



2nd
SPIRIT OF HUMANITY
FORUM

**The Power of Love
and Compassion
in Governance -**

Sharing Actions for Effective Change

10th – 12th April 2014

HARPA Concert Hall and
Conference Centre, Reykjavík

*With special thanks to the City of Reykjavík
for hosting the 2nd Spirit of Humanity Forum*

P R O G R A M M E

The Spirit of Humanity Forum is a new global network of organisations, communities and individuals committed to catalyse effective systemic change in governance and decision-making, based on core human values.

The Forum creates a safe space for deeper encounter, exploration and dialogue among leaders to discover new ways to move forward.

Spirit of Humanity Forum
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THURSDAY 10th APRIL

08:15 – 09:00 REGISTRATION

*'Walk of Awareness', Sculptures by Thor Barðdal, Iceland
Love and Compassion in Action, Film Clips*

09:00 – 10:45 OPENING SESSION: CONNECTING

*Facilitators: David Cadman, Urban Land Economist, Quaker Writer, UK
Svanhildur Konráðsdóttir, Director for Culture and Tourism
for the City of Reykjavík, Iceland*

The **Hamrahlid Choir** conducted by **Þorgerður Ingólfssdóttir**

Welcome by **Jón Gnarr**, Mayor of Reykjavík

Greetings: **HE Mr Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson**, President of Iceland

Messages of goodwill from **Ólafur Eliasson, Dadi Janki, Federico Mayor**
and **HRH The Prince of Wales**

Reflections into silence by **Sister Jayanti Kirpalani**, European Director,
Brahma Kumaris, UK

Group conversations: *Stories of me – connecting with each other*

What inspired me to be here?

*What happened when love and compassion played a key role in my life? What
did I do? How did I feel?*

*If my experience during the Forum would be the ideal, what would it be for
me? How am I going to engage in order for this to happen for myself and to
others?*

Drumming by **Angaangaq Angakkorsuaq**, Eskimo-Kalaallit Elder, Greenland

10:45 – 11:15 REFRESHMENTS BREAK

11:15 – 13:00 SESSION II: A SENSE OF URGENCY ABOUT LOVE AND COMPASSION IN GOVERNANCE

*Why are we interested in love and compassion in governance now?
How can these core values play a key role in shifting our society's overall culture?*

Facilitators: **David Cadman** and **Neville Hodgkinson**, Writer and Journalist, UK

Drumming by **Masankho Kamsisi Banda**, International Storyteller, Malawi

Outline of the Forum by **Gábor Karsai**, Director, Spirit of Humanity Forum, Hungary

Contributors:

- **Ruud Lubbers**, Former Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Former UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Co-creator of the Earth Charter
- **Kul Gautam**, Former Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, Former Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF, Nepal
- **Yolande Iliano**, President, Religions of Peace Europe, Belgium
- **Rolf Schmachtenberg**, President of AIESEC International, The Netherlands.
- **Scilla Elworthy**, Founder, Peace Direct, UK
- **The Venerable Dharma Master Hsin Tao**, Ling Jiou Mountain Monastery, Taiwan
- **Steve Killelea**, Creator of the Global Peace Index, Founder and Executive Chairman, Institute for Economics and Peace, Australia
- **The Most Rev Dr Thabo C. Makgoba**, Archbishop of Cape Town, South Africa

13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH

14:00 – 14:30 SESSION III: OPENING UP TO THE SPIRIT OF HUMANITY

Deeper reflection in a shared quiet space

Experiencing the wholeness of our being – an integrity that comes from deep within and that expresses itself through our being in the world

Facilitators: **Miriam Subirana**, Coach, Author and Trainer in Appreciative Inquiry, Spain
Mark Milton, Founder, Education 4 Peace, Switzerland

14:30 – 16:00 SESSION IV: SHARING & UNDERSTANDING – OUR COMMON VALUES

Plenary and group conversations deepening the Forum theme through stories

*How do we understand love and compassion in governance?
What difference would it make to governance if we introduced these values in the decision-making process?*

Facilitators: **Mark Milton** and **Miriam Subirana**

Contributors:

