

April 2019 Waldorf Early Childhood Educators Conference Participant Feedback

Hello Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you all for the great effort to organize the Conference at Goetheanum during April 15-19, 2019.

For me, going to the Conference was a seek of the lost enthusiasm, a way to find strength and the inner impulse to continue being on my path.

During the Conference, each new day, new speaker, and new seminar opened questions that were exactly about our initiative, were exactly on the issues that we are facing and are confronting with. Again and again, my colleague and me were saying - "Oh, its about us!"

Knowing that educators, child care establishments, local communities all over the world face the same challenges as we do, made us feel that we are not alone, that we are a part of a Worldwide Organism who works on solving the current acute social issues, that our individual efforts and findings make sense, are also valuable. Although we meet a lot of resistance, we keep on going on not because of receiving immediate results, but in spite of many problems, being carried on by the inner impulse to educate according to the dignity of the childhood and for the future human freedom.

Thank you a lot!

Sincerely,

Ana Ghilas

Day Care Centre "Parents Kindergarden"

Chisinau, Moldova



Herzlichen Dank für alles. Es war sehr schöne Stimmung. Eine Russin sagte mir: es war so, als ob ich mit einem Chaos in der Seele kam, dann war ich durchgeschüttelt und alles stand plötzlich auf den richtigen Stellen.

Ich glaube, dass alle erfüllt nach Hause gegangen sind.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen

Elena Krasotkina



Hola

Soy Ana Ramos, de España.

Te escribo para agradeceros la oportunidad que me habéis dado de hacer el taller en Dornach. Fue una experiencia muy bonita.

También quiero agradeceros la organización, todo el esfuerzo que habéis puesto en el congreso. Ha Sido un éxito, una experiencia a nivel mundial inolvidable, de encuentro y de compartir con tantas personas maravillosas, desarrollando lo social desde lo individual.

Gracias a todos por vuestro trabajo y entrega.



Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for the excellent Waldorf Kindergarten Conference, which was such a great success in every way!

I don't think that the Goetheanum has ever witnessed such a large number of people of one group and one goal, coming together from every part of the world.

Our dear Waldorf Kindergarten teachers, who have the goodness of the young child at heart, will make tomorrow's world beautiful!

God bless you and your noble work.

In gratitude, from Dilnawaz and me,

Aban Bana from India



Erst einmal ein ganz herzliches Dankeschön an Euch alle, für die Organisation dieser unglaublich umfangreichen Tagung. Das ist eine sehr beachtliche Leistung. Soweit ich es beurteilen kann, hat ja auch alles gut geklappt. Die Stimmung empfand ich ausgesprochen gut und ich habe den Eindruck gewonnen, dass sehr viele Teilnehmer erfüllt und dankbar wieder nach Hause zurückkehren.

Thomas Tirler



I feel so rich after the conference. So grateful that you all gave me such a wonderful opportunity. Surrounding with the wonderful people from around the world. To immerse myself in amazing lectures and workshops. I really love every single part of it. The idea of bringing two speakers together on the stage is so brilliant! It really showed me the social art of it. And to bring the humor in the opening, closing, and as a part of the serious word of conference, again...it's a social art that could melt us together...to bring love and joy.

Good luck for all your works.

Warmest

Kenny



My gratitude to you and your team. I hope you are also pleased and happy with it.

What a superb conference! And I was so touched with the Thursday night.

I personally met many teachers from all over the world -especially the far away and poorer countries who were so inspired.

Mikael Kokinos



I need to say a BiiiiiiG THANK YOU! Being part of the 100 years celebration with IASWECE project and part of the facilitators was a great experience and I have no words to put in my gratitude for all that. This days and works with you all together is the best way I could celebrate.

The people i meet and the connections that are now alive due to this meetings is of real value. Being able to share with people from all over the world what i love most - EURYTHMIE - is full of richness. I am and was so fulfilled for the gifts of this people.

This type of work in two i think is really powerful as impact in the groups. Things that came, inspiration and intuitions regarding the social aspect are so intense. Qualities of the empathy and

heart opening, the space that was created between and the people, the fact they were touched and also that they felt like sharing and giving each other from the treasures of their lives.

I really celebrated 100 years with this people! Thank you once more.

P.S. All regarding organization and care for the needs of all was outstanding.

With my deepest gratitude, Alexandru Bugnariu



A beleza é luz brilhante emanada do coração!

Jú de Santos



I very much appreciate getting to participate and work with the discussion group and workshop. It felt like the participants were very engaged and made progress with each other.

