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**IASWECE TRAINERS MEETING**

**October 9 - 12, 2022**

Vilnius, Lithuania

***Transforming ourselves and our work in critical times:***

***Working with contemporary influences on our outer and inner lives***

We are in a critical situation in contemporary life. Our experiences of nature are being replaced by experiences of sub-nature, becoming abstract thoughts to us unless we re-enliven and deepen our inner experience. It is the same with our own soul (and spirit), to which at times we struggle to find a connection. Life is also fading in in our thinking and our feeling life is tending to become reduced to emotional sympathy and antipathy. Certainly, we are cut off from one another and paralyzed in our will. We are at the threshold.

How are we trainers working today in light of this surrounding landscape? How are we working with the phenomena and influences of our times – digital media, gender issues, diversity, etc.?

Our relationship to our soul and spirit can be revitalized through our own conscious activity, bringing imagination into thinking, inspiration into feeling, and intuition into our will. To work with the Pedagogical Law in adult education and training, we need to develop our Spirit Self. How do we find next steps as individuals, as trainers, and how do we support our adult students on this path?

This upcoming trainers' meeting will be an opportunity to explore these questions together. The meeting will be a sharing of experiences and research on this theme, through presentations, discussion, workshops, and other offerings. We will begin each day with short presentations on the theme, followed by a wide array of opportunities for sharing and experiences. The colloquium depends on the research and experience of all the participants.

**If you would like to participate in conversations, share resources, and study together as we prepare for the conference, please join our new trainers network by writing to [iasweceTrainersNetwork+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:iasweceTrainersNetwork+subscribe@groups.io).**

**We also invite you to contact us now if you have ideas for the conference in general or for workshop themes, that you would like to offer.**

With all good wishes,

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