- **John Campbell**, Chairman, Primeast Ltd, UK
- **Karen Goldberg**, Social Change Researcher, Reos Partners, South Africa
- **Mary Gordon**, Founder President, Roots of Empathy, Canada
- **Sharif Istvan Horthy**, President, Guerrand-Hermès Foundation for Peace, UK
- **Rodney Irwin**, Managing Director, Redefining Value & Education, World Business Council for Sustainable Development, Switzerland
- **Peter Koenig**, Creator of the Moneywork and Sourcework, Switzerland
- **Matthieu Ricard**, Buddhist Monk, Founder of Karuna-Shechen, Nepal
- **Richard C. Schwartz**, President, Center for Self Leadership, USA
- **Tania Singer**, Director, Department of Social Neuroscience, Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Germany
- **Ervin Staub**, Professor of Psychology, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, USA
- **Lord Stone of Blackheath**, Member, House of Lords, UK

16:00 – 16:30 REFRESHMENTS BREAK

16:30 – 18:30 SESSION V: STORIES FROM NATIONS – A VISION FOR CHANGE

Plenary and group conversations on national and cross-national challenges

How can decision-making reflect core human values while taking into account other needs (economic, social, environmental and human development)?

What does it require for leaders to integrate value-inspired vision in national policies and overall decision-making?

Facilitators: **Richard Barrett**, Founder and Chairman, Barrett Values Centre, UK
Sister Jayanti Kirpalani, European Director, Brahma Kumaris, UK
Phil Clothier, CEO, Barrett Values Centre, UK
Maureen Goodman, Programme Director, Brahma Kumaris, UK

Contributors:

- **Amal Y. AlMoallimi**, Director of Women's Section, King Abdulaziz Center for National Dialogue, Saudi Arabia
- **Masankho Kamsisi Banda**, International Storyteller, Malawi
- **Anastasia Bukashe**, Deputy National Spokesperson, Citizens in Partnership with Government, South Africa
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- **Polly Higgins**, Chairwoman, Eradicating Ecocide Global Initiative, UK
- **Dishani Jayaweera**, Co-Founder, Center for Peacebuilding and Reconciliation, Sri Lanka
- **Kul Gautam**, Former Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, Former Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF, Nepal
- **Óttarr Proppé**, MP, Iceland
- **Matthias Strolz**, Chairman of NEOS Party, Austria

19:00 RECEPTION AT REYKJAVÍK ART MUSEUM (KJARVALSSTAÐIR), HOSTED BY THE CITY OF REYKJAVÍK

FRIDAY 11th APRIL

08:00 – 08:30 Reflection and Meditation

Sister Jayanti Kirpalani, The Most Rev Dr Thabo C. Makgoba, Matthieu Ricard

09:00 – 09:30 SESSION VI: THE JOURNEY SO FAR

Reflection and insights from previous day

Facilitators: **Alan Gegenschatz**, International Business Partner, Renaissance Executive Forum, Argentina

Scherto Gill, Executive Secretary, Guerrand-Hermès Foundation for Peace, UK

09:30 – 11:00 SESSION VII: STORIES FROM INSTITUTIONS – PRINCIPLES OF TRANSFORMATION

Plenary and group conversations on the principles of positive change in society

What are the underlying principles that guide values-based decision-making? How can we apply such principles in our own institutions?

Facilitators: **Joep C. de Jong**, Associate, The Taos Institute, The Netherlands
Scherto Gill, Executive Secretary, Guerrand-Hermès Foundation for Peace, UK

Contributors:

- **Nicholas Foster**, Conference Manager, Caux – Initiatives of Change, UK
- **Diego Hangartner**, Director, Mind and Life Europe, Switzerland
- **Deborah Higgins**, Director of Programs, The Fetzer Institute, USA
- **Chris Laszlo**, Faculty Research Director, The Fowler Center for Sustainable Value, Case Western Reserve University, USA
- **Jenneth Parker**, Research Director, Schumacher Institute for Sustainable Systems, UK
- **Pedro Tarak**, Co-Founder, Sistema B, Argentina
- **Stewart Wallis**, Executive Director, New Economics Foundation, UK
- **Diana Whitney**, Co-Founder, The Taos Institute, USA

11:00 – 11:30 REFRESHMENTS BREAK

**11:30 – 13:00 SESSION VIII: STORIES FROM THE FIELD –
OVERCOMING CHALLENGES**

Facilitators: **Paul Donovan**, Director, the change company, Australia
Mary Dwyer, Director, Impact Solutions International, Australia

*How do we overcome the diverse challenges confronting each field of work?
What are the key 'ingredients' necessary to imagine and design social institutions that nurture and express love and compassion? In what way can stories from different fields inform the overall social policy agenda?*

Exploration of core values in the fields of: Arts and Culture • Business and Economy • Conflict Transformation and Peace-building • Education and Social Work • Environment and Sustainability • Health and Psychology • Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue • Leadership Development • Media and Communication • Philosophy, Religion and Spirituality • Politics and Youth • Security and Law

