



Waldorf Leadership and Community Development Program Schedule May 2026 - April 2027

The **Waldorf Leadership and Community Development Program** is a dynamic, certificate-earning training designed for those currently serving - or aspiring to serve - in leadership roles within independent or public Waldorf school communities.

Through a **low-residency format**, participants engage in a combination of online sessions and in-person residencies that bring together seasoned leaders to strengthen skills, capacities, and perspectives in Waldorf school governance and leadership.

Program Opening – Online

Saturday, May 9, 2026 | 3:00–4:15 PM ET

Program Orientation - *Karen Atkinson*

Presentation - *Torin Finser*

Summer Sessions – Online

Tuesday, June 30 – Thursday, July 2, 2026 | 1:00–5:00 PM ET

June 30

Group Dynamics and Leadership Styles - *Torin Finser*

Karmic Considerations

Collaborative Leadership in Independent Waldorf Schools – *Sian Owen-Cruise*

July 1

Conflict Resolution – *Torin Finser*

Karmic Considerations

Intuitive Leadership – *Emily Merchant*

July 2

Communication & Community Development – *Torin Finser*

Karmic Considerations

Heart-Centered Governance: Social Health & Renewing Impulses – *Chiaki Uchiyama*

September Sessions - Online | 3:00-4:15 PM ET

September 12, 2026

Human Resources Best Practices – *Denese Giordano*

September 19, 2026

HR Applications: Working with Faculty & Staff in Early Childhood – *Laura Cruz*

Fall Residency - In-Person | Keene, NH

Friday, October 9 – Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Daily Lectures and Workshops - *Torin Finser*

Eurythmy in the Workplace - *Leonore Russell*

Exploring Social Color Exercises - *Karine Munk Finser*

Navigating Leadership Change - *Razia Ali Hamm*

Building a Community of Parents and Teachers - *Lisa Mahar*

Pedagogical Leadership and Professional Development - *Karen Atkinson*

Fall & Winter Sessions – Online | 3:00–4:15 PM ET

October 17, 2026

Working with Money & Social Finance – *Mark Finser*

November 14, 2026

DEI in the Workplace – *Heather Scott*

December 5, 2026

Leadership for Independent & Public Waldorf Charter Schools – *Caleb Buckley*

December 12, 2026

Karmic Leadership - *Torin Finser*

January 23, 2027

Financial Management – *Jody Spanglet*

February 6, 2027

Collegial Relationships & Social Wellbeing – *Kim John Payne*

February 20, 2027

The Art of Leading a Difficult Conversation – *Cathie Foote*

March 13, 2027

Effective Board Leadership – *Valerie Colis*

Spring Residency – In-Person | Keene, NH

Friday, April 23 - Tuesday, April 27, 2027

Daily Lectures and Workshops - *Torin Finser*

Eurythmy in the Workplace - *Leonore Russell*

Exploring Social Arts through Clay - *Michal Noer*

Pedagogical Leadership: Accountability and Freedom - *Karen Atkinson*

Meeting Facilitation - *Lisa Mahar*

Certification

Full Attendance at all in-person residencies, along with a minimum of 80% participation in online sessions, is required to receive a **WLD Certificate of Completion** at the conclusion of the program.

Certification for International Students: Participants attending 80% or more of online sessions - including Saturday seminars and the July three-day intensive - will receive a

Certificate of Online Participation from Center for Anthroposophy. Other participants, such as Board Members who are unable to attend in-person residencies, may request this certificate through our program leadership.

Tuition for 2026-27 Cycle:

Full program: \$2,650

Online only: \$1,250

Group rates possible with three or more enrollments from the same school