

North of England Steiner Teacher Training



**Two Year
Part-Time Programme
From
Autumn 2012**



Based in Four Northern Schools

Registered Charity number 1113702

Since 1919, when the first school was founded in Stuttgart, Steiner Waldorf education has grown and spread throughout the world. There are now over 800 schools in 56 countries.



An essential aspect of Steiner Waldorf education is its basis on the developmental phases of childhood. Formal education is only begun when children are 6, and from 6 to 14 classes ideally remain with a single class teacher.

This course is primarily for those training to be class teachers, though it will also provide a relevant foundation for specialist subject teaching in Steiner Waldorf Schools.

All applicants should either have, or be prepared to acquire, Maths and English GCSE or equivalent by the end of the course.

Course Structure:

The course runs part-time for two years. There are monthly weekend sessions from Friday 7-9pm to Saturday 9am-4pm, and two longer residential courses during the Easter and Summer school holidays. (The first October weekend will also be longer, running until 2pm on the Sunday.) Sessions are hosted by different schools in the area.

Co-ordinators at each of the four schools - York Steiner School, Botton Village School, Lancaster Steiner School and Michael House School in Ilkeston - will enable students to observe classes and gain classroom experience and teaching practice.

Each student will have a tutor, and will have regular contact with their tutor discussing study and personal development. Practical involvement in schools will be expected. A certificate will be issued at the end of the second year; a third year of the course is a year

spent as a practising novice teacher in a Steiner Waldorf school and successful completion of this leads to a NESTT diploma. At present this diploma is not state recognised in the UK, but the course has a very high success rate in terms of students securing positions in Steiner Waldorf schools.

The Foundation Term:

During the first term students will encounter an overview of:

- The essential educational elements of Rudolf Steiner's spiritual scientific world view
- Artistic activities related to these elements
- The Steiner Waldorf curriculum

The First Year:

Themes: child development - self-development of the teacher - curriculum overview for Classes 1-8 - basis of education in Rudolf Steiner's anthroposophy - artistic education - working in a school community - festivals and the yearly cycle

Activities will include: speech, singing, modelling, painting and drawing, eurythmy, spatial dynamics, games and storytelling.

The Second Year:

Themes: detailed subject-based study of the Class 1-8 curriculum - overview of early years and adolescent education - classroom management - lesson preparation, record-keeping, lesson evaluation and progress monitoring - the inner work of the teacher - working collegially in a non-hierarchical setting - keeping abreast of contemporary developments in mainstream culture and education.

Activities: a deepening of the first year experiences.



Participant Commitment:

- Attendance
- Assignments
- Presentations
- Regular contact with tutor
- Independent study
- Presenting sample lessons
- Classroom observation
- Teaching practice
- Keeping a learning journal

Costs:

Course fees are £1500 per year payable half-termly in advance

This includes all accommodation and food costs during residential weeks and weekends.

How to apply:

For an application form write to:

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The course is based in the following schools:-

York Steiner School

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York YO10 4PB

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Botton Village School

Botton Village, Danby, Whitby

N. Yorks YO21 2NJ

Tel. 01287 661206

Michael House School

The Field, Shipley, Heanor

Derbyshire DE75 7JH

Tel. 01773 718050

Lancaster Steiner School

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