

The World Federation of Young Theosophists is organizing a gathering aiming to bring together like-minded people from all over the world during a few days, to work and inquire alongside each other with a spirit of brotherhood and cooperation, connecting and bonding during a few days, while surrounded by the beautiful nature of the Centre. Come join us!

- Dates:** 9th to 15th June 2023
- Location:** International Theosophical Centre (ITC) Naarden, The Netherlands
- Participants:** TS members, under 41 years old
- Guests:** Kurt Leland as speaker (Int. President Tim Boyd will be present as well)
- Language:** English
- Registration:** Fill in the online application form: <https://forms.gle/6cVn7Fw4t7d1r2zU8>
Places are limited, therefore reservation will be confirmed after payment.
- Contact:** Any questions to ts.youth.gathering@gmail.com

THEME: “The Path of Cooperation and the Spiritual Life”

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Annie Besant developed an ethical system based on the notion of a “Ladder of Lives”, which encompassed all visible and invisible beings associated with our planet and its higher planes. Everything from atoms to angels was included in this ladder. Each rung (minerals, plants, animals, living and dead humans, Masters, nature spirits and devas) was striving to cooperate in a grand scheme of evolution toward oneness with the Source of All Being. This path of cooperation and oneness required the development of *buddhi* (spiritual intuition), otherwise known as unity consciousness.

Please join us in this weeklong immersive workshop, involving interactive informational talks, volunteer work, meditation, group process, and sharing our spiritual experiences. We will discuss the gifts and challenges involved in developing spiritual intuition and unity consciousness. We will also explore possibilities for cooperative work with each rung of the Ladder of Lives, focusing on safety for other beings and ourselves. As we work, study, and play together, we may find ourselves surrounded by a mutually supportive community based on the ideal of unity consciousness.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Based on Boston, USA, **Kurt Leland** is an international lecturer for the Theosophical Society (Adyar). A practicing clairvoyant for more than forty years, he specializes in the so-called third object of the Theosophical Society: the investigation of unknown laws of nature and the powers latent in humanity. He has edited an anthology entitled *Invisible Worlds: Annie Besant on Psychic and Spiritual Development* and published books on out-of-body experiences (*Otherwhere: A Field Guide for Astral Travelers*), near-death experiences (*The Unanswered Question: Death, Near-Death, and the Afterlife*), and our latent powers (*The Multidimensional Human: Practices for Psychic Development and Astral Projection*).

VENUE: The International Theosophical Centre (ITC Naarden, The Netherlands)

The ITC aims to be an active and inspiring spiritual Centre contributing to the service of the world and the uplifting of mankind in particular. The ITC, therefore, invites people of the world at the Centre to work on the process of human regeneration through individual transformation.

Any stay at the Centre is meant to promote quietness of mind, peace and a harmonious life. Therefore, smoking or using drugs on the estate is not allowed; furthermore, only vegetarian/vegan meals and non-alcoholic beverages may be consumed.

ITC website: <https://www.itcnaarden.org>

Want to extend your stay at ITC as volunteer?

ITC welcomes volunteers to stay at the Centre for a few weeks, thus experience living at this spiritual place, while contributing to different aspects of its work. The work at International Theosophical Centre Naarden, the Netherlands, (ITC) is done on a day to day basis by a large group of volunteers, living at or close to the Centre. Volunteers may come from different corners of the world, which creates great opportunities to make new friends. It is also possible that a few friends apply as a team, enjoying working together. St. Michaels House (SMH) is the heart of the Centre, used as office and meetings of different theosophical activities. In addition, many are visiting the house, such as other volunteers, deliveries, contractors, and representatives of tenants, collecting keys for the buildings. This multitude of functions make the house quite lively.

Work that can be done by volunteers includes:

- Active support during activities, such as preparing the rooms for guests with linen, coffee table etc...
- At SMH: receive guests, deliveries, contractors etc.
- Work in the gardens, such as weeding, pruning, mowing the lawns, ...
- Cleaning buildings, such as washing wooden window frames, small repairs, ...
- A list of jobs is available of what work can be done per season.

The offer:

1. Periods of one to six weeks.
2. Accommodation will be provided, while you buy and cook your own food. A food budget is available when needed. You can borrow a bike to do your own shopping and explore the beautiful surroundings.
3. You are welcome to use the library at Besant Hall and meditation room.
4. Mainly during the summer there are international TS activities, which can be attended free of charge.

What is asked from the ITC:

1. We expect you to work for ITC at least 5 to 6 hours per day.
2. Respect the aims of the Center and the multitude of activities taking place.
3. Respect the house rules of the Centre, such as vegetarian diet, no alcohol, no smoking.
4. A reasonable understanding of English.

Places are limited, if you want to know more details, let us know at ts.youth.gathering@gmail.com