

9th Worldwide Biography Conference 2017

Congress of the Worldwide Biography Fellowship in collaboration
with the General Anthroposophical Section at the Goetheanum
from 16.30 Wednesday 14th to 13.00 Sunday 18th June in Dornach, Switzerland

WITNESS - TRUST - PEACE Crafting Intentional Community

Wednesday 14th June		Thursday 15th June	Friday 16th June	Saturday 17th June	Sunday 18th June
Theme of the Day					
		FREEDOM	EQUALITY	HUMANITY	
		9.00 - 9.30	singing	9.00 - 9.30	singing
		9.30 - 11.00 plenum	Social Dynamic Art working in plenum with the theme of the day	9.30 - 11.00 plenum	plenum presentation harvest conclusion
		11.00 - 11.30	morning break	11.00 - 11.30	morning break
optional meeting open to all conference participants	School of Spiritual Science	11.30 - 13.00	Exploring Social Threefolding Theme of the Day twelve facilitated working groups	11.30 - 13.00	plenum review preview closing
		13.00 - 15.00	luncheon in the Speisehaus	13.00 - 15.00	
13.30 - 16.30	Registration and Reception	15.00 - 15.30	Open Space in plenum	15.00 - 15.30	
		15.30 - 16.30	Open Space for Initiatives	15.30 - 16.30	
16.30 - 17.00	'Apéro'	16.30 - 17.00	afternoon break	16.30 - 17.00	
17.00 - 18.30 plenum	Introduction to creating our conference together	17.00 - 18.30	Researching Professional Themes twelve facilitated working groups	17.00 - 18.30	
18.30 - 20.00	supper in the Speisehaus	18.30 - 20.00	supper in the Speisehaus	18.30 - 20.00	
20.00 - 21.30 plenum	International welcome presentations	20.00 - 21.30 plenum	"What is more refreshing than light?"	20.00 - 21.30 plenum	

Programme Commentary

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title: **Witness – Trust – Peace**

purpose: *Crafting Intentional Community*

Wednesday 14th June (*please also refer to tabular programme*)

17.00-18.30 Introduction to creating our conference together (90')

Everything you need to know about the coordination of the conference programme will be presented; contributors and carriers will be introduced, including our hosts at the Goetheanum.

20.00-21.30 International welcome presentations (90')

A wonderful opportunity to get to know each other and *witness* what is going on in the world of biography work. Participants will be separately invited to prepare short presentations about professional initiatives in their own countries and regions (*about this an email will follow*).

Thursday 15th, Friday 16th, Saturday 17th June (*please refer to tabular programme*)

9.30-11.00 Social Dynamic Art (90') *Freedom – Equality – Humanity*

In plenum we explore *social threefolding* in professional biography work, individually and as worldwide communities. We meet each other through a process of facilitated dialogue and short presentations on the theme of the day; 12 groups will form anew each morning (*see next*).

11.30-13.00 Exploring Social Threefolding Theme of the Day (90') *12 facilitated working groups*

The twelve groups (*see above*) further explore the theme of the day through facilitated dialogue, involving a lively exchange of experience, insight and knowledge of each participant.

15.00-16.30 Open Space (90')

Short presentations in plenum (30'); followed by interaction in smaller or larger parallel groups, including e.g. associations, initiatives, research, trainings, workshops, exhibition, tours (60'). A meeting on Friday will explore tasks and development of the Worldwide Biography Fellowship.

17.00-18.30 Researching Professional Themes (90') *12 facilitated working groups*

These groups explore 12 themes fundamental to further development of biography work. Group dialogue is facilitated by one or more colleagues, who enable lively exchange of experience, insight and knowledge, as well as offering contributions and exercises. This is an opportunity to select a theme with which you feel particularly connected. You can explore and deepen your understanding in communion with fellow researchers during three 90' sessions. *We first sent our proposal for the 12 themes by email on 04.10.16, in which you are heartily invited to offer facilitating contributions to these groups. Updates about further developments will come by email and be posted on www.biography-work.org as well as a dedicated conference website.*

20.00-21.00 "What is more refreshing than light?" (90') *quotation from Goethe's FairyTale*

Three 90' evening plenum sessions dedicated to moderated feedback from group work, social artistic expression and contemplative conversation about *"crafting intentional community"*.

Additional Information

On Wednesday 14th June, from 11.30 to 13.00 there will be an **optional meeting**, to which **all conference participants are warmly invited**. This is an additional opportunity to explore the relationship between biography work and the *Goetheanum* as the *School of Spiritual Science*. Paul Mackay, representing Biography Work in the *General Anthroposophical Section*, will take part in the conversation.