

Alliance for Childhood 3rd International Conference

Conference Programme

Wednesday 13 October 2010

<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
14.00 - 16.30	Registration and coffee	
16.30 - 17.00	Opening of the conference	
17.00 - 18.00	Exploring Contemporary Childhood and Youth	Christopher Clouder
18.00 - 18.30	Music	

Thursday 14 October 2010

<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Speakers</i>
<i>'Early Childhood and Care'</i>		
09.00 - 09.10	Introduction	
09.10 - 09.50	The Development Towards Freedom - Childhood as the Source of Creativity	Geseke Lundgren
09.50 - 10.30	Lecture	International Step by Step Association
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee break	
11.00 - 12.30 Workshops	What is the Need for the Setting to Embrace the Child of Today?	Geseke Lundgren & Helle Heckmann
		International Step by Step Association
		Michiel Matthes
	Hungarian Early Childhood Education Compared to the International Trends	Villányi Györgyné
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch Break	

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<i>The Effect of the Media and IT on Children'</i>		
14.00 - 14.45	Mind & Body-Altering Media: the Effects of Modern Media on Our Children'	Martina Leibovici-Mühlberger
14.45 - 15.30	Let's Game: The Virtual Development of Children	Dr Martine Delfos
15.30 - 16.00	Coffee break	
16.00 - 17.30 Workshops		Martina Leibovici-Mühlberger
	How to Use IT in a Good Way	Attila Főző
		Susan Howard
17.30 - 18.30	Plenary and presentation session	

Friday 15 October 2010

<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Speakers</i>
<i>'Poverty and Exclusion'</i>		
09.00 - 09.10	Introduction	
09.10 - 09.50	Lecture	Ann Sharfman
09.50 - 10.30	Lecture	Bernard Rorke
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee break	
11.00 - 12.30 Workshops	Why it is Important to Understand that Children are Not Little Adults	Helle Heckmann
		Bernard Rorke
		Júlia Kapcsáné Németh
	Integration in Early Childhood	Anna Bakonyi
		Stefanie Allon-Grob
	Stress, Parental & Social Expectations	Martine Delfos
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch Break	

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<i>'Parental and Social Expectations and Stress'</i>		
14.00 - 14.45	Isolated Parenting: Conditions for Modern Parents	Godi Keller
14.45 - 15.30	Balanced Childhood, Balanced Parenting	Mária Herczog
15.30 - 16.00	Coffee break	
16.00 - 17.30 Workshops	Concepts for Parent Courses	Godi Keller
	Balanced Childhood, Balanced Parenting	Mária Herczog
	The Role of the Class Meeting in Parent Education	Louise deForest
17.30 - 18.30	Plenary and presentation session	

Saturday 16 October 2010

<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Speakers</i>
<i>'What Action Can We Take?'</i>		
09.00 - 09.10	Introduction	
09.10 - 10.30	Smart Kids: Discovering, Developing & Nurturing the Natural Intelligences in Children	Don Beck
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee break	
11.00 - 12.30	Summing up talk and closure, followed by music	MEP Mrs Lívia Járóka

Speaker Biographies (in order of appearance)

Christopher Clouder FRSA is the director of the European Council for Steiner Waldorf Education and a co-founder of the Alliance for Childhood. He writes and gives public lectures internationally on educational matters, contemporary social issues and cultural evolution. He has recently been appointed the Director of the International Platform for Educational Innovation for the Fundación Marcelino Botin of Santander.

Geseke Lundgren, former Waldorf teacher and early childhood pedagogue, currently teaches at the Waldorf teacher high school in Stockholm and works as a lecturer and consultant for Waldorf early childhood programs within Sweden and Europe. She is a member of IASWECE (International Association for Steiner/Waldorf Early Childhood Education).

Helle Heckmann is an author, lecturer and has been a Waldorf kindergarten teacher for 25 years. She founded Nøkken, a kindergarten for children from 1-7 years old. For the last 15 years Helle has travelled around the world giving courses on how to protect childhood.

Michiel Matthes became active in the advocacy field regarding the quality of childhood because of his experience as a father of three boys. He discovered that measures taken by governmental organisations, including schools, were often not in the best interest of the child. In 1998 he founded a Platform Group in the Netherlands, and in 2006 he co-founded the Alliance for Childhood European Network Group in Brussels to advocate for improving the quality of childhood.

Martina Leibovici-Mühlberger is a doctor, author, lecturer, executive management consultant and mother of four children. Since 2001 she has been the CEO of the ARGE Erziehungsberatung und Fortbildung GmbH, a training, counselling and research centre with social psychological focus on youth and family (www.fitforkids.at).

Dr. Martine France Delfos is a clinical psychologist. She works as a therapist and researcher. She has published several psychological textbooks. She is a professor on virtual development of youth, www.mdelfos.nl

Susan Howard of Amherst, Massachusetts, USA, is the coordinator of the Waldorf Early Childhood Association of North America and a member of the Coordinating Group of the International Association for Steiner/Waldorf Early Childhood Education. She is the director of Waldorf Early Childhood Teacher Education at Sunbridge Institute in Spring Valley, New York, and a founding board member of the Research Institute for Waldorf Education.

Ann Sharfman lives in Cape Town, South Africa. For the past 15 years she has developed Waldorf Kindergarten teacher training programmes in the underprivileged townships around Cape Town, and for East African kindergarten teachers (Kenyan, Ugandan, Tanzanian) in Nairobi, Kenya, for 12 years.

Godi Keller, father of two children and grandfather works at the Rudolf Steiner University College in Oslo, where his time is split between lecturing in pedagogy for teacher and kindergarten teacher trainees and working with parents' courses in Norway, Sweden, Hungary, the Baltics, Slovenia, and Iceland.

Louise deForest is the Pedagogical Director of the Early Childhood Program in the first Waldorf School in North America, the Rudolf Steiner School in New York City. She is a Board member of the Waldorf Early Childhood Association of North America (WECAN) and is one of two representatives from North America on the IASWECE Council.