

SEA Call for Conference Workshops/Papers

**SEA National Education Conference
3-6 July, 2017**

BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATIONS A modern interpretation of the first teachers' course

Interested in presenting a workshop?

1. Read this information carefully
2. Read and accept **Terms and Conditions**
3. Note dates below

Send in application to sea@steinereducation.edu.au	Friday 30th September 2016
Applications will be considered and notification of outcome will be sent to applicant	Friday, 14th October, 2016
If accepted, presenters must register for the conference	Friday 4th November, 2016

Conference Aims

The conference aims to further develop understanding of Rudolf Steiner's lectures given at the first teachers' course - *The Foundations of Human Experience or Study of Man (including Practical Advice to Teachers)*. As we move towards 100 years of Steiner/Waldorf education in the world, this conference will present contributions to enable teachers to reflect on the wisdom of Steiner's indications and how they can be interpreted in a modern context.

In the first teachers' course Steiner stated that pedagogy is not a system, but is an art, and this 'feeling for the art of life is brought to life only through an observation of the cosmos and its connection with the human being'.

An important task for teachers is to see each student as a three-fold human being; to support the integration of body, soul and spirit in each student. In today's modern world this integration is becoming impaired, disconnected or deharmonised in many students. The teacher's task is to understand the developmental stages and processes of the three-fold human being, to find a balance between imagination and memory, and to support the development of healthy interconnections between body, soul and spirit for each student.

This conference is designed to refresh, enliven and stimulate new ideas for teachers in the early childhood, primary and high school years.

Conference Objectives

- Confirm and develop understanding of concepts outlined in *The Foundations of Human Experience* and *Practical Advice to Teachers* and to identify ways these can be applied in a classroom context.
- Explore and engage critically with these concepts in relation to today's understanding of children and young people and the challenges they face in a global, technological world
- Enrich teacher understanding of the development of thinking, feeling and willing in early childhood, primary and high school students
- Enliven understanding and generate new ideas for classroom activities and experiences
- Provide opportunity for teachers to engage with each other in conversation through workshop discussion and sharing of ideas, both theoretical and practical
- Allow new thoughts to arise out of discussions and conversation
- Provide opportunities for educators to present their own ideas, inspirations and activities in relation to core concepts outlined by Steiner in these lectures
- Ensure teachers leave conference with practical and implementable ideas
- Present latest research and findings which relate to Steiner's 1919 lecture series to teachers
- Ensure a range of activities suitable for differences in age levels and teacher needs

Workshop Proposals

SEA invites workshop proposals where Steiner's lectures in 1919 are brought into today's context with lively discussion and critical reflection; where teachers have the opportunity to explore themes from *The Foundations of Human Experience* and *Practical Advice to Teachers* in ways relevant to their teaching practice and student stage of development. Therefore, we seek a range of workshops to present to early childhood, primary and high school teachers.

Workshop design

Time	Mon 3 rd July	Tues 4 th July	Wed 5 th July	Thurs 6 th July
11.15 to 12.30	-	Workshop 1	Workshop 1	-
2.00 to 3.00	Workshop 2	Workshop 2	Workshop 2	-
3.30 to 5.00	Workshop 3	Workshop 3	Workshop 3	-

Workshop 1 – a series of 2 workshops @ 1.25 hours each focused on a presentation of a particular theme or research related to *The Foundations of Human Experience* or *Practical Advice to Teachers*

Workshop 2 – a series of 3 workshops @ 1 hour – could be a small presentation with room for discussion and sharing of ideas

Workshop 3 - a series of 3 workshops @ 1.5 hours – could be artistic, technology based or movement focused

In your application please clearly identify:

- Workshop # 1, 2 or 3
- Workshop title

- Target audience
- Learning objectives
- Workshop description – abstract (300 words or less)
- Brief bio (250 words or less)
- Photo of yourself
- Any materials or equipment your workshop will require that would need to be provided
- Which aspects from *The Foundations of Human Experience* or *Practical Advice to Teachers* your workshop relates to

Workshop Presenters Registration Discount

Steiner Education Australia is a not-for-profit organisation serving member schools and Steiner organisations across Australia. This conference will provide workshop presenters with the opportunity to share expertise, knowledge and experience, and network with educators to build further networks and relationships. The cost of Early Bird Registration for this conference is \$450 + GST. Workshop presenters will be entitled to the following discounts, as indicated below.)

