

# Report from Waldorf Publications

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The Research Institute for Waldorf Education (RIWE) has inaugurated a new study into the results of Waldorf education through a survey of its high school graduates. With generous funding from the Waldorf Educational Foundation (WEF), and the Waldorf Curriculum Fund (WCF), which funded the first research over a decade ago, this new round of investigation is being led by Liz Beaven, who has launched the preparatory stages of contacting Waldorf schools, developing forms for gathering information concerning graduates, and setting up tools for collecting data. The survey instrument is also being revised for maximum use of information about the value of Waldorf education in the lives of our graduates. Lessons learned from the first Survey of Waldorf Graduates will be incorporated into this new instrument of research to increase clarity and insight into the efficacy of a full Waldorf education.

Research into the colleges attended, professional choices made, and values upheld by Waldorf graduates is planned for completion in 2018, making it available for “Waldorf 100,” the global celebration of Waldorf education in 2019. The work done on this will be shared by Douglas Gerwin with the International Forum for Steiner/Waldorf Education (formerly the Hague Circle), our international “college of teachers” supporting Waldorf schools round the world, of which he is a member. A new invitation to Waldorf communities to join in the festivities can now be found at [www.waldorfresearchinstitute.org/waldorf-100/](http://www.waldorfresearchinstitute.org/waldorf-100/)

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and made possible by the Waldorf Curriculum Fund (WCF). There are now nine audio books from which to learn while you run, walk, drive, or simply relax. Spanish books and articles too numerous to count are growing in number as we report. Books and articles in English abound there also, along with *Research Bulletins* and *Renewal* articles. All for download, free of charge!

The RIWE website also has a growing number of research articles and papers from the broader world of research in support of the practices in Waldorf education. Rudolf Steiner predicted that science would catch up eventually with the Waldorf methodology, and this is beginning.

Of course, Waldorf Publications continues to make high-quality resources available to the Waldorf community. Coming up soon: *Helping Children on Their Way: Keeping All Children in Our Schools*, by Elizabeth Auer; *The Task of the College of Teachers* by Roberto Trostli; *At Home in Harmony: Teaching Families to Sing Harmoniously* by Meg Chittenden; *Fire the Imagination—Write On! A Guide to the Teaching of Writing in Upper Grades* by Dorit Winter; and more!