

Core Elements of Steiner Education - 2020

One year part time CPD course for Primary School Teachers
(Year 1 of Steiner Pedagogy at Primary Level - Teacher Training)



Continuing Professional Development - Creative Personal Deepening

This course has been developed for Primary School teachers to deepen the art of teaching through Steiner pedagogy. It can be taken as a stand alone CPD course and as the first year of a Steiner Teacher Training. It was developed in collaboration with three Steiner Primary Schools and Lifeways Ireland CLG and is run by SWIM - Steiner CPD and Training.

*"The need for imagination,
a sense of truth and
a feeling of responsibility –
these are the three forces
which are the very
nerve of education."*

Rudolf Steiner

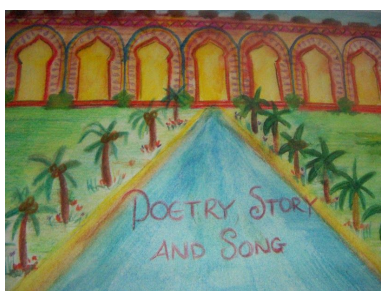
COURSE CONTENT

The aim of this course is to strengthen the teacher's understanding and mastery of core aspects of Steiner education in deeply practical, observational and experiential ways.

All 6 seminars are rooted in illustrating the practicality and wisdom to be found in the understanding of the human being in the light of anthroposophy. Each module offers an integrated whole that will develop an understanding of the philosophy and practices of the Steiner primary school curriculum and its applications. Mediated by master teachers and peers the course aims to bring a spirit of enjoyment, creativity and confidence to all those participating. Facilitated reflective practice, peer networking, mentoring and lesson planning group work, brings the additional richness and benefits of collegiality.

Seminars will be led by Nell Smyth and a group of specialist tutors, and Linda McKeown and Martin Donnelly of 'Living Campus', an initiative offering workshops and seminars in Experiential Anthroposophy to a wide range of groups and individuals including Steiner Teacher Trainings. Each weekend will have its own focus and balance between the anthroposophical underpinnings of the curriculum, the inner path of the teacher, the archetypes and themes in Steiner education and development from there of practical and creative applications in classroom practice.

Themes for this year include: Rudolf Steiner; the three and four fold human being; the 4 temperaments; Child development; an overview of the archetypal themes in Steiner Education; The inner path of the teacher; with a focus on the Arts & Music in Teaching and the Art of classroom management and planning.



RECOGNITION

As a CPD year, the course will be recognised by Lifeways Ireland as evidence of commitment to Steiner Pedagogy and ongoing engagement with Steiner CPD. Similarly as the first year of the part time teacher training programme "Steiner Pedagogy at Primary School level", which is being developed in consultation with and recognised by Lifeways Ireland. Lifeways Ireland CLG are the body who carry responsibility for the ethos of the Community National Schools offering a Steiner education. Further avenues of formal accreditation are being explored.

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Audrey Flynn - Has a background in Administration, Leadership and Professional Coaching and trained as a Steiner Kindergarten Teacher. She is a founder member of The ALFA Project, (Active Learning For Adolescents). She has been the National Co-ordinator for the Irish Steiner Kindergarten Association and has worked with Camphill Community Mountshannon, a lifesharing community with people with special needs, as team leader, in quality assurance preparation and as Administration Manager. She collaborates with Caroline Kelly as “Geal - experiential anthroposophy” providing bespoke, anthroposophically based, experiential courses for adults.

Caroline Kelly - Was one of the founders of the ALFA Project (now Raheen Wood Secondary Steiner School), where she teaches Chemistry, Geography and Maths for 12–16 year olds. She was formerly the Director of the Waldorf College for 16–19 year olds in the UK. Her background includes Steiner Kindergarten Training, Goethean Science, International Leadership Training. She has created courses for adults and young adults in anthroposophy and personal development, with Audrey Flynn.

Nell Smyth - Brings over thirty years of working as a Steiner teacher working in both primary and secondary education both in Ireland and America.. She currently works at Raheen Wood Steiner Secondary School ALFA and also as a teacher trainer both here and in America. She is the author of many plays for children and of two books, The Breathing Circle and Drama at the Heart. She also has an extensive training in Middendorf breathwork and most recently has been involved in the Creative Clusters work in schools.

Audrey, Caroline and Nell work collaboratively as:

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COURSE INFORMATION

DATES - 6 weekends in **2020** January 11 & 12
February 29 & March 1,
March 21 & 22,
May 23 & 24,
October 10 & 11,
November 7 & 8

TIMES - 9.30am-5.30pm Saturday and 9.30am-1pm Sunday.

LOCATION

The **Raheen Wood Alfa Secondary School** campus,
Tuamgraney,
Co Clare.



BOOKING

If you are interested in this course contact swim.cpd.training@gmail.com for an application form.

FEE

Early bird booking rate extended to Friday November 29th 2019: €1,050

Full course rate of €1,200 payable after that date.

Course fee includes meals/refreshments.