



Rudolf Steiner Centre
Toronto

Partnering with Parents

Finding new ways of working in collaboration

Waldorf Development Conference
Friday and Saturday, November 4 & 5, 2016
Keynote Liz Beaven, EdD

When parents enrol their children in school, they also enrol in the educational journey. Parents and teachers share a common interest, providing the best possible education for children, yet each views the child and school from a unique perspective. The parent-teacher relationship is an important factor in a child's experience. Building healthy parent-teacher relationships requires communication, time, and clear expectations. This presents both opportunities and challenges for parents and teachers.

We invite educators and administrators to join us for an exploration of the differing lenses of parents and teachers on the journey through school. What works, what does not work? What do parents and teachers need in order to work together? How can we build a team to support the vital needs of our children? Can we work together to transform the parent-teacher relationship.



Liz Beaven, EdD, has over thirty years experience in Waldorf education as a class teacher, parent, school administrator, researcher, and adult educator. She is a member of the faculty of the California Institute of Integral Studies in San Francisco, where she is working to develop programs in Integral Teacher Education. Liz is board president of the Alliance for Public Waldorf Education, and is past president of Rudolf Steiner College in Fair Oaks, CA. She consults with a number of schools on a range of topics, including the role of parents.

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Friday November 4

6:30 - 7:30 Registration

7:30 - 9:30 Different Perspectives: Part I (Keynote open to parents)

Saturday November 5

8:45-10:30 Working Towards Collaboration: Part II

10:30-11:00 Snack

11:00- 12:15 Morning discussion groups

12:15- 12:45 Gems and action items from each group

12:45 – 2:00 Lunch (included in conference fee)

2:00- 3:30 Afternoon artistic or movement workshops (choose one)

1. Rejuvenating Eurythmy with Angelika Warner

2. Parent's First Questions with Karen Weyler

3. Conversations in Sculpture with Warren Cohen

4. Working with Parents of Adolescents with Liz Beaven

5. The Art of Changing Perspectives with Anna Gruda

Conference fee of \$125 and includes a vegetarian lunch and morning snack

Name

Email

Address

Phone

Morning Discussion:

(Choose one)

ECE _____

Grades 1 – 4 _____

Grades 5 – 8 _____

High School _____

Afternoon workshop:

1st choice _____

2nd choice _____

Please register by telephone, email, fax and pay by cheque or credit card.

Accommodation can be arranged in local homes on a first come basis.

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