

# *News from the European Bibliodrama Network*

***December 2022***



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**<https://www.bibliodrama-ebn.eu>**

Dear Bibliodrama friends

Here is the autumn / winter edition of our newsletter for 2022 and we give a warm welcome to new readers. People have been adding their names to our mailing list gradually over time and we hope that this will bring you the kind of information you are looking for.

It's good to be able to say that we have entered a renewed period in the life of the EBN as we were finally able to hold another face to face workshop in the summer, in Wuppertal, in Germany.

During that workshop we also appointed the new secretariat which has some old faces as well as some new ones. You can see the names above.

**So we are very pleased to say that the date and location of the next EBN Annual Workshop has been confirmed. That will take place in Turku, Finland from August 15<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>.**

Here is an invitation from our Finnish hosts:

Welcome to the EBN-Workshop in Turku, Finland from 15.-20.8.2023!

We will meet at Turun kristillinen opisto (<https://turunkristillinenopisto.fi>), that is a school for many kinds of education for young people and adults. It is situated almost in the centre of the town, but paths to the woods start just by the school. You may enjoy social interaction or withdraw into silence on your own. Our Finnish planning group of the EBN Workshop in Turku wants to give to all participants a good opportunity to settle down to Bibliodrama workshop working. But in the programme there will probably be some small opportunities to learn about Finnish life and history for those who are interested.

Our theme is 'CREATION IS EAGERLY AWAITING' taken from Romans 8:18-28.

We will work with this text in several groups, each of them lead by two bibliodramaleaders from different countries. The language of EBN Workshop is English but all the languages of participants are included in the Bibliodrama process. You need not be an excellent English speaker!

You will be able to find up to date information about the workshop on the pages of the EBN Website and through the Bibliodrama societies of your own country! We plan to open booking to the Turku Workshop at the beginning of February.

Costs in Turku will be about €400

We hope to see you there!

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Other things have been and are happening too!

### **Bibliodrama on the marketplace**

A unique experiment: table bibliodrama at the market stall. Small groups of 1-3 people who were interested in experiencing bibliodrama for themselves were invited to play on a table. And it worked!

*A practice report of Bruno Fluder.*

And here is the link to the entire article: [https://www.bibliodrama-ebn.eu/uploads/1/3/5/9/135914146/bibliodrama\\_auf\\_dem\\_marktplatz.pdf](https://www.bibliodrama-ebn.eu/uploads/1/3/5/9/135914146/bibliodrama_auf_dem_marktplatz.pdf)

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And with great pleasure we can now advertise the next set of online Bibliodrama opportunities!!



Workshop No:	Date/s and time/s in Central European Time (CET) / 'Paris time'	Workshop title	Workshop leaders
1	21. December 2022 🕒 19 - 21 CET	The way of Love	Jes Bouwen, Belgium Anne Coussement, Belgium
2	02. January 2023, 🕒 17 - 20 CET 03. January 2023, 🕒 17 - 20 CET	Put on love !?!	Mari Kaarlenkaski, Finland Anja Stieghorst, Germany
3	04. January 2023 🕒 18 – 21 CET	The Blessing of Merciful God	Beata Chrudzimska, Poland Maria-Ioana Badale, Romania
4	11. January 2023 🕒 18:15 – 21:15 CET	The announcement of the messianic kingdom	Beata Chrudzimska, Polen Donat Oberson, Schweiz
5	16. January, 🕒 18 - 20:15 CET 23. January, 🕒 18 - 20:15 CET	Love without limits?	Eva Danneholm, Sweden Eva Z. Schmitt, Germany
6	21. January 2023 🕒 9 – 16 CET	Coming home to love	Anna Gradin, Sweden Kasia Kamińska, Poland
7	26. January 2023 🕒 18 - 20:30 CET	The limits of love	Emese Petke, Hungary Csaba Németh, Hungary
8	05. March 2023 🕒 15 - 17:30 CET	Nothing is able to separate us from the love of God	Iga Glapinska, Poland Csaba Németh, Hungary
9	14. March 2023, 🕒 18.30 - 21 CET 21. March 2023, 🕒 18.30 - 21 CET	Charity, Cross or Creation? Does God's love still have purchasing power in a time of climate change?	Trevor L. Engel, Germany Volker Amrhein, Germany

## Workshop details

## **Workshop 1**

### **The way of Love**

The darkest days of the year and the dark atmosphere we sense in the daily news needs an antidote. Perhaps the text of 1 Cor 13 can inspire us.

