

Alliance for Public Waldorf Education

Alliance Annual Conference 2012

Co-sponsored by Rudolf Steiner College

Leading from the Inside Out: Transformation, Collaboration and Communication In Public Schools Inspired by Waldorf Education

January 13-15, 2012

Rudolf Steiner College, Fair Oaks, CA

FRIDAY

12:00 - 1:30 **Registration; Lunch Available for purchase at Clara's Counter**

1:30 – 5:15 **Pre-Conference Workshop: The Case Clinic: A “U” Approach to Problem Solving with George Hofferker and Donna Burgess**

1:30-2:15 Singing with Eva Cranstoun
2:15-3:45 Segment One of Case Clinic
3:40-3:50 Snack Break
3:50-5:15 Segment Two of Case Clinic

Details found in our registration packet along with all other workshop offerings.

5:30 – 7:00 **Dinner; Registration Continues**

7:00 **Welcome!**

7:15 – 8:00 **Leading Thoughts and Keynote Address**

Featured Keynote: Aaron Stern, Founder of the Academy for the Love of Learning, an Institute for Transformative Learning, and former Board member of Rudolf Steiner College

Aaron will begin our exploration of meaning of Transformational Leadership by proposing a working definition of the concept of Transformation for purposes of the Conference; and introduce the possibility that *learning* itself could be at the very center of transformative process.

8:15 – 9:30 **Folk Dancing with Donna Burgess and the Band**

SATURDAY

7:00 **Registration; Breakfast available for purchase at Clara's Counter**

8:00 - 8:30 **Eurythmy with Alice Stamm or Speech with Jeremiah Turner**

8:45 - 9:00 **Welcome!**

9:00 - 10:30 **Keynote Address with Aaron Stern**

Aaron will open the Conference in a Saturday morning talk exploring Transformative Leadership through the lens of the Academy for the Love of Learning's foundation program, *Leading by Being*. Emphasis will be placed on the meaning of such leadership when in the context of educational institutions.

10:30 -11:00 **Refreshment Break**

11:00 - 12:15 **Session One Workshops**

12:15 - 1:30 **Session Two Workshops**

1:30 – 2:30 **Lunch**

2:30 – 3:00 **Rudi Talks:** Fashioned after “TED Talks”, these 5-7 minute offerings honor the roots and shoots of the evolving Waldorf Movement. Brief but potent, they are meant to inspire.

CCSA: Supporting the Growth of Charter Schools through Collaboration with Allies!
Patty Lee of the Academy for the Love of Learning: Collaboration with Colleagues
TBA

3:00 – 4:00 **Singing with Christiana Quick-Cleveland**

4:00 - 4:30 **Coffee, Tea and Getting to Your Workshop**

4:30 – 5:45 **Session Three Workshops**

5:45 - 7:30 **Dinner**

7:30 – 9:00 **State of the Alliance Address and the Introduction of Schools**

Debate Night with Rainbow Rosenbloom and Eugene Schwartz

This lively night of debate will address, in a humorous yet serious way, some of the questions we face in our charter Waldorf schools. Topics may include but are not limited to the following:

- Do charters really need to call themselves “Waldorf”?
- Is Anthroposophy necessary?
- Sacred Cows: Memorizing Stories, Blackboard Drawings, and Those Loveable Gnomes
- Talking About our Generation: Tenure and Benefits, Pride and Poverty
- And.....audience generated questions.

SUNDAY

- 7:30 – 8:00 **A la carte Breakfast, available for purchase at Clara’s Counter**
- 8:00 - 8:30 **Eurythmy with Alice Stamm or Speech with Jeremiah Turner**
- 8:45 - 9:15 **Special Performance: George Washington Carver High School Faculty and Student Choir**
- 9:15 - 10:30 **Keynote Address with Jane Lorand, Center for Systemic Leadership at Rudolf Steiner College**

Complex Issues are those that have many constantly changing variables. Many of these variables are beyond our control yet we need to make decisions anyway. What is the shape of leadership for these Complex Issues? How is it the same or different if the issues we are facing are Routine, Complicated, or Chaotic? Why does it matter? The frameworks and principles of Systemic Leadership illuminate exciting opportunities for transformative leadership and new communication pathways.

10:30 – 11:00 **Morning Refreshments (Please fill out conference evaluations)**

11:00 - 12:15 **Session Four Workshops**

12:15 – 12:30 **Rudi Talks**

Gayle Davis: Consensus Decision Making and The Philosophy of Freedom

Bonnie River: A Room with A World-view: Waldorf Classrooms, Spirituality and Religion

Daniel Bittleston: Time is on Your Side

12:30 – 1:30 **Singing with Christiana Quick-Cleveland**

1:30 – 2:30 **Lunch**

2:30 - 4:00 **Reflections: Aaron Stern**

In Sunday’s closing reflection, Aaron Stern will guide us in an exploration and meaning making process arising from the experience of the conference. We will assess the degree to which it may have been transformative. The Academy’s basic transformative learning model will be introduced as a way to explore and make meaning of the conference experience. This will culminate with a bringing it back home discussion in small groups.

4:00 – 4:30 **Closing Comments and Farewell**

Please return your evaluation forms and consider how you can help form next year’s conference!