

## **Teacher Education**

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### **Teacher Training Institute Zoom Meetings**

This January and February we began our monthly Teacher Training Institutes zoom calls with presentations and conversations about the differences in learning styles of the modern student. This is a research topic internationally and Susan Howard presented some contemplations that are being discussed worldwide with colleagues from ITEP (the International Teacher Education Preparation Group) and the IASWECE International Early Childhood Trainers Network.

After Susan's January offering, Heather Church presented in February, showing us some ways that she incorporates the arts and social development into her classes, and Holly Koteen-Soulé presented on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Holly took us on a comprehensive journey, showing us how students can individualize and collaborate in their learning. We all benefit greatly from the shared experiences and wisdom of each other. At the next meeting on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm, Leslie Burchell Fox and Monika Sutherland will present how they orient new students to the essentials.

The timing of the institute zoom calls is shifting to Tuesdays, mid-month at 1pmPT, 2pmMT, 3pmCT, and 4pmET. If you are a teacher educator and you wish to join us, please feel free to let me know [teachered@waldorfearlychildhood.org](mailto:teachered@waldorfearlychildhood.org)

### **Teacher Education Institute Membership Processes**

The final revisions for the Shared Principles and the annual Teacher Education Membership Handbook update are underway. [Here is a link](#) to the most recent version.

We are grateful for WECAN's IDEA Committee and work with these members has been ongoing, as we have explored new processes and reviewed [WECAN's Teacher Training Expectations](#) and Shared Principles.

WECAN is also in process with AWSNA to work with some joint processes and visits to renewing members. In 2023, we will accompany each other for 3 visits to institutes for Full member renewals – Waldorf Teacher Training Eugene, Rudolf Steiner College Canada, and both campuses of Waldorf Institute of Southern California.

Now that covid travel restrictions have lessened, the Teacher Education Committee will also be supporting site visits to several of our associate renewing members and WECAN-only Full members.

### **Gratitude and Appreciation for our WECAN Member Institute Colleagues**

Many of our institutes have surmounted and risen above unexpected challenges in the past few years. A new kind of awakening is happening. It's an era of growth and transformation in the teacher education world and I am full of gratitude and admiration for the creativity and perseverance of our member institute early childhood educators. They have negotiated many changes over the past year to give their students the best possible training alternatives they can provide and are aware that further growth is on its way.