Is there any connection with Christmas in it?

We use playful methods and creative impulses to explore and discover. We will send you a small preparatory task and we will have a creative “after” sharing. Let us walk the way to Christmas together.

#### **Date**

**21. December 2022, 19 – 21 CET**

(perhaps a little bit longer, depending on the participants)

#### **Information about workshop-leaders**

**Jes Bouwen** was working as a religion teacher and as a voluntary prison pastor. She is addicted to bibliodrama since 2004 as a facilitator and as a bibliodrama trainer, in Belgium in in the EBN.

**Anne Coussement** once was a religion teacher, but for more than ten years she worked as a hospital pastor. She also started her bibliodrama adventure in 2004. She is an expert in creative and out-of-the-box working and loves to experiment with new technics.

Jes and Anne founded a small organization **Het Leerke** (little ladder) working with bibliodrama, designing workshops, training and rituals. The changing social context of different religions and the search for the meaning of life is their playground.

#### **Sign-in to this workshop :**

Please use this link with the subscription form for sign in:

**<https://forms.gle/mA7bKPQbvFmCS7MWA>**

*If you need to contact us via Mail: [agnesbouwen@telenet.be](mailto:agnesbouwen@telenet.be)*

#### **Language/-s we will work in this workshop:**

English (and Dutch)

#### **Extra information**

There will be a small preparation task and after exchange.

## **Workshop 2**

### **Put on love !?!**

#### **Colossians 3, 12 - 16**

How do we show our abilities, our virtues, our ethics, our faith to others?

With what am I surrounded? With what do I clothe myself?

How could I put on love?

We like to experiment with the text and explore the meaning together with bodywork and creative actions on two evenings.

#### **Dates**

**Monday, 02. January 2023, 17 - 20 CET**

**Tuesday, 03. January 2023, 17 - 20 CET**

#### **Information about workshop-leaders**

**Mari Kaarlenkaski, Finland**

Youth Worker in Protestant Church, Bibliodramaleader (FinnishBibliodrama Association)

**Anja Stieghorst, Germany**

Deacon/Youth Worker in Protestant Church, Bibliodramaleader (GfB & ebn)

#### **Sign-in to this workshop via Mail to**

**Anja Stieghorst: [anja.stieghorst@kirche-bremen.de](mailto:anja.stieghorst@kirche-bremen.de)**

#### **Language we will work in this workshop:**

Basic English

#### **Extra information**

We will work with Zoom.

#### **Workshop 3**

**The Blessing of Merciful God**

#### **Luke 1:46-55**

One of the songs I grow up with, in the church, used to say that "the rich ones have become poor and hungry, but those who seek the Lord will not lack all good things..."

We will come together on the Online Bibliodrama Session in 4th of January to enjoy together the "seek of Lord" (search for God) so that we never lack the "Good Things".

And then, being drowned into peace and love, tasting the blessings over generations, to be able to remain merciful, humbly and grateful for everything that comes over us on our paths, in our lives.

The Bibliodrama Workshop on the text presented will go through different methods and instruments that can fit online meetings and will be facilitated by Beata and Maria.

#### **Date**

**04. January 2023, 18 – 21 CET**

#### **Information about workshop-leaders**

**Beata Chrudzimska**, from Poland, is roman-catholic theologian, religion pedagogue and certified as Bibliodrama trainer with a lot of experience in national and mixed groups, especially interconfessional and intercultural Bibliodrama groups.

