



Becoming a Class Teacher

Those students who continue on to become Class Teachers are required to complete 3 to 4 weeks of observation during the second year and 9 to 12 weeks of teaching practice under the guidance of an experienced Class Teacher during the third year of training.

The course offers a balance of creative activity and study. Artistic training is provided in Eurythmy (movement art), Creative Speech, Painting, Drawing, Modelling, Form Drawing and Storytelling. The study modules include Mathematics, Sciences, Education and Child Development, essential texts by Rudolf Steiner as well as the work of the Kindergarten (3½-6 years), the Lower School (6-14 years) and the Upper School (14-18 years).



Course Outcomes

Students who complete the course will:

- Become fully qualified Steiner/Waldorf Class Teachers, able to work in any Steiner school in the UK and several countries abroad (provided that teaching observation and practice are completed)
- Develop a wide range of creative techniques including Painting, Drawing, Storytelling and Singing
- Enjoy considerable personal development including increased self confidence in own abilities
- Gain unique insights into Steiner/Waldorf education and Steiner's world view
- Hone study skills, develop academically and support existing 'soft skills' including teamworking, spatial awareness, public speaking and presentation skills

What Our Students Say

Vivienne Mackay, First Year Student:

"Having reached a crossroads in my career, I decided to look for a more challenging and rewarding role and I believe becoming a Steiner teacher will be both."

Rachel Craig, Final Year Student:

"As a working parent of two children, I was concerned that the course might be too great an undertaking. However, it has proved to be the opposite as each weekend has been a road to true inspiration and a feast of creativity."

Bruce Houldsworth, Course Graduate and Current Class Teacher:

"I still regularly make use of the resources and approaches gathered during the theoretical and practical sessions of the course. I wholeheartedly recommend it."

Course Tutors

Mary Snow, Course Co-Director/Teacher Training Tutor: A former pupil of the Edinburgh Steiner School, Mary has more than 40 years' teaching experience. She holds a number of certificates in adult education including the completion of a three year Biographical training course to assist her mentoring and tutorial work.

Astrid Maclean, Course Co-Director/Teacher Training Tutor: Astrid has been teaching at the Edinburgh Steiner School for 24 years after graduating from the Teacher Training Course in 1985. Her extensive experience includes roles as a Class Teacher in the Lower School as well as teaching German, Handwork and Art. She is an advisor to the Steiner Waldorf Schools Fellowship.

Specialist Tutors: A host of specialist tutors form part of the regular faculty staff. These individuals teach Eurythmy, Creative Speech, Drawing and Anthroposophical studies.

Applications

Applications are accepted throughout the year with new courses beginning each September.

For further information, please contact Mary Snow or Astrid Maclean on 0131 337 3410.

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EDINBURGH STEINER SCHOOL

Teacher Training Course



“Good education creates space where children can truly experience their childhood. A true experience of childhood fosters creativity and independence in adult life.”

Rudolf Steiner



What is Steiner/Waldorf Education?

The Steiner/Waldorf approach makes a fresh and positive engagement with current educational dilemmas. The curriculum focuses on the cultivation and nourishment of right and left-brain skills, fostering creativity, initiative, social responsibility and moral awareness in children and young people.

The Steiner/Waldorf curriculum is noted by educationalists, doctors, policy-makers and parents for its progressive, effective and practical contribution to cultural and social life. There are over 1000 Steiner/Waldorf Schools, both independently and publicly funded, in more than 55 countries throughout the world. It is also the fastest growing alternative to state maintained institutions in the UK.

Teacher Training Institute

The Edinburgh Steiner Teacher Training Course aims to build a sound foundation in Steiner/Waldorf teacher education through a combination of direct teaching, guided study, artistic practice and independent work.

It is a three year, part time course taught on Friday evenings and all day Saturdays at the Edinburgh Steiner School.



Who Should Attend

- Prospective Class Teachers
- Parents (with or without children at the School) looking for new inspiration or a greater understanding of the School and its teachings
- Those dissatisfied in their current careers or who are keen to explore a new perspective
- Existing teachers who want to learn new approaches to take back to their own schools
- Those interested or already working in the caring professions

Course Outline

During the first year, the focus is primarily on the study of the principles behind Steiner/Waldorf Education. As such it is a foundation year. The second and third years aim to prepare students for the classroom and can be regarded as initial teacher training.

During their studies, students are given an introduction to the basic ideas behind Steiner/Waldorf Education and Anthroposophy including the philosophy that informs it. In the second and third year, the Steiner curriculum is studied in detail, particularly the curriculum of the Lower School (6-14 years).