



2016 Vital Years Conference

Australian Association for Rudolf
Steiner Early Childhood Education

Tarremah Steiner School Hobart Tasmania

Tues 5th to Sat 9th July 2016

CRADLE OF A HEALTHY LIFE

Understanding and Nurturing the Young Child in Body, Soul and Spirit

Speakers

Dr Johanna Steegmans Keynote Speaker

Johanna is an Anthroposophical paediatrician from the United States. She lectures and offers courses throughout North America and internationally.

She has a special interest and involvement in early childhood development and has published a number of books on the subject.

Johanna's latest book, *Cradle of a Healthy Life*, provides the theme of the conference.

Dr Renate Long-Breipohl

Renate was originally a Steiner Kindergarten Teacher in Queensland and went on to become involved in early childhood teacher training both in Australia and internationally.

She is a long standing member of the core group of the Australian Association for Rudolf Steiner Early Childhood Education (AARSECE).

Leanne Moraes

Leanne is the Chair of the Australian Association for Rudolf Steiner Early Childhood Education and has had many years of experience as a Steiner Kindergarten Teacher.

In addition to her interest in the care and education of the young child, Leanne also focuses on support for parents.

Conference

In 1985, Lesley Carlton (nee Long) instigated the first 'Vital Years' conference after realising that there was a lack of training available for Steiner early childhood teachers.

She invited Margaret Myerkort from the United Kingdom for a 10 day intensive seminar.

When the Australian Association for Rudolf Steiner Early Childhood Education Inc was formed in 1991, they took on the care of this initiative.

The conference to be held in Tasmania 2016 will be the 16th Vital Years conference.

We are delighted to welcome back Anthroposophic paediatrician, Dr Johanna Steegmans, from Seattle USA, for her third Vital Years, along with own Dr Renate Long-Breipohl and Leanne Moraes as our guest speakers.

They will be supported by our many wonderful workshop leaders.

Venue

The conference is at Tarremah Steiner School, 15 kilometres south of Hobart. The school overlooks a nature reserve and the D'Entrecasteaux Channel.

Delegates can enjoy short nature walks or simply meander around the native gardens of the school.

Buses will be provided to transport delegates to and from the conference venue.

Workshops

Floor play -The Child and the Art of Placement with Paulene Hanna

Craft in the Kindergarten with Ute Ten Hompel

Caring and Supporting the Young Child using Anthroposophic Nursing Therapies with Jen O'Bryan

Playgroup as a Living Organism with Ebba Bodame

The Voice - Your Primary Teaching Instrument with Gerry Josephson

The Inner Work of the Teacher with Rod Tomlinson

Doll Making with Nelly Hampel

Free Standing Story Telling Doll Workshop with Sharmian Deenen-Villiger

Anxiety and Aggression in Children Awakened Too Early with Johanna Steegmans

Dry on Dry - Colour Weaving Using Fleece with Rosie Tomlinson

Nurturing Young Children Through Songs in the Mood of the Fifth and Lyre Playing with Renate Long-Breipohl

Getting Creative with Knitting with Paulene Hanna

Creating outdoor Experiences for Children with Brioni Pridham

Kindergarten - A Very Special Place with Leanne Moraes

Wet Felting - Advent Calendar Making with Kristy Brake

Festivals - A Turning Point in Time with Susan Wishart

Elemental Beings with Susan Wishart

Enjoying Morning Circle with Hannah Gauci

From Line to Surface with Jenny Groves

Hand Gestures: Inviting the Child to Move with Heather Van Zyl

Moving in Community with Micaela Moore

Conference Cost and Registration

For further information and booking details please go to one of the following:

[www.facebook.com/
VitalYearsTasmania2016](http://www.facebook.com/VitalYearsTasmania2016)
www.tarremah.tas.edu.au
www.steinereducation.edu.au

and follow the links to Vital Years.

**Registration opens on January 25th 2016
and closes on Friday June the 3rd**

Conference ONLY cost \$350 (PLEASE NOTE accommodation requires a separate booking process, see below)

PLEASE NOTE that the conference cost includes transportation between the school and the accommodation.

Early registration and payment is strongly advised as places are strictly limited.

Accommodation

PLEASE NOTE the accommodation is different from what has been offered at previous conferences.

The HOBART MIDCITY HOTEL, located on the corner of Elizabeth and Bathurst Streets in central Hobart, has been booked to provide accommodation, which includes breakfasts and most evening meals.

Most of the evening activities will take place at the hotel. The hotel can cater for all styles of accommodation, it offers rooms for one, twin share, and triple or quad share rooms, all with en-suites.

We encourage you to plan your room requirements with your friends and colleagues to suit your preference.

The hotel is very comfortable and ideally located to enjoy many of Hobarts attractions, such as restaurants, art galleries, museums, Constitution Dock and Salamanca.

Accommodation package (room, breakfasts and dinners) \$284 pp to \$584 pp (depending on sharing arrangements).

FOR BOOKINGS at the Hobart Midcity Hotel please phone 03 62346333 or email bookings@hobartmidcity.com.au

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