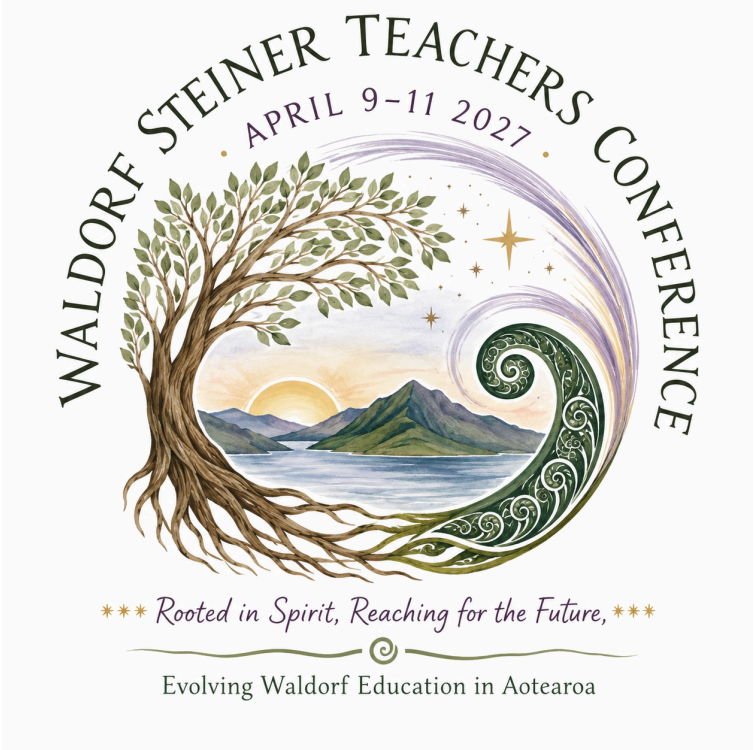


Call for Workshop Proposals

We are keen to hear from principals and teachers from across our Waldorf Steiner schools in Aotearoa New Zealand who would be interested in running a workshop at our Teachers Conference in April 2027.

Workshop Topics	Workshop Timings
Teachers in schools have been surveyed and would be interested in attending workshops on the following: • **Artistic and Practical Skills**: High interest exists for hands-on workshops, particularly in painting, drawing (including blackboard and form drawing), crafting (woodwork, weaving, felting, knitting, and pottery), music, singing, storytelling, and Eurythmy. • **Curriculum Development and Pedagogy:** Respondents seek guidance on Steiner-specific strategies for Main Lesson design, integrating literacy and numeracy, implementing structured literacy, and teaching mathematics and sciences. There is also a strong desire for support in balancing Steiner principles with modern government curriculum requirements and assessment standards. • **Inclusivity and Wellbeing:** A significant focus is placed on supporting neurodiverse students, managing classroom behavior, and fostering emotional regulation. Teachers also requested topics related to student and teacher Hauora (well-being), mental health for adolescents, and navigating modern social issues. • **Cultural Integration and Community:** Interest was frequently expressed in incorporating Te Ao Māori, including Te Reo, Kapa Haka, and Raranga Harakeke, into classroom practice. Additional priorities include strategies for community engagement, professional school leadership, and building connections with whānau.	Workshop lengths could vary. There will be two workshops of an hour duration each day. There will be six workshop slots all together that our attendees will be able to sign up to. You could offer a workshop for • A single 1 hour session • Two x 1 hour sessions run straight after each other on the same day • One 1 hour session to build on itself each day so 3 hour long sessions in total

Multiple workshop proposals for consideration are welcome, but please submit a separate form for each proposal.

The Benefits of Practitioner Led Workshops

A key strength of our Waldorf Steiner community is the knowledge, creativity and experience that already exists within our schools. Practitioner-led workshops provide an opportunity for teachers and other educators to share what is working in their practice, explore emerging ideas, and learn alongside colleagues from across Aotearoa. We hope these workshops will encourage practical exchange, thoughtful dialogue and connection, while celebrating the expertise within our own community. We encourage you to have confidence in the value of your own mahi, experience and knowledge — you do not need to be an “expert” to have something worthwhile to share. If presenting on your own feels a little daunting, you are also very welcome to propose and facilitate a workshop alongside a colleague.

Please note that we are unfortunately unable to offer workshop presenters an honorarium or cover travel, accommodation or other costs associated with attending the conference. Workshop presenters will also be required to register for the conference.

Before submitting a workshop proposal, please check with your Principal or school that you will be supported to attend the conference from **9–11 April 2027**.

Timeline

The timeline for workshops is as follows:
Proposals to be received by Wednesday October 28. All proposals will be acknowledged by email.

During the remainder of September and the beginning of October, the conference organisers will review the proposals and select the constellation of workshops for the conference.

If your workshop proposal is selected, we will confirm this with you by email by the start of November The organisers reserve the right to choose the workshops offered by the conference. If your proposal is not accepted it may simply be that we have too many workshops of a similar type or topic.

If a workshop is offered to participants but doesn’t receive the minimum number of registrations to make it viable, we also reserve the right to cancel the workshop after letting you know.

To submit a proposal you will be asked to create

- A short working title
- An abstract of the content of your workshop (150-250 words)
- A brief bio of yourself
- Your preferred timing format
- Any specific equipment you would envisage needing
- Maximum number of participants for your workshop (if any)

You may like to consider all of these factors and draft something before putting your proposal into the proposal form which can be found HERE. A reminder that proposals will close on Wednesday October 28