



Series 2. Episode 7
Turning *Little Stones* show notes.
With our guest Roxana from Chrysalis
Montessori playgroup

Episode 7
Introducing 'See Me!'

Roxana offers a small, pre-school provision based in her North London home for accompanied children.

Roxana is a trained and experienced childcare practitioner. After becoming a parent, she was inspired to open up to other families what she had created in her family home to meet the needs of her own son, Theo.

Each week, a small group of 6 children (birth to 3) are welcomed into her home, to experience intimate spaces that are beautifully prepared for these young children:

- The garden has areas to grow things, move, explore nature, sand, water.....
- A creative space filled with resources for open ended creative experiences...
- A cosy room which is filled with books, music, sounds, textures.... This room is clear for children to freely explore and access sensorially rich resources, attractively displayed on low level shelving.

By limiting numbers to 6 children (with their family carers), she can see how it supports ("even very little") children's social cohesion.

"It's magic to see their social interactions!"

Roxana moved from Romania to London 14 years ago. Since then, she has worked in nurseries, trained as a Montessori practitioner, become a mum, and continues to study and research.

She celebrates and builds good connections with local nurseries which share her strong child-centred ethos.

The home-based provision that Roxana has created is something that anyone can emulate. Small is beautiful!

Introducing Set 2 – See Me! (Delving a Little Deeper)

Roxana describes herself as a "very curious person". This has motivated her to continue to study and engage in action research. She is the perfect person to offer insights in the four audios in Set 2 of 'Delving a Little Deeper'.

See Me! Observing Well.

Roxana invites the parents who attend her small setting to see their children differently. And she extends this invitation to subscribers of 'Delving a Little Deeper' (Set 2). This set of four audios has its own set of Companion Notes, which are designed to be read alongside listening to the audios.

Roxana introduces us to Learning Stories, letters written to the child about their experiences. This podcast begins with an example, written by Roxana a number of years ago, when she first came across them.



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'Dear Molly...'

This letter is not fine-tuned or polished but comes from the heart of Roxana, then a newly qualified childcare practitioner. As such it is something we can all emulate. So often when training in early years, the 'Observation Module' can be dry and tedious. It focusses on different methods and techniques-rationales & evaluations! In *Delving a Little Deeper*, we take a different approach. **See Me!** (Set 2) helps us to understand how vital it can be as we delve a little deeper to see more of what our children are showing us. Roxana shares more learning stories in the set. Learning to see our children with fresh eyes can truly transform the precious fleeting early years that that we share with them.

And finally...

To access this set, head over to www.turninglittlestones.co.uk

See Me! Observing Well.

Audios and Companion Notes together are available to aid and resource everyone with little people in their lives - practitioners and family carers, students and managers...

Further information, practical guidance and advice are available through,

***Turning Little Stones &
Delving a little Deeper (Set 1 Getting to Know You) &
Set 2 (See Me!)***

See website for details.