Advance Notice

International Early Childhood Conference on Pregnancy, Birth and Early Childhood

The Dignity of the Child
June 10 to 13, 2020 at the Goetheanum

“I feel good in your eyes”
How do trust, warmth and autonomy arise between adults and children in being together?

Organizers
The interdisciplinary working group CARE I (pregnancy, birth and early childhood) of the Medical Section in cooperation with the Pedagogical Section at the Goetheanum.
In the womb, during birth and during the first three years of life, human beings are very sensitive. Everything experienced leaves a formative impression right down to the physical. At the same time, the child is filled with an impulse to develop and explore the world. More and more people today in the course of their biographies are becoming aware of how they were influenced by early childhood situations or deficits in their development. Here lies a great individual and social responsibility.

Every child needs empathetic caregivers who offer him an appropriate protective environment for his physical body, life forces, soul and spirit, who can help him overcome his fears and create space for joy and play. Only through a rhythm of attachment and autonomy can children develop in a healthy way.

At this conference we want to develop ideas together, exchange practical experiences and strengthen the impulse for ensuring the dignity of young children.

The conference speakers are currently planned to include Georg Soldner, Katherine Scharff, Lakshmi Prasanna, Michaela Glöckler, Claudia Grah-Wittich, Natalie Hurst and Jan Vagedes.

We are happy to welcome anyone who wants to work with us on these topics and cordially invite early childhood educators, doctors, nurses, midwives and therapists, as well as anyone interested, to the Goetheanum in Dornach.

For the Preparation

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