

**Elena Sofia Paoli**  
atelierista and art educator

## SHORT BIO

Elena Sofia has a degree in childhood education and in communication and didactics of art and artistic and cultural heritage and a MA in "Performing arts and community spaces". Her interests focus on research, experimentation and the creation of learning contexts that allow a trans- and interdisciplinary approach to knowledge. The hybridization between atelier culture, Reggio Approach and contemporary artistic languages are a fundamental part of her daily work.

## EDUCATION

1998-2007 MUSICAL STUDIES at the conservatory "Achille Peri" of Reggio Emilia  
Class: reading music, violín, horn and

2004-2009 ARTISTIC HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA at the "Blaise Pascal" of Reggio Emilia  
Department: graphic and cultural heritage

2009-2014 PRIMARY EDUCATION DEGREE at the "UniMoRe" University of Modena and Reggio Emilia  
Department: kindergarten/nursery school

2010-2013 ILLUSTRATION DIPLOMA at the "Scuola Comics - Academy of figurative and digital arts" of Reggio Emilia

2013-2016 II LEVEL ACADEMIC DIPLOMA at the "Accademia di Belle Arti" of Bologna  
Department: art education and communication of the artistic and cultural heritage

2017 WINTER SCHOOL progetto Cluster CittàEducante, digital learning in Smart Communities organized by the Reggio Children Foundation

2020 - 2021 MASTER'S DEGREE co-production by faculty of "Architettura Roma Tre" and "PalaExpo"  
Department: performing arts and community spaces

PERSONAL RESEARCH I have been attending contemporary dance classes since 2016

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**EMPLOYMENT**

2013 - 2014 SUPPORT TEACHERS in various elementary schools in the municipality of Reggio Emilia

2014 PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR in the community for minors with the social cooperative "Dimora di Abramo"

2015 - 2020 ATELIERISTA for Reggio Children with monthly collaborations in the ateliers of the Loris Malaguzzi International Center

\_atelier contexts and training courses with families, national and international study groups, schools, universities and other private subjects

2015 - 2021 ATELIERISTA in the expressive workshops for people with disabilities of the "L'Ovile" social cooperative

\_workshop: "Nessuno Escluso - autonomy and inclusion", "ArtFactory - 33 irregular art", K-Lab\_design and fragility"

2018 - now ATELIERISTA in the research projects of the Reggio Children Foundation - Loris Malaguzzi Center

\_focus on research project "Scintillae - play and learning in the digital age" in collaboration with Lego Foundation

PUBLICATIONS "Familiar digital: creating bonds at a distance for "Innovation" periodical of NAREA / Fall 2021; "Tra scienza e linguaggi del contemporaneo . Esperienze di apprendimento in un gruppo di ricerca interdisciplinare" for periodical "Bambini" ' / Spring 2022

COMPUTER SKILLS: Adobe creative suite, Office, Word and several suite for online meeting