

CONFERENCES

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This year, we collaborated on two conferences: the Birth-to-Three Conference at Sophia's Hearth and the Pacific Northwest Regional Conference at the Portland Waldorf School. At our Annual February Conference at Green Meadow Waldorf School, we hosted the third and final in a series focused on New Adult Learning and the development of educators, building capacities to learn, understand ourselves better, and become lifelong learners and researchers. We also kicked off the 100 Years of Waldorf Education Celebrations in February, and many North Americans then attended the IASWECE and Pedagogical Section Conference in Dornach. All were rich and inspiring experiences. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing you there.

Next year, we will once again collaborate with Sophia's Hearth, continuing the theme of the Sense of Touch in Birth-to-Three and with the Pacific Northwest; we will announce the theme for that conference soon. **The Annual WECAN Conference in Spring Valley has moved its date for next year and will now take place from March 19th to 21st at the Green Meadow Waldorf School.** We are so excited to offer the conference at a time of year when there might be less snow or wintry weather.

We are pleased that Dr. Adam Blanning will be our keynote speaker, sharing his recent research and deepening our understanding of dysregulation, which was recently presented in the New York Times as a

third possible kind of attention-deficit pattern. It is not surprising, because right now everything feels a little dysregulated for the children and us. We hope you will join us as we embark on this journey with Dr. Blanning. We will offer opportunities for reflection on the topic and workshops to strengthen our practice as educators and help us work with children with growing confidence.

Although we hope you will join us in person, we will also be returning to a more robust online conference shortly after the in-person event, featuring keynotes and workshops. Stay Tuned!

We look forward to sharing more information as it becomes available.