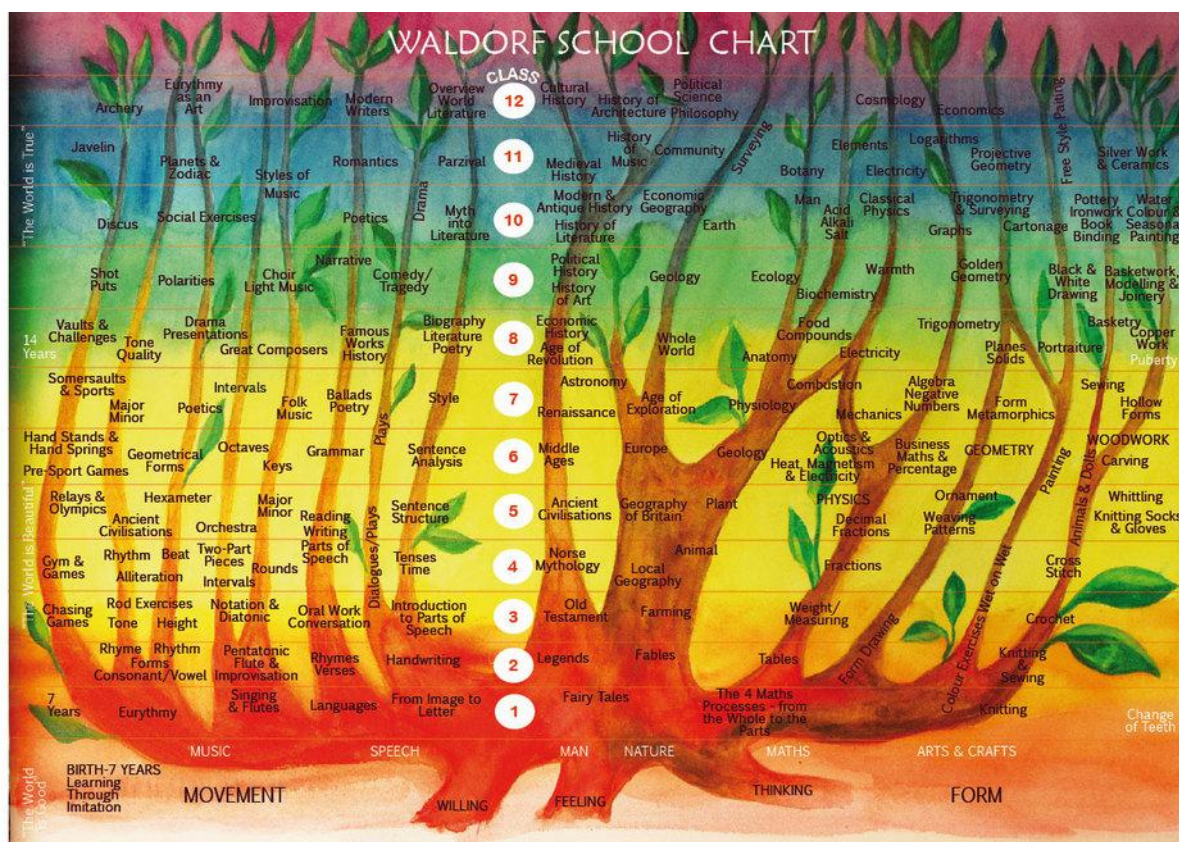


Core Elements of Steiner Education - 2023/24

Year 1 of Steiner Pedagogy at Primary Level - Teacher Training



Continuing Professional Development & Creative Personal Deepening

This course has been developed to deepen the art of teaching through Steiner pedagogy. It is the first year of a comprehensive, progressive framework “Steiner Pedagogy at Primary Level”, Steiner Teacher Training. It can also be taken as a stand alone CPD Course for Teachers or as an experiential introduction for anyone interested in knowing more about Steiner Education.

*“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

Who is “Core Elements of Steiner Education” for?

- Teachers in Steiner Schools who want to do training in Steiner Education.
- State trained Primary School teachers who want to teach in Steiner Community National Schools.
- People with and without a state teacher training who want to teach in independent Steiner schools.
- Teachers and staff at all levels; early years to secondary, from all Schools, Steiner & others, for Continuing Professional Development/Creative Personal Deepening.
- People interested in teaching in or starting a Steiner Kindergarten or School and Initiatives who want to train up their own teacher/s.
- Anyone wishing to know more about Steiner Education: Individuals, parents, teachers, assistants, support staff, Boards of Management.

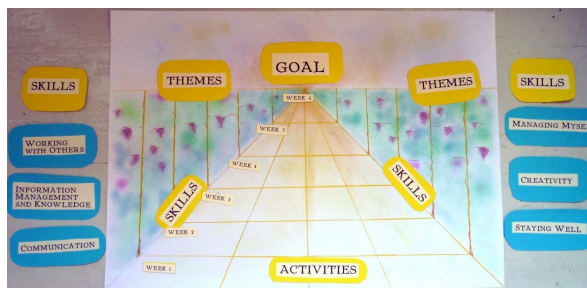
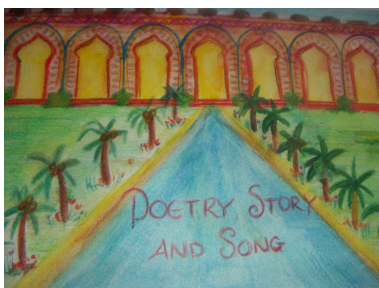
Core Elements of Steiner Education Content

The aim of this year is to strengthen understanding and mastery of core aspects of Steiner education in deeply practical, observational and experiential ways, using a child development focus and an active learning methodology. Part time over 6 weekends.

