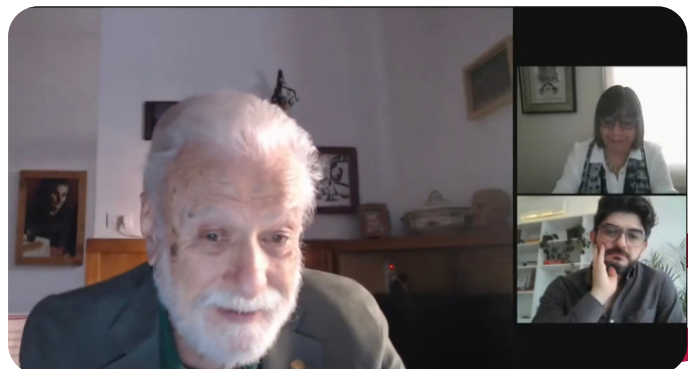
Francesco Tonucci participated in the XXX Rio-Clarense Symposium on Education, where he delivered a presentation titled: "The Role of Children in an Innovative School."

A significant message regarding the necessity of focusing on children and reevaluating educational institutions according to their perspectives and requirements. Francesco was joined by Lorena Morachimo, the director of the Francesco Tonucci Association, and architect Alencar Masulo, who represents the "City of Girls and Boys" initiative in the Brazilian city of Osorio.



View the complete video on YouTube.

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Francesco Tonucci

What characteristics should a child-friendly public area possess?

Francesco Tonucci, the founder of the international initiative "The City of Children," provided insights and guidance on the significance of reimagining our cities from the perspective of children.

In his address, Tonucci critically analyzed the overuse of public space by vehicles and proposed a reevaluation of the priority hierarchy in urban planning.

The initiative was executed in partnership with the Professional Council of Architecture and Urban Planning (CPAU) of Buenos Aires, owing to the dedication and assistance of architect Agustín Garona, who represented the Francesco Tonucci International Association.



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Cycle “Discussions with Tonucci”



 Spain

As part of the "I'M GOING TO PLAY" campaign, an important meeting took place, organized by the Spanish Network "The City of Girls and Boys," FAMPVA Valencia, and the Gonzalo Anaya Confederation, which brings together family associations across Spain. Families of children's activity leaders from the cities involved in our international network were also invited. The meeting sought to establish a platform for discussion between families and organizations, while also addressing the key concepts presented by Francesco Tonucci through the Campaign. This includes his concerns regarding the early use of electronic devices by children and the potential dangers and harm these devices may pose to their health and well-being. Francis urged families to have confidence in their children, to assist them in developing their independence, and to consider that tomorrow might be too late. It is crucial for children to take back the street as a venue for play, social interactions, and autonomy. The significance of advocating for cities where public spaces are restored as venues for social interaction and recreation was emphasized, allowing children the freedom to decide where, how, and what to play.

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New urban areas

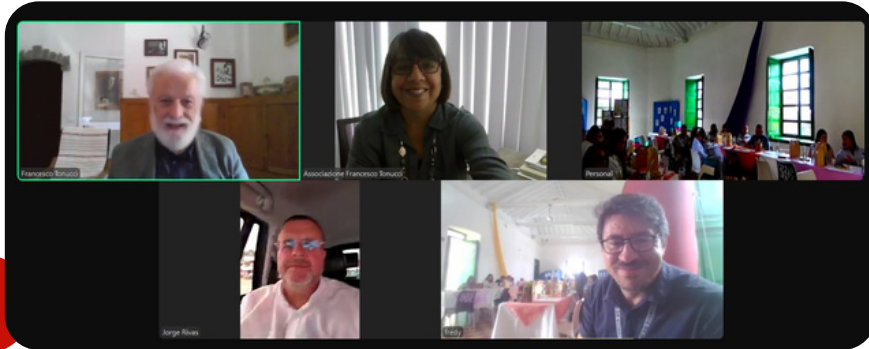
in the Global Network "The City of Children"



We invite you to the Colombian city of **Rionegro, situated in the Antioquia department, is officially incorporated to the Global Network "The City of Children"**

On this occasion, we had the chance to meet with Mayor Jorge Rivas and his government team to discuss the commitments made by the municipalities that are part of the network, which have devoted themselves to transforming their cities by placing children at the heart of change.

The meeting also addressed the themes of the "I'm Going to Play" campaign, emphasizing the significance of returning public spaces to children to enable them to exercise their right to free and independent play, offering a tangible alternative to the premature use of electronic devices.

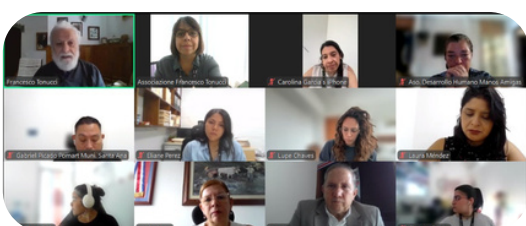


Online presentation of the Children's City initiative, supported by the local government of Santa Ana.



The virtual presentation of the Children's City program, organized by the Santa Ana local government, was held.