Michael Soulé



Es hat mich sehr beeindruckt, wie weit der Bogen, was ist Waldorf, gespannt werden kann. Vielen Dank für eine sehr beeindruckende Tagung

Viele Grüße

Sabine Deiss



The Early Childhood Easter week conference was amazing. After 30 years as a Waldorf Early Childhood teacher, I had the great honor and privilege of attending this conference with 5 of my colleagues from the San Francisco Waldorf School. Your time at the Goetheanum was outstanding. Every lecture, discussion group, workshop, meal and tour was exquisitely planned, executed and organized. The atmosphere and mood of the conference was warm and collegial. The overarching theme of social warmth and love was palpable amongst the participants. My colleagues and I have continued to share this warmth and good will throughout our school and with each other. Our work with the children and parents is forever improved. Each day, I think of a different aspect of what we shared in Dornach and am grateful for the experience.

You accomplished something remarkable. You have brought together 1,000 strangers and made them friends.

Diana Marshall Mei, Director, San Francisco Waldorf School



Thank you from the bottom of our hearts at San Francisco Waldorf School. We are grateful for the fantastic organization, the generous travel grants which gave us the courage to put together funding from our school (our parent guild's largest donation to teachers, in honor of Waldorf 100, and a fund from an EC mother who recently passed away) to send six of us to Dornach, two for the first time.

We loved the daily format, our daily singing, the wide selection of outstanding and deeply prepared workshops, the duo key notes with their depth and breadth, the extraordinary evening events, the closing ceremonies of the talent sharing and candlelit walk, the delicious and beautifully presented and organized meals and snacks, and the coffee breaks with their wonderful opportunities for meeting.

The genius of Rudolf Steiner was felt throughout it all and we felt inspired and warmly welcomed, and ready for the next 100 years of evolving living Waldorf education. Truly, we bow down to you the organizers and presenters and discussion group leaders for this superbly organized and orchestrated offering, benefiting so many teachers from around the world.

With much gratitude,

San Francisco Waldorf School early childhood teachers

Diana Mei, Parent-Child

Bronwen David, Nursery

Heidi Schwarzenbach, Nursery

Susanna Mandel, Nursery

Allison Carroll, Kindergarten

Diane David, EC Pedagogical Chair



It has been almost a month since the Conference. I can see it brought so much change to our teachers who have attended the Conference. We have so many fond memories from the Conference, and now we can work with more insights and enthusiasm.

Wan Yee (Malaysia)



As the conference settles in my soul, I am so grateful for the musicality - the rhythms and rests - of its organization.. still resonating.

Thank you with all my heart.

Warmly, Davina Muse



Bonjour,

tout d'abord je voulais vous remercier pour le merveilleux congrès que nous avons vécu à Dornach du 15 au 19 avril.

Deux choses j'ai apprécié particulièrement:

1) Le choix d'avoir proposé toutes les conférences à deux voix, deux couleurs, deux mondes, un homme et une femme.

C'était bien d'écouter et de voir sur la scène cette dualité se montrer, de voir comment les différences se rencontrent dans un dialogue qui apporte une contribution encore plus riche et chaleureuse au sujet abordé. C'était bien d'explorer le monde de l'enfance avec la contribution des deux sphères qui donnent aussi naissance à l'enfant!

2) les groupes de discussions après les conférences, ont été fructueuses pour moi: reprendre les thèmes de la journée, les regarder de plus près, les confronter et les partager avec les autres m'a permis de retenir et approfondir les sujets de manière plus objective.

Je voulais souligner en particulier ces deux aspects, mais bien-sûr le niveau des contributions sur le thème était vraiment très intéressant comme aussi les spectacles, les groupes de travail manuel et évidemment je ne peux pas oublier la procession silencieuse avec les bougies pour couronner l'anniversaire des 100 ans...vraiment une belle fête !

Comme vous l'aurait compris je suis rentrée chez moi enthousiaste et toute pleine de confiance et de force !

Merci infiniment pour votre travail.

Je vous envoie mes chaleureuses pensées.

Laura Scaccabarozzi



I'm Rosemeire Laviano from Brasil and I would like to congratulate IASWECE about the excellent Conference. I'm very thankful with the opportunity of being there!

Here in Brasil, together with 5 colleagues, we are reviewing all the lectures and we are so good impressed about their sensible and important content. The impulse that we received is so relevant to us and to our diary work with children, parents, coleagues and also to teacher training.