

PUTTING THE WORLD BACK ON ITS FEET

A two-day seminar hosted by Newcastle Waldorf School in conjunction with the Education for Social Renewal Foundation

“Many people believe the idea of the threefold social organism would stand the world on its head. Perish the thought! The world is already standing on its head, and the threefold social organism would only put it back on its feet.”

Rudolf Steiner, *Education as a Force for Social Change*.

"The Waldorf/Steiner school can be successful only if it is completely inspired by the spirit that aspires towards the threefold nature of the social organism".

Rudolf Steiner, *The Spirit of the Waldorf School*.

The world was standing on its head in the chaos at the end of World War 1 when Steiner presented his threefold social picture and out of it created the first Rudolf Steiner/Waldorf school. As we enter the second decade of the 21st century we are also experiencing a world turning upside down.

We are wanting this seminar to take place very much in a spirit of striving toward social renewal. The schools can be vanguards and exemplars of the threefold social organisation – that was Steiner’s intention.

We welcome to this seminar teachers, parents and anyone else who is interested. It will not be a lecture-focussed conference. Rather, we want participants to bring their questions, practical concerns and aspirations in order to explore them with others and hopefully go away with new ways of working and a sense of shared striving. There will be an educational component and some presentations will be given.

The seminar will be held on the weekend of March 13th and 14th, 2021, at the Newcastle Waldorf School.

Accommodation at the Newcastle Waldorf School will take the form of shared classroom or studio space (airbeds or mats); kitchen and showers are onsite.

PREPARATION

Apart from bringing individual practical concerns and questions, we would like participants to prepare for the event by working through our “guide to new and developed schools”. These thoughts are only presented as suggestions and as a stimulus, not as fixed or final solutions. Please click: <https://www.educationforsocialrenewalfoundation.com/pioneer-1>

FORMAT

We will be shaping the event around the elements of the above “guide to new and developed schools”. There will be some world café type discussions, a choice of meetings around particular themes, several presentations of different kinds by individuals connected to the Education for Social Renewal Foundation. There will be opportunities for participants to present their thoughts and questions.

We will be looking at how all aspects of the life of a Steiner school can be inspired and enlivened by the threefold social impulse. This includes curriculum content, teaching methods, work of the College of Teachers and school governance. Importantly, it will include how the threefold social picture can become a matter of continual striving and inspiration within a school. To some extent it will include the relationship of a school to the broader social outlook – specifically, the economic, political-rights and cultural-spiritual spheres of society.

CONTRIBUTION

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided on both days (more details in the next communication). There is no charge for the actual event – we consider your effort to prepare for and travel to the event sufficient. The Education for Social Renewal Foundation will cover its own travel expenses.

LOCATION AND REGISTRATION

Newcastle Waldorf School is located at 30 Reservoir Rd Glendale, N.S.W. 2285. The nearest train station is Cardiff. Depending on the interest shown, places may be limited.

Please register your intention to attend by contacting Sophia:
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More detailed information will be sent to registrants before the end of Term 4, 2020.