**Maria-Ioana Badale**, Orthodox, from Romania, is psychologist and educational counselor, certified as Bibliodrama leader, with basic experience in transnational and interconfesional Bibliodrama groups.

**Sign-in to this workshop via Mail to**

**Maria Ioana Bogdan** <mariaioana\_psiho2008@yahoo.com>

**Language/-s we will work in this workshop:**

English

#### **Workshop 4**

**The announcement of the messianic kingdom**

#### **Jesaja 11, 1-9**

Zum neuen Jahr lassen wir uns von der Hoffnung berühren. Wir blicken auf die Verheissung Gottes

*Isaiah 11, 1-9*

*To the New Year let hope touch us. We look to the promise of God*

#### **Date**

**Mittwoch, 11. Januar 2023, 18.15 – 21.15 Uhr**

**Wednesday, 11. January 2023, 6.15 – 9.15 p.m. CET**

#### **Information about workshop-leaders**

**Beata Chrudzimska** (Polen) is roman-catholic theologian, religion pedagogue and certified as Bibliodrama trainer with a lot of experience in national and mixed groups, especially interconfessional and intercultural Bibliodrama groups.

**Donat Oberson** (Schweiz) Dipl. Theologe, Bibliodramaleiter, Sozialarbeiter , 24 years practise as leader of Bibliodrama, master in Theology and professional social worker.

**Sign-in to this workshop via Mail to**

**Donat.oberson@bluewin.ch**

**Language/-s we will work in this workshop:**

Bilingual: English and German

#### **Workshop 5**

**Love without limits?**



How far is unreachable? How can we escape from an unpleasant task?

In times of globalization and networking this becomes more and more difficult. Even in Jonah's time it was impossible when the one who gives you a task is such a universal one.

What if a prophet does not believe in the prophecy? Could one resist and yet be loved?

Beyond the classic ideal, love has so many faces and does not always take the straight path – where are its limits? Are there limits? On 2 evenings we invite you on a journey with Jonah. We are going to look into it and reflect with bibliodramatic and creative methods. We will work with the book of Jonah. You will get detailed information shortly before the workshop.

The workshop includes two meetings via Zoom, and perhaps a voluntary input for the time between the two meetings.

### **Dates**

**Monday 16. January, 18.00-20:15 CET**

**+ Monday 23. January, 18.00-20:15 CET**

### **Information about workshop-leaders**

**Eva Danneholm**, Stockholm, Sweden. Bibliodramaleader, pastor and folkhighschool-teacher.

**Eva Z.Schmitt**, Berlin-Germany. Bibliodramaleader (GfB). Diploma in psychology, master in Public Health, systemic child therapy and coaching, visual artist.

**Sign-in to this workshop via Mail to**  
**madita@gmx.net**

### **Language/-s we will work in this workshop:**

Basic English

### **Extra information**

You do not need to know anything about the Bible or about Bibliodrama, just bring yourself, be curious and willing to take part in our “experiment”.

## **Workshop 6**

### **Coming home to love**

#### **TEXT: Luke 15,11-32**

Each of us experiences many turning points in our lives.

The experience of acceptance, of being accepted as one really is, opens us to relationship with others and with God. The goal of the workshop is to create a space for a gentle encounter with myself and others to discover how I can return home to love.

We will use a variety of creative methods, elements of playing on the online stage, elements of psychodrama, taking walks, sharing groups.

Perfect English is not required. Workshops are organized in association with Umea folk high-school.



### **Date**

**21. January 2023, 9:00 – 16:00 CET**

### **Information about workshop-leaders**

**Anna Gradin**- Folk high-school teacher, leadership and theology student. Trained dialogue leader and bibliodrama leader.

**Katarzyna Kamińska** - academic teacher, bibliodrama leader, psychodrama assistant at the Polish Psychodrama Institute, undergoing Level II training and musician.