All 6 weekends are rooted in illustrating the practicality and wisdom to be found in the understanding of the human being in the light of anthroposophy. They combine to offer 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. Additional content is included on early years and second level education to create a whole and rounded picture and to meet the diverse needs and expressed interests of participants. Facilitated reflective practice, peer networking, small group mentoring sessions with specialist teachers and group work, brings the additional richness and benefits of collegiality. Mentoring provision is a key strength of this course.

Weekends are led by Nell Smyth and a group of specialist tutors who teach the seminars on the archetypes and themes in Steiner education; development of practical and creative applications in classroom practice; child development from 0 - 21; the Arts & Music in Teaching and the art of integrating the curriculum in classroom management & planning.

Two seminars focusing on the Inner Path of the Teacher will be led by Linda McKeown and Martin Donnelly who have taught Spiritual Psychology for many years including on previous Waldorf Teacher Trainings in Ireland, North and South. Content includes Rudolf Steiner; the three and four fold human being and the four temperaments. The focus will be on working towards an integration of the Anthroposophy which informs the Waldorf Curriculum with a deeply personal reflective process through meditative exercises and psychological insights.



Steiner Teacher Training

The SWIM Teacher Training Course is a 3 year part time Progressive Framework in Steiner Pedagogy at Primary level with additional content on Early Years and Second Level.

Year 1 is the introduction “Core Elements of Steiner Education” outlined in this leaflet.

Years 2 & 3 are a more intensive thematic immersion, including tutoring from international experts. Each year runs over 7 weekends plus 2 x 5 day, out of term time, blocks. As well as themed blocks such as maths/numeracy, literacy, learning support, movement, the class trip, arts, science, drama, craft, storytelling, music.... content also includes student projects/research, teacher development, school governance, the contemporary child and teaching in the 21st Century. Mentoring continues to be a key element of these years and subsequent mentoring may also be offered in the classroom setting. Completion of “Core Elements of Steiner Education” or similar foundation course is required to enter 2nd year.

Recognition

The Course is recognised by Lifeways Ireland and Bláthú the Steiner Early Childhood Association as evidence of commitment to Steiner Pedagogy and ongoing engagement with CPD, the hallmark of a Steiner Teacher. Lifeways Ireland CLG are the body who carry responsibility for the ethos of the Education and Training Board’s Community National Schools offering a Steiner education. Teachers continuing with the training beyond 1st year have been supported by Limerick & Clare and Galway Education and Training Boards.

Course Directors

**Nell Smyth - Caroline Kelly - Audrey Flynn - work collaboratively as:
SWIM - Steiner CPD & Teacher Training**

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Nell Smyth Brings over 35 yrs of working as a Steiner teacher in both primary & secondary education, both in Ireland and America. She currently works at ALFA Steiner Secondary School as a teacher and mentor and has been a teacher trainer both here and in America. She is the author of many plays for children, a number included in the Irish National Youth Theatre’s playshare, and of two books, The Breathing Circle and Drama at the Heart. She also has an extensive training in Middendorf breathwork and has been involved in the Creative Clusters work in schools and led a large number of Dept of Ed CPD courses.

Caroline Kelly - Was one of the founders of the ALFA Project (now Alfa Steiner Secondary School), where she teaches 12- 18 year olds, and is one of the core group of lead teachers. 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.

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), now Alfa Steiner Secondary School. She has been the National Coordinator 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 has been involved in developing and providing bespoke, anthroposophically based, experiential courses for adults and personal development with young people.

COURSE INFORMATION

Taster Day - There will be a taster day for the course on **Saturday 27th May 2023** with an introduction, overview, child development, arts, drama, story and Q&A session with our panel. **Cost €60 incl refreshments** - (€50 will be taken off the course fee for people who attend the taster day and go on to do the course.) email swim.cpd.training@gmail.com to book your place or for further information.

DATES - 6 Weekends in 2023/24:

14th 15th October 2023
25th 26th November 2023
3rd 4th February 2024
2nd 3rd March 2024
27th 28th April 2024
18th 19th May 2024

TIMES - 9am-5.30pm Saturday and 9.30am-1pm Sunday.

LOCATION

The **Alfa Steiner Secondary School** campus,
Raheen Hill, Tuamgraney, Co Clare. **V94 RW32**



BOOKING

Contact swim.cpd.training@gmail.com for an application form.

FEE

€1,700 Course fee includes refreshments, Saturday lunch & Saturday dinner.
Early Bird fee of €1,500 applies for fees paid in full before 21st July 2023
Previously some schools have paid for their teachers to attend this course.

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