

Early Childhood Teachers Short Course Programme - 12th -16th April 2025

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The pilot short courses refresher programme which ran from the 12th of April to the 16th of 2025 attracted 23 participants from Waldorf Early Childhood Movement affiliates in Zimbabwe.



Participants who attended the short courses program

It was conducted by Carrol Martins, a Waldorf teacher trainer and mentor. Carrol brings to the programme forty-two years of experience as a Waldorf school teacher and mentor.

This programme was well received, judging by the enthusiasm and excitement shown by the participants. I was personally amazed to observe the engagement and interaction between Carrol and the participants, it looked like they had known each other for years.

The participants were so immersed in their work that a week was too short for them. Those who boarded at school hardly slept, they burnt the night candle knitting and crocheting.



Participants knitting and projects made during the short courses program.

We are indebted to IASWECE for their immense support for the whole programme to be a success. Thank you for standing by us and believing in what we are doing in our small way.

Given the enthusiasm from amongst those who attended this pilot programme and those who are still to attend, there is need for a second session to cater for the next group and if it were possible Carrol would come again and do exactly what she did with the first group. I am already being pressured by those who were not part of the pilot project.

Participants had a lot to write home about from the child development module to the practical classroom teaching methods module of course their handwork module, it was quite a pregnant experience for them. Thanks to Carrol for all the energy and reverence and calmness and all the othernesses, I salute Carrol.

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