



## National Teacher Conference

for all teachers and practitioners

*'Such stuff as dreams are made on'*

at Ringwood Waldorf School  
Folly Farm Lane, Ashley, Ringwood

**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> &  
Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026**

All staff are welcome – early childhood practitioners, including parent and child group leaders, class teachers, upper schoolteachers and guardians and those working in school leadership teams.

## Keynote presentation

# *'Every Teacher is an Artist of the Future'*

*with Prof Shelley Sacks, Oxford Brookes University*

Why do we teach? What motivates us to do this demanding and complex activity? Why are teachers so important on our planet and in our world today? What can we do to energise us in our work as artists of the future? How can we help pupils develop imaginative capacities that support life instead of individualistic and disconnected fantasies? What is the special contribution to Waldorf education, and to education in general, that Rudolf Steiner's and Goethe's insights about 'education as an art' and schooling the imagination can make today? How can imagination connect thinking, heart and will? How can individual imagination and insight be explored and understood as the basis for social thinking-together to shape a living future?

These are some of the questions that inspire this keynote talk that introduces inspirations for Shelley's 'connective practice' approach and work in the field of 'social sculpture' – a term coined by the artist, Joseph Beuys, that expands our understanding of art.

Following the talk, a workshop will enable an experience of capacities that might energise us in our work and can be brought into the classroom to enhance human potential, differentiate human beings from machines, and develop vital capacities for shaping a living eco-social future.

**The interactive keynote session will be followed by workshops on eurythmy, storytelling, art, music, games, craft and working with the elementals. We will also host a cèilidh on Saturday evening**

For more details and to book conference tickets, please go to  
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