

# Piloting Diversity and Inclusion Workshops in Artificial Intelligence and Robotics for Children

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Guarantee security, accessibility and human dignity can be considered the pillar for inclusivity. However, the disparity of advances in education and technology is not creating environments to construct a fairer society. Recently, Astobiza et al. reported the need of collaborations between industry and a multidisciplinary group of researchers to address concerns on the paradigm of inclusivity in robotics [1]. Similarly, Astobiza et al. suggested that inclusive robotics should be based on: "1) they should be easy to use and 2) they must contribute to making accessibility easier in distinct environments" [1]. Peixoto et al. in 2018 reported the use of robots as tool to promote diversity which lead to improve competences in communication, teamwork, leadership, problem solving, resilience and entrepreneurship [2], [3]. Pannier et al. pointed out the challenges of increasing the participation of women and underrepresented minorities in the areas of Mechatronics and Robotics Engineering as well as the creation of community of educators to promote diversity and inclusion [4]. Pannier et al. mentioned that the prevalence of free and open-source software and hardware made mechatronics more accessible to a diverse group of population [4]. Also, Pannier et al touched on the evidence and importance of offering workshops to different range of underrepresented students that lead to inspires other programs to create outreach activities for students, trainings, workshops,

This short paper presents our findings on the first pilot workshop to promote diversity and inclusion in Artificial Intelligence and Robotics.

## II. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY OF AIR4CHILDREN WITH NON-TRADITIONAL EDUCATION

### A. Alternative education programs

Alternative education programs such as Montessori, Waldorf and Regio Emilia considers children as active authors of their own development [5]. Such programs that in a way follow same philosophies have been adopted internationally. However the contributes changes of technologies have been started to evolve. For instance, Edwards pointed out the schools deriving from the same philosophy might also need to observe teacher-child interactions, its environments and interview to the past and present parents and children [5] Recently, Aljabreen pointed out the adoptions of new technologies and how early child education is re-conceptualised [6]. Rogoff, B. (2003). The cultural nature of human development. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

### B. Montesory education

Elkin et al. in 2014 explored the how robots can be used in the Montessori curriculum [7]. Authors conclude that the confidence and experience in robotics is crucial to deliver and communicate the right experience to encourage students [7]. Similarly Elkin et al. posed the question on the revision of new curriculums of technology that do not deviate from the purpose of the Montesory classroom [7]. Drigas and Gkeka in 2016 reviewed the application of information and communication technologies in the Montesory Method [8]. Drigas and Gkeka mentioned the Manipulatives, as objects to develop motor skills or understand mathematical abstractions, are based on cultural areas, language, mathematics and sensorial but little to none on technological areas. Drigas and Gkeka reviewed Montesory materials of the 21st century where interactive systems with sounds and lights, touch application to enhance visual literacy or the development of computational thinking and constructions of the physical world [8] These indicate that the incorporation of such manipulatives with the use of robotics might lead to reach scenarios to explore motor skill development, visualisation and computational thinking.

Recently, Scippo and Ardolino reported a longitudinal study of the use of computational thinking in five years participants of primary school in a Montessori school [9] Scippo

and Ardolino pointed out the importance of alignment of the Montessori material with the computational thinking activities.

### C. Other alternative education styles

Synthesis is new education program, started in 2014 with Josh Dahn and support of Elon Musk, which aim is to cultivate student voice, strategic thinking and collaborative problem solving [10].

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