IASWECE Centenary Regional Celebrations

In February 2025, a new working group was formed within IASWECE to explore the actions, studies, and regional meetings each country is organizing to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Early Childhood Education in Waldorf Pedagogy. From this information, we hope to collectively build a network of inspiration, studies, and reflections on the young child.

The grand celebration will take place in **April 2026 at the Goetheanum** in Dornach, Switzerland, where educators from all over the world will gather. Due to the importance and scope of this event, there arose a need to connect with each country, understand their particularities, and thus explore the various themes and activities that are being organised and prepared for the celebration.

Waldorf early childhood education is present in the most remote corners of the world, and it is often these early childhood settings that open the doors for many families to discover and begin their journey with Waldorf Pedagogy. They serve as small points of light that illuminate the possibilities for a more sensitive education for the child, in a present reality filled with challenges for both childhood and its families.

Encouraging, asking, and sharing how each country will celebrate the 100 years of Early Childhood Education in Waldorf Pedagogy helps turn these points of light around the world into one great flame, strengthening and inspiring us in our mission as early childhood educators.

Therefore, any activity, action, or meeting related to the celebration is most welcome, as it strengthens the diversity that inspires us.

We invite you to share the ongoing actions in your regions for the celebration of 100 years of Early Childhood Education in Waldorf Pedagogy.

For sharing, please contact us at: info@iaswece.org

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