

# STEINER / WALDORF EDUCATION: PUBLIC LECTURE

## "CHOICE IN EDUCATION - RE-IMAGINING CHILDHOOD"

### PEARSE O'SHIEL

This is the first in a series of 6 talks on Steiner / Waldorf education, working towards the opening of a Steiner / Waldorf primary school in Dublin in 2011 and supporting the existing network of kindergartens.

Pearse O'Shiel (MA in Education) is a gifted and inspiring speaker who has dedicated his life to nurturing the spirit of creativity and wholeness in each child. He is one of the most experienced Waldorf teachers in Ireland and a leading light in the movement for real alternatives to mainstream education. Over the past quarter-century he has been a driving force behind the development of Steiner / Waldorf education in Ireland at all levels, from early childhood to active learning for adolescents.

A past master at turning dreams into reality, Pearse co-founded the Irish Steiner Kindergarten Association. He successfully campaigned for State recognition and funding of Steiner / Waldorf schools in Ireland and established Lifeways, the patron body for Steiner schools. He is chair of Lifeways and plays a leading role in education through Steiner schools in Ireland, as well as being secretary of the Camphill Community Trust, a network of communities working with people with special needs. Pearse's talks combine down-to-earth practicality with the vision of a better childhood for all.



Wednesday, 23 June,  
7.30 pm

Cultivate Centre,  
St. Andrew's Street,  
Dublin 2

All welcome

€10 entry /  
ISKA members €5 (you  
can join on the night)

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