

2nd European meeting on early childcare and nature education

The Netherlands, 25-28 September 2011

With optional excursion Germany, 28-30 September 2011



In September 2011 the second European conference on early childcare and nature education will be organised by Veldwerk Nederland, the Dutch partner in the world wide Nature Action Collaborative for young Children (Nacc). In participation with the European leaders from Scotland (Claire Warden,) Denmark (Helle Nebelong) and The Netherlands (Marc Veekamp), a very interesting program will inspire you to contact young children with nature. Lectures from speakers from different European countries will provide you with interesting views. Site visits in the Netherlands give inspiration to act in your practice. The program will give you plenty of time to discuss, reflect and connect with 70 people from all over Europe. The conference will be located in a beautiful, forested location in the central part of The Netherlands.

The optional excursion heads for Berlin, Germany. In Germany, and specially in Berlin, there is a long tradition of forest groups (day care, schools and after school). Visiting several different locations gives an inspiring overview of the current situation in Berlin. We can host about 30 people to Berlin.



Program Meeting Netherlands

Day 1, Sunday 25 September 2011

From 19.00 in the evening register and welcome drink.

Day 2, Monday 26 September 2011

After the opening ceremony, a day of interesting lectures, discussion sessions and reflection is ahead. A nature based experience will be part of the program in the morning. There will be enough time to present your own floorbooks after the first European conference held in Scotland, 2009.

Lectures:

- Elly Singer (Netherlands, pedagog, lecturerer University of Amsterdam and Utrecht University, author of the Dutch pedagogic framework for early childcare): Enduring time and engagement for nature in the context of institutionalized child care
- Helle Nebelong (Denmark, landscape architect, president Danish Playground Association, Vice-president of IPA Denmark and a member of the Nature Action Collaborative for Children Leadership Team): design for children
- Alfred Cybulska, (Germany, Waldkindergarten Waldmaüse, Berlin): nature and risk management. The discussion and reflection will take place in smaller groups in the afternoon. After the evening diner there is time to get acquainted with other participants and relax.

Day 3, Tuesday 27 September 2011

A day of site visits in the central Netherlands. We will visit different sites in Amersfoort, such as a nature kindergarden, a primary school with a natural play ground and a community based natural play-ground. The visits will give you an overview of the current developments in the Netherlands. Reflection sessions on the site visits will be held in the nearby forest. In the evening there will be a barbeque.

Day 4, Wednesday 28 September 2011

Good-bye day. We start in small groups to discuss the results we take home. After the coffee break there is a foto impression of the meeting. Before lunch the meeting will be closed by Gjalt Jellesma (president of Boink, Dutch organisation for parents). Lunch is included in the program.



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Program excursion Germany

Day 1, Wednesday 28 September 2011

We start in the afternoon with a 6 hour journey to Germany by train. We will arrive in the evening and check in in our accommodation. After a light dinner there will be historic walk with guides during the evening.

Day 2, Thursday 29 September 2011

In the morning we will start with a welcome and introduction meeting. In this meeting there will be a short introduction about the (recent) history of 'Waldkindergärten' in Germany. There will also be a short introduction about scientific research on the effect of 'Waldkindergärten' on children (playing, learning, health etc) as well.

Finally we will present three different models of 'Waldkindergärten' in Berlin:

- The model with a solid base (house) and visits to the wood/ nature
- The model with a solid base in the city center, travelling by bus each day to a place in the woods/ nature
- The model without an own base or house and the time always spend outdoors.

After a break the possibility of discussion.

In the afternoon we will start our visits. We will be visiting examples of the three models for young children and after school care. Every visitor will visit three institutions.

In the evening there is a dinner in a venue with an artist's performance (knowledge of the German language is not necessary).



Day 3, Friday 30 September 2011

Today we will continue our visits to different sites through Berlin. During this day we will also visit some Waldschulen (schools in nature) and projects for young children in dialogue with nature.

In the afternoon we will reflect on our impressions and close the excursion.

In the evening there is the optional possibility of a historic bus tour (theme will be Third Reich, The Wall and Modern Times/ Architecture).



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Costs

Conference fee meeting NACC Netherlands: € 550,-

Included:

- Three day study event
- Program information
- Coffee/refreshments during event
- Local transport during event
- A welcome drink on Sunday evening
- Lunch on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
- Diner on Monday, including a glass of wine
- Barbeque on Tuesday, including a glass of wine
- DVD Groen is Gras

Not included:

- Accommodation
- Breakfast
- Transport to location
- Extra drinks

Accommodation: € 78,25 per person per night including breakfast, single rooms

Excursion fee Germany, Berlin: € 530,-

Included:

- Transport by train from The Netherlands to Germany
- Local transports in Berlin during program
- Two day visit
- Program information
- Two nights accommodation on base of single rooms and breakfast
- Breakfast, coffee and lunch during event
- Diners on Wednesday and Thursday
- Entrance fee performance on Thursday evening

Not included:

- Drinks
- Overnight stay Friday 30 september-Saturday 1 oktober (€ 70,- pppn)



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Booking

You can make your booking by sending a mail or fax with the booking form below. Booking is only possible through Veldwerk Nederland. We will forward your booking for the meeting in The Netherlands to the accommodation. We will forward your booking for the optional excursion to Berlin to Childcare International. You will receive different bills for the conference fee and for the optional excursion. The payment for the accommodation in The Netherlands will be done at arrival.

Options

- Single room Netherlands (three nights, € 78,25 per night)
- Optional excursion Berlin (28-30 September 2011) (€ 530,-)
- Overnight stay 30 September/1 October 2011 Berlin (€ 70,-)



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