### **Sign-in to this workshop via Mail to**

**Anna Gradin:** [anna.gradin@umeafolkhogskola.se](mailto:anna.gradin@umeafolkhogskola.se)

### **Language/-s we will work in this workshop:**

Basic English

### **Extra information**

**NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 12**

### **Workshop 7**

**The limits of love**

**Luk.15,11-32 (The Prodigal Son)**

The well-known story from another perspective

### **Date**

**Thursday, 26 January 2023, 18:00 - 20:30 CET**

### **Information about workshop-leaders**

**Emese Petke** from Hungary  
(European BD Facilitator Course)

**Csaba Németh** from Hungary  
(European BD Facilitator Course)

### **Sign-in to this workshop via Mail to**

**emese.petke@gmail.com**

### **Language/-s we will work in this workshop:**

Basic English

### **Extra information**



This workshop is free of charge, no bible-knowledge is needed, open for all religions.  
Deadline for application: Sunday, 22 January 2023.

**Maximum number of participants: 14**

## **Workshop 8**

**Nothing is able to separate us from the love of God**

**Rom. 8,38-39**

### **Date**

**Sunday, 5 March 2023, 15:00 - 17:30 CET**

### **Information about workshop-leaders**

**Iga Glapinska** from Poland,  
Bibliodrama Leader (European BD Facilitator Course)

**Csaba Németh** from Hungary,  
Bibliodrama Leader (European BD Facilitator Course)

**Sign-in to this workshop via Mail to**  
**nemethcs999@gmail.com**

### **Language/-s we will work in this workshop:**

Basic English

### **Extra information**

This workshop is free of charge, no bible-knowledge is needed, open for all religions.  
Deadline for application: Tuesday, 28 Februar 2023.

**Maximum number of participants: 14**

## **Workshop 9**

**Charity, Cross or Creation?**

**Does God's love still have purchasing power in a time of climate change?**

God's love that never ends, is becoming increasingly difficult as climate change directly harms the poor, threatens future generations and damages God's creation. Since climate related changes are taking place around the world, we invite participants to explore creation and justice in the context of climate change. We want to look at it from the perspective of scripture, tradition, reason and from your own experience in an attempt to assess the physical and spiritual implications of climate change.

You will receive more information – also about the text- shortly before the workshop.

#### Dates

**14<sup>th</sup> March 2023**, 18.30 -21.00 CET

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2023**, 18.30 -21.00 CET

#### Information about workshop-leaders

**Trevor Leonard Engel** – Pastor; Pedagogue; Bibliodrama Facilitator; Drama-Therapy; Dramatic Arts Educator; Diploma in Theology; BA (Hons.) Religious Studies; MPhil. Ancient Cultures; National Teachers Diploma.

**Volker Amrhein** – Bibliodrama Facilitator; BA Theatre Pedagogy; M.A. Philosophy and Dramatics; Referee for Demographic Change and Intergenerational Relationship.

#### Sign-in to this workshop via Mail to

**Trevor Engel:** engel.bonn@web.de

**Volker Amrhein:** volamr89@gmail.com

#### Language/-s we will work in this workshop:

English/German

#### Extra information

The workshop includes two meetings via Zoom and a task for the days in between meetings  
No prior knowledge of Bibliodrama is required. However, some knowledge of how to use Jamboard (a digital whiteboard) for online activities would be of advantage.

**Number of Participants: 8-12**

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Attached to this email there is also information about a course in Finland from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **EXODUS IN BJÖRKÖ**

Training course  
Working with  
Bibliodrama methods  
in religious and  
culturally diverse situations

You can also see information through this link.

<https://www.hetleerke.com/exodustobjorko.html>

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## **CROSSBORDER education**

The Basic Course took place in Bromma, Sweden from 27 June – 9 July 2022.

The Advanced Course is still planned for 2023/24 and will be led by Wolfgang and Andrea along with others. [A PDF with information is attached to this email.](#) There will also be information on the EBN Website.

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Thats' all for now. Please let us know if there is information you would like to have included in a forthcoming newsletter.

Blessings, stay well and have a good Christmas and may we all have a positive and peaceful New Year!

Dave Tatem