During the meeting, Francesco Tonucci engaged with Mayor Juan José Vargas and local government officials about the significance of reshaping cities by prioritizing children in political decisions, guaranteeing their involvement, independence, and the right to play. Lorena Morachimo, the leader of the Francesco Tonucci International Association, along with Carolina García, a representative of the Association, attended the meeting, enhancing this platform for exchange and collaboration with their participation.



Seminar



"At School with Friends: Towards Genuine Child Autonomy"

As a component of the Montpellier City Support Program, a seminar focused on the "Let's Go to School Alone" initiative took place on September 25th. At the seminar, Francesco Tonucci delivered his presentation, joined by Daniel Macenlle, the head of urban security for the city of Pontevedra.

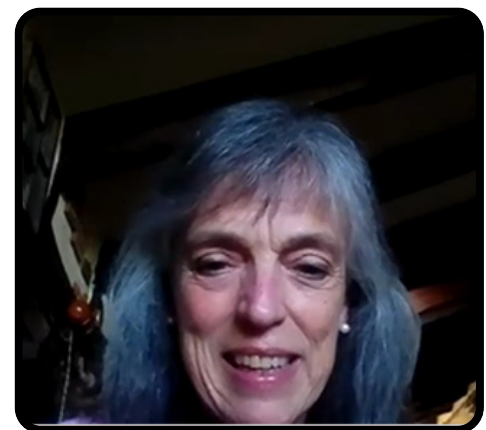
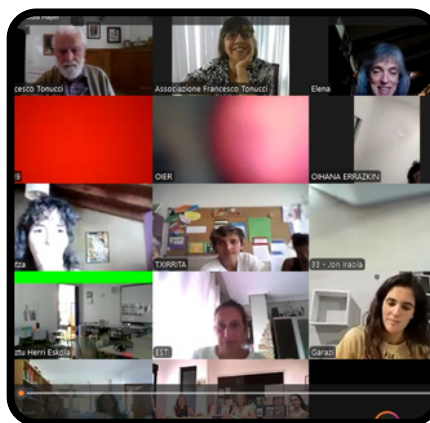
It was a privilege to hear Daniel Macenlle speak about the foundations and essential actions of the urban revolution in Pontevedra's city model, as well as the development and execution of initiatives encouraged by the City Council to enhance children's autonomy.

The seminar commenced with Philippe Reitz, the project coordinator in Montpellier, and was directed by architect Vittorio Leone, who serves as the representative of the Francesco Tonucci Association for France.



Partner institutions

On September 17, we had the chance to engage with principals and educators from various rural schools in the Basque Country. Motivated by the initiatives of the Abalzisketa and Zuzurkil schools, they plan to adopt Francesco Tonucci's recommendations to ensure their institutions provide an education that aligns with Article 29 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Francesco Tonucci outlined his essential points for successful schools, including the integration of different age groups, the removal of traditional classrooms, the establishment of workshops, the importance of listening to children, and the appreciation of diversity. The session commenced with Professor Elena Lai Sasiain, the project representative for the Zizurkil and Abalzisketa schools, as well as the author of the book "100 Languages, 1000 Experiences."



Official announcements

International Diploma "The City of Children" Edition 2025

Target audience: groups from municipalities participating in the "Children's City" initiative

INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMA

The Children's City

An exploration of the Project's philosophy and proposals, offering the fundamental methodological tools necessary for its execution.



Study excursion in

Argentina

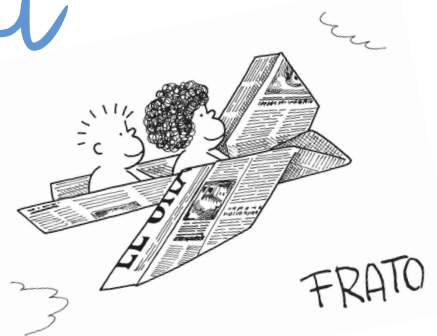


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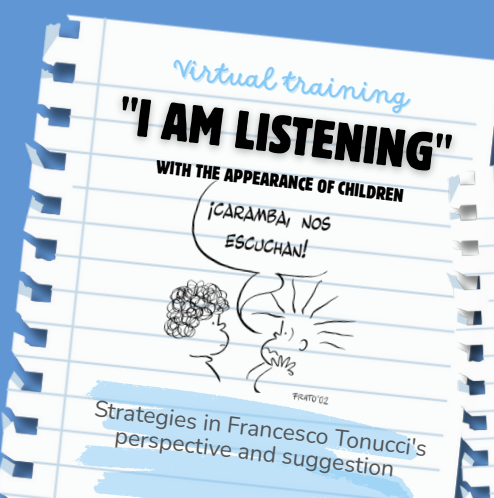
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An architect by profession, he has practiced in Mexico, the United States, Spain, and Italy. representative of the Association in France, where he presently lives and works.

President of the Les Archiminots association, in partnership with La città dei bambini since 2016. In 2017, he participated in the Lyon Architecture Biennale in France, engaging in a collaborative project with children.

In 2019, he contributed to the publication of the book "La ville des enfants, pour une (r)évolution urbaine," the French edition of "La città dei bambini" by Francesco Tonucci.



"Studying Francesco's work has significantly altered my view of the city, my interaction with it, and my contributions to the urban landscape. I believe the "Children's City" project embodies a genuine chance for a human, social, and, as a result, urban transformation."

Victor



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