Plenary contributors:

- **Neil Hawkes**, Founder, International Values-based Education Trust, UK
- **Nina Meyerhof**, President, Children of the Earth, USA
- **Cornelius Pietzner**, CEO, Alterra Impact Finance, Switzerland
- **Jean Watson**, Founder Director, Watson Caring Science Institute, USA
- **Horst-Henning Wolf**, Professor, Technical University of Munich, Former Senior Vice President at BMW Group, Germany

Group contributors:

- **Baria Alamuddin**, Foreign Editor, Al-Hayat, LBC TV, Lebanon
- **Upkar Arora**, Managing Director, Illumina Partners, Canada
- **HE Philip McDonagh**, Ambassador of Ireland to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Ireland
- **Rabbi Alon Goshen-Gottstein**, Director, Elijah Interfaith Institute, Israel
- **David Peters**, Clinical Director, Westminster Centre for Resilience, UK
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- **Christoph Quarch**, Philosopher, Author, Germany
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- **Robert Regnier**, Dean of Education, College of Education at University of Saskatchewan, Canada
- **Porgrímur Þráinsson**, Author, Artist of the Year 2014, Iceland
- **Jon Van Til**, Professor of Urban Studies and Community Development, Rutgers University, USA
- **Norman Wolfe**, CEO, Quantum Leaders, USA and **Jane Wolfe**, President, Improve Your Life!, USA

13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH

14:00 – 16:00 STORIES FROM THE FIELD – OVERCOMING CHALLENGES
Continuing group conversations

16:00 – 16:30 REFRESHMENTS BREAK

16:30 – 18:30 SESSION IX: STORIES FROM COMMUNITIES AND ORGANISATIONS – ANCHORING POSITIVE CHANGE

Facilitators: **Paul Donovan** and **Mary Dwyer**

Reflecting on patterns of real transformation

*What has enabled / would enable our experiences of well-being within our organisations / communities?
What would characterize the structure and culture of an organisation / community when it prioritises core human values?*

Plenary contributors:

- **Carsten Alvé**n, Police Sergeant, Dialogue Police Officer, Stockholm County Police Department, Sweden
- **Angaangaq Angakkorsuaq**, Eskimo-Kalaallit Elder, Greenland
- **Lauri Feinsod**, CEO, Graphik Dimensions Ltd, USA
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19:00 DINNER AT PERLAN RESTAURANT, HOSTED BY THE CITY OF REYKJAVÍK

SATURDAY 12TH APRIL

08:00 – 08:30 Reflection and Meditation

**Andrew Dreitcer, The Venerable Dharma Master Hsin Tao,
Richard C. Schwartz**

09:00 – 09:30 SESSION X: THE JOURNEY SO FAR

Reflection from the previous day

Facilitators: Alan Gengschatz and Scherto Gill

09:30 – 11:00 SESSION XI: GOING FORWARD IN SERVICE OF THE WHOLE

*Facilitators: Diana Whitney, Co-Founder, The Taos Institute, USA
Michael Moore, Senior Consultant, Primeast Ltd, UK*

Sharing experience and going forward together

What can we do to continue to inspire and support each other's values-based work?

How can we create a worldwide community of practice?

11:00 – 11:30 REFRESHMENTS BREAK

11:30 – 13:00 SESSION XII: MOVING IDEAS INTO ACTION

Co-creative planning session

How do we scale up this work so that it generates real impact in today's world?

How do we, as individuals and as leaders, integrate core human values in our personal and public lives?

Facilitators: Michael Moore and Diana Whitney

13:00 – 13:30 REFRESHMENTS BREAK – LIGHT LUNCH

**13:30 – 15:00 SESSION XIII: SHARING OUR COMMITMENT TO
CORE HUMAN VALUES**

Panel discussion and Closing ceremony

Facilitators: David Cadman and Svanhildur Konráðsdóttir

Contributors:

- **HE Ms Vigdís Finnbogadóttir**, Former President of Iceland
- **Ragnar Ångeby**, Former Head, Conflict Prevention in Practice Programme, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Sweden
- **Christina Brown**, Co-Founder, Center for Interfaith Relations, USA
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Session V

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Sessions VIII and IX

- **Joan Cos Codina**, Co-Founder, Pine3 Living Organizations, Spain
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- **Christine Miller**, Founder and CEO, Love at Work Project, UK
- **Dominique Steiler**, Senior Professor, Research Chair, Grenoble Ecole de Management, France
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