

## World Early Childhood Conference 2026 - Programme

|       | Wednesday 8  | Thursday 9  | Friday 10  | Saturday 11  | Sunday 12  |
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| 08.15 |  | Free initiatives outside  | Free initiatives outside   | Free initiatives outside   | Free initiatives outside   |
| 09.00 |  | <p>Singing, Verse &amp; Eurythmy</p> <p><b>Sensing the Tipping Points: Protecting our Physical and Spiritual Health</b><br/>Adam Blanning, Medical Section</p> <p><b>Creating Living and Meaningful Spaces for Children and Educators in Challenging Times</b><br/>Anita Isla</p> | <p>Singing, Verse &amp; Eurythmy</p> <p><b>Imitation: the Ability to Learn and Love from the Prenatal Stage</b><br/>Peter Selg, General Anthroposophical Section</p> <p><b>Finding a Harmonious Relationship between Opposing Forces in the World and the Individual</b><br/>Katherine MacFarlane, New Zealand</p> | <p>Singing, Verse &amp; Eurythmy</p> <p><b>Steadfastness and Gratitude: Finding a Weaving Balance Between Being Highly Centred and Deeply Connected</b><br/>Clara Aerts, Belgium<br/>Li Zhang, China</p>   | <p>Singing, Verse &amp; Eurythmy</p> <p><b>Kindness-Strength-Love: Thoughts and Perspectives for the Work with Early Childhood</b><br/>Section Leaders of the Goetheanum</p> |
| 10.30 | Registration opens   | Break   | Break  | Break  | Break  |
| 11.15 |  | Discussion groups about the keynote lectures  | Discussion groups about the keynote lectures   | Discussion groups about the keynote lectures   | <p>Final Plenum:<br/><b>Looking back – looking ahead</b></p> <p>Closure of the conference:<br/><b>The Foundation Stone Verse</b><br/>Goetheanum Eurythmy Ensemble</p>        |
| 12.15 |  | Lunch<br>Free activities & Forum  | Lunch<br>Free activities & Forum   | Lunch<br>Free activities & Forum   | <b>12.15</b><br>End of the Conference  |
| 15.15 | <p><b>16.00</b> Opening of the Conference and Welcome</p> <p><b>Kindergarten: an Invitation to Find the Sacred in the Ordinary Daily Life</b><br/>Silvia Jensen, Brazil</p> <p><b>Kindergarten: Seeds for the Future of Humanity</b><br/>Philipp Reubke, Pedagogical Section</p> | <b>Workshops session I: Pedagogy, Arts &amp; Crafts</b>   | <b>Workshops session II: Pedagogy, Arts &amp; Crafts</b>   | <p><b>Workshops session III: Pedagogy, Arts &amp; Crafts</b></p> <p><b>17.30-19.00:</b><br/><b>100 Years of Steiner Waldorf Early Childhood</b></p> <p><b>Celebrating the past, the present and the future</b><br/>Paula Levy, Brazil; Philipp Gelitz, Germany; Christopher Clouder, UK and others</p> |  |
| 18.00 | Supper   | Supper  | Supper   | <b>19.00</b> Buffet  |  |
| 20.00 | <b>A World Tour of Traditional Folk and Children Songs</b><br>Compagnie Labo Tempo, Bourbon-L'Archambault, France  | <b>Poetic and Musical Eurythmy Evening</b><br>Goetheanum Eurythmy Ensemble  | <b>Puppetry and Fairytale Festival</b>   | <b>Diversity Festival:</b><br>Humoristic and artistic insights by Conference participants from around the world  |  |
| 21.00 | Closing of the day   | Closing of the day  | Closing of the day at 22.00  | Songs, folkmusic and dances until midnight   |  |