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International Training Circle

Practicing Inclusive Social Development in Professional Education for Educators, Therapists and Social Professions

April 30 – May 4, 2024, at La Reserva Naturaleza + Arte in Capilla del Señor, Buenos Aires Province, Argentina

December 2, 2023

Dear Colleagues,

This year's annual conference of the International Training Circle will take place at a beautiful retreat center, just North of Buenos Aires, Argentina. This is an exciting new step, arising from our work over the last three years. Going forward, we will be alternating between meetings in Europe and in other regions of our movement. This will allow us to get to know each other's work and contexts more deeply, and to strengthen regional networks by including more colleagues from host regions in an international network experience than we have so far been able to do.

While the program of our conference is still in the works and will be shared in more detail in February, the next steps for the development of our network are clear. They emerge from our work under the umbrella of the ERASMUS+ Project Peer2Peer-CET, which has been our focus from 2021 to 2023:

- Building a network platform for sharing competences and resources
- Developing a shared reference framework for professional education in our field
- Developing continuing education courses and micro-credentials that can be offered internationally
- Developing new partnership formats

Thematically, we are proposing to do all this while exploring together what "Inclusive Social Development" may mean in the context of professional education and training. While meeting at Sekem in Egypt in October, the Training Council members began to unpack a vision of inclusive practices in education and training that we want to work on further together in April, with input from colleagues in Argentina, Latin America and around the world.

Everyone who is active as a mentor, lecturer or instructor in professional education and training contexts in anthroposophic curative education, social therapy and related fields is warmly invited!

We look forward to working together!

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28th International Training Circle Conference

April 30 – May 4, 2024 La Reserva Naturaleza + Arte in Capilla del Señor, Buenos Aires Province, Argentina

Participants:

This is a network conference for those who are actively involved in providing professional education and training (including as lecturers, instructors, mentors, etc.) in the organizational network associated with the Anthroposophic Council for Inclusive Social Development. It also addresses those within that network who are involved in developing new professional education and training initiatives but may not yet be affiliated with an established professional education center. We also warmly invite those who are younger and/or have less experience in the professional education and training aspect of the work but are moving into this.

As part of the registration form, we will ask you to let us know which organization in the network you are affiliated with, and what your involvement in professional education and training is. This conference is NOT aimed at the public and is NOT suitable for those seeking a general introduction to anthroposophic approaches in the disabilities field. If you are unsure whether this conference is for you, please contact us prior to registration (info@inclusivesocial.org).

Conference venue:

La Reserva Naturaleza + Arte Ruta 8 km 77 Exaltación de la Cruz Capilla del Señor Buenos Aires Province ARGENTINA (Location on Google Maps)

Arrival and departure:

The conference will begin with dinner at the conference venue, at 18:00 on Tuesday, April 30. It will end with a common lunch, provided around 12:30 on Saturday, May 4.

Transportation to the conference venue will be provided on Tuesday, April 30, leaving at 16:00 from the anthroposophical health center Therapeutikum Fundación San Rafael (Address: Ramallo 2606, Saavedra, Buenos Aires; see the location on Google Maps). On Saturday, after lunch, return transportation will again be provided to the Therapeutikum.

The Therapeutikum Fundación San Rafael is easily accessible from anywhere in Buenos Aires by Uber, taxi or public transportation. The closest Metro train station is Rivadavia (Mitre line). The closest Subway (Subte) station is Congreso de Tucuman (end of Line D).

Buenos Aires has two airports. If you are on an international flight, you will be arriving at Ezeiza International Airport (EZE). This is the main airport for international travel. If you are arriving on a domestic or regional flight, you may also consider the Aeroparque Internacional Jorge Newbery (AEP), which is closer to the city center but does not offer any long-distance connections.

If you want to spend some time in Buenos Aires before and/or after the conference (highly recommended!), a good neighborhood to look for Airbnbs or smaller hotels is Palermo. Palermo itself has plenty of restaurants, cafes, and nice corners. It is also well connected via Metro with the rest of the city.

For those of you who want to visit organizations from our network while in Argentina, we will be providing a separate list with contact information, so that you can make individual arrangements.

Accommodation:

Accommodation for the four nights (Tuesday to Saturday) will be at the retreat center La Reserva Naturaleza + Arte and is included in the conference fee. Please indicate your preference of a single, double, or triple room (subject to availability). If you are requesting a shared room and know whom you wish to share with, please also let us know on the application form.

You can get an impression of the event location here on Google Maps.

Catering:

Tuesday dinner, three meals per day on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, breakfast, and lunch on Saturday, as well as tee and coffee breaks are included in the conference fee. Vegetarian and meat options will be available. Please indicate your preference on the registration form.

Conference fee:

The conference fee includes accommodation and meals, as described above. You also have the possibility to support our needs-based solidarity funding with an additional contribution.

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Conference + meals + stay in single room: USD/EUR/CHF 500 per person
Conference + meals + stay in double room: USD/EUR/CHF 380 per person
Conference + meals + stay in triple room: USD/EUR/CHF 300 per person
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Payment by bank transfer (see bank details in the footer of the first page – reference 'International Training Circle 2024'), by Wise transfer, by PayPal to info@inclusivesocial.org or in cash at the beginning of the conference. Additional payment options are available on the registration form.

Solidarity fund:

The Council maintains a solidarity fund to enable those from professional education and training initiatives and organizations in pioneer situations and economically stressed circumstances to participate. The solidarity fund depends on contributions from those organizations that can provide extra support. When you complete the registration form, you will be asked whether your organization can contribute to the solidarity fund. You will also have the option to request financial support from the fund.

Financial support:

If you need financial support, please submit your application at the time of registration. The application is included in the registration form. When requesting support, please keep in mind that the funds are limited. Even organizations receiving support are expected to cover as much as possible of their expenses connected with the conference from their own or other available resources, so that the solidarity fund can support as many participants as possible. Support can only be provided within the limits of available resources, so we ask that applications be made as early as possible and that all other funding opportunities be pursued to their fullest extent. If you have any questions, please contact us (info@inclusivesocial.org).

Registration:

Please submit your registration as soon as possible, preferably **by December 31, 2023**, via the registration link on our website:

https://inclusivesocial.org/en/event/28th-annual-conference-of-the-international-training-circle/

Registrations and requests for financial assistance received by December 31, 2023, will be reviewed and confirmed in early January. After that, registrations and request will be processed on a rolling basis, subject to remaining availability of space and funds.