

WECAN's New Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Coordinators

Dear WECAN colleagues,

Hello! We are delighted to take on the Co-Coordinator position for the WECAN IDEA Committee. This past year has brought so much positive change in the work centering on inclusion. At the same time, we and others felt the tremendous pain that became the center over the year about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

We both know how important the work of DEI within Waldorf EC schools, training institutes, and other organizations is, and we are committed to every aspect of diversity, inclusion, and equity. As a team, we want to support WECAN and all of our colleagues with the commitment and support needed at this time.



Lynn Turner



Leslie Wetzonis-Woolverton

This work deserves attention and care and we are grateful WECAN is centering DEI work as we move towards a more equitable, kind and just future.

Together we will bring our lived experiences, expertise, and commitment to WECAN in moving Diversity work forward with integrity, passion, truth, and sharing together in moments of great difficulty. This is exciting work, but it will come with moments that will require courage, dignity, and forgiveness. As women of color, Cherokee, trained/certified Waldorf EC Educators teaching collectively over 30 years, we are excited about this leadership opportunity. We are committed to helping all groups that find themselves not within the White Dominant Culture and supporting communities that are allies in the White Dominant Culture. We look forward to hard and uniting conversations that are needed for these times. We are delighted to work together to create a solid bridge of inclusivity for all.



Lynn and Leslie at the World Early Childhood Conference in Dornach in 2019

We both have worked very well together in the past, collaborating as classroom colleagues at Washington Waldorf School and Acorn Hill Waldorf Kindergarten and Nursery School, as well as with the other colleagues in the WECAN IDEA committee, working together on a Living Questions Document. Of course, we have always been great friends sharing time together with our families during the summers. And we travel regularly together to conferences. In fact, the above photo was taken in Dornach at the 100 year International EC Waldorf Conference, Inner Freedom-Social Responsibility: Finding Ways Into A Human Future.

We both love Waldorf Education. Waldorf Education, based on Anthroposophy, has meant so much for us as individuals, as educators, for our children, and sharing this work with our colleagues. We both are grateful for so many that support and continue to teach and inspire us in our work. We are delighted to accept our positions as Co-Coordinators for WECAN together.

With dedication and love,

Lynn and Leslie

We look forward to working with you all. Please feel free to email us with ideas, initiatives and concerns within this ongoing work at

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