In trying to keep this conference as accessible as possible to all teachers, we will not be offering reimbursement for any costs to workshop presenters or any presenter fees. SEA will provide materials/equipment for workshops, however requests must be included in the initial application form **or they will not be provided.**

In appreciation of the contribution workshop presenters make to the conference, each presenter will receive the following registration discount:

Workshop 1 (2 x 1.25 hours – **20%** presenter discount off early bird registration fee. Presenter registration for Workshop 1 = \$360 + GST)

Workshop 2 (3 x 1 hours – **25%** presenter discount off early bird registration fee. Presenter registration for Workshop 2 = 337.50 + GST)

Workshop 3 (3 x 1.5 hours – **35%** presenter discount off early bird registration fee. Presenter registration for Workshop 3 = \$295.50 + GST)

Workshop Presenters' Terms and Conditions

Please ensure you read and understand terms and conditions related to the submission of your workshop proposal and presenter registration, privacy and storage of data and copyright.

Workshop Proposal Submission Policy

All persons who submit a workshop proposal agree to:

- Receive consent from their co-presenters to submit their names, organisation, information and contact email via the submission form and to have their details stored on the SEA database
- Be the main point of contact in the pre-planning of the conference program if their proposal is accepted and inform all co-speakers of any communications and information regarding the conference
- Give SEA permission to publish their workshop title and abstract on *the conference website* at www.sea-conference.edu.au, in hardcopy and/or online
- Give SEA permission to photograph their session at the conference for publication on the SEA website, in hardcopy and/or online.

- Cater for up to 20 to 30 participants
- Register and pay for the conference by **Friday 4th November, 2016** if application successful, or workshop will not be included on the program
- Forfeit registration fee if workshop cancelled after conference program is published

Workshop Presenter Registration Policy

All **presenters** agree to:

- Register for the conference by **Friday 4th November, 2016** (non-registered speakers will not be included in the program)
- Submit any presentations (PowerPoint or otherwise – if applicable) to SEA by **Friday 16th June, 2017** for it to be included in the conference proceedings once the conference is finished
- Be photographed during their session – photos may be used for promotional purposes and inclusion in conference collateral and online
- Allow contact details to be shared with the SEA Conference Committee
- Allow personal details such as name, contact details, bio and photo to be stored in the SEA database

Please note:

- The acceptance of a proposal does not include any costs associated with the attendance at the conference, nor the provision of travel, accommodation or registration for the conference. Presenters will be offered registration discount. As outlined above. Materials required for workshops **will only be provided by SEA if included with the initial proposal application.**

Cancellation

In the event of not being able to attend or present at the conference or an amendment to topic content, presenters must advise SEA immediately at sea@steinereducation.edu.au or phone 02 9411 2579. No speaker substitution or topic amendment will be permitted without prior approval from SEA.

Presenters who do not register by **Friday 4th November, 2016** will not be included in the program.

Withdrawing a Proposal

To withdraw a proposal, please contact SEA in writing sea@steinereducation.edu.au before the closing date for applications.

Privacy and Storage of Data

Personal data of presenters will be collected through the proposal submission, including presentation and personal profiles.

Any PowerPoint presentations will be saved as PDF documents and made available in the SEA members' area and to conference participants after the conference dates. SEA will only use this information for the purpose of this conference, and related activities.

Copyright

The copyright in presentations is held by and remains with the presenter(s). The presenter(s) consent to:

- The publication on the website and in conference materials of the presentation details and abstract, including any photos taken at the conference