he movement of vast numbers of people seeking refuge today from conflict, disease, famine and economic collapse marks an outer signature of a characteristic condition of the times. It reflects the inner dispossession of the human soul from its roots in community, culture, custom and traditional habit. On a deeper level it reflects an existential disconnection of the self from its original home in a spiritual community of being."

#### **VENUE:**

Sophia House, 18 Firfield Rd, Plumstead, Cape Town

#### **DATES:**

Tuesday 12 – Saturday 16 July 2016, Late afternoons and evenings

#### **BOOKINGS & ENOURY:**

Contact Debbie info@aswc.org.za - 021 761 9600

Please book timeously to enable catering arrangements

#### COST:

R480 (R450 for members, pensioners, students). Includes meals and refreshments Individual evening presentations – R60 and R50 for members, pensioners & students



The Homeless I and the Challenge to the Human Soul Today

Could the trauma of the dislocation of the human I in our time be a challenge to wake up?

Is it a call to consciously discover our spiritual home and integrity of self? Is it a call to connect with the wellsprings of spiritual life in order to serve the wellbeing and development of humanity today?

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# **Programme**

## The Homeless I and the Challenge to the Human Soul Today

	Tuesday 12 July	Wednesday 13 July	Thursday 14 July	Friday 15 July	Saturday 16 July
17h00		Out of the Night Sharings			
17h30		Workshops			
19h00	Registration	Supper			
19h45	Introduction Welcome An Introductory Ceremony Opening Address		Presentations		Closing Address and Ceremony
21h30	Close				

About the image used for this brochure: "Les Voyageurs" by Bruno Catalano (french artist, originally from Morocco and last child of a Sicilian family) ... "it's as if that hole is their lost self, and they've set out to rediscover it – Zest Today"

### **Opening Evening**

## Tuesday 12 July

- 19.45 Welcome and Introductions
- 20.00 An Introductory Ceremony
- 20.30 Opening Address by Wilfried Bohm

Uprootedness – Periods of great upheaval strip away established cultural and personal certainties of identity: What perishes, what survives, what can be won from such calamity, for the individual or for societies?

#### **Workshops** (Choose one workshop from the list below)

**Deepening themes through Conversation and Artistic activity**: Exploring through conversation, clay and colour, themes from the previous evening's presentations – with Briar and Michael Grimley

**Biography work:** The gift and anchor of the archetype: Using art and process-oriented exercises we will observe how every biography carries within it a stream of archetypal energy and intention – with Karen Rootenberg

Eurythmy: Where am I when I am at home, and when I become homeless? Where can I turn in my homelessness? Explorations of the homeless soul – with Cobie Roelvert

## Three Evening Presentations by Dr Peter Guttenhöfer

19.45 Wednesday 13 July

### Kaspar Hauser, the modern archetype of Homelessness:

Kaspar Hauser was the genius who had to come on Earth to re-connect the physical world with the spiritual world. But he was not even allowed to incarnate properly into his physical body. Nevertheless just this horrible crime against this wonderful child may have possibly opened the way for a much deeper potency of the individuality, whom we call Kaspar Hauser.



19.45 Thursday 14 July:

The schooling of "Walking, Speaking, Thinking" as conditions for the Revelation of the Human I on Earth:

The Christ had to intervene four times into the evolution of Earth and Humankind, in order to overcome imminent blockings to human development.

19.45 Friday 15 July:

Anthroposophy as a schooling path to re-unite spiritual and practical life on Earth: The relationship between the nine hierarchies and daily human life on Earth.

#### **Closing Evening**

19.45 Saturday 16 July – Closing Address by Michael Grimley

The Redemption of the Homeless I at the Foot of the World Cross:

The movement of the peoples in the North and South, and the meeting of the I in the other.

20.30 Closing Ceremony

**Dr Peter Guttenhöfer** is a retired History and Language teacher from Germany, and a teacher trainer in the Waldorf School movement worldwide. He has visited South Africa a number of times, led workshops on human development and given presentations penetrating into the deeper spiritual side of literature and world issues.

**Wilfried Bohm** is an architect and teaches at universities in Cape Town. Over the years he has been active in the anthroposophical movement in various ways.

**Michael Grimley** is a retired History and Art teacher, and teacher trainer in the Waldorf School movement. His special interests are in working with the transformative power of art and the evolution of consciousness.

Karen Rootenberg runs the Art of Being course which is an 11 month long personal development course. She also holds women's workshops and Karma workshops; as well as doing individual, private therapy and counseling. Her passion is to encourage people to find meaning, and come 'home' to their deepest core of being.

**Cobie Roelvert** is a freelance Eurythmist and teacher of adults and children in Cape Town. She explores Anthroposophical and other themes in eurythmy and has an interest in the modern human being's life challenges.

**Briar Grimley** facilitates processes for soul and spiritual nourishment for adults through story and the joy and wonder of Geometry. She has a special interest in the transformative power of conversation.

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