



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.

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## THURSDAY 10th APRIL

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### 08:15 – 09:00 REGISTRATION

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

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### 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

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### 10:45 – 11:15 REFRESHMENTS BREAK

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**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

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**13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH**

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**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

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**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
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- **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

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**16:00 – 16:30 REFRESHMENTS BREAK**

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**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

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- **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
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- **Óttarr Proppé**, MP, Iceland
- **Matthias Strolz**, Chairman of NEOS Party, Austria

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

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**FRIDAY 11th APRIL**

**08:00 – 08:30 Reflection and Meditation**

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

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**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

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**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

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**11:00 – 11:30 REFRESHMENTS BREAK**

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**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
- **Daniel Perell**, Representative, The Baha'i International Community's United Nations Office, USA
- **Christoph Quarch**, Philosopher, Author, Germany
- **Kristin Vala Ragnarsdóttir**, Professor of Sustainability Science at the Institute of Earth Sciences and Institute for Sustainability Studies, University of Iceland, Iceland
- **Robert Regnier**, Dean of Education, College of Education at University of Saskatchewan, Canada
- **Porgímur 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

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**13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH**

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

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**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
- **Ya-Qing Mao**, Vice Dean of Faculty, Beijing Normal University, China
- **Clive Wilson**, Deputy Chairman, Primeast Ltd, UK

**Group contributors:**

- **Samantha Bailey**, Global Organising Director, 350.org, South Africa
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- **Ervin Staub**, Professor of Psychology, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, USA
- **Katerina Ziridis**, President, Ziridis New Generation Schools, Greece

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**19:00 DINNER AT PERLAN RESTAURANT, HOSTED BY THE CITY OF REYKJAVÍK**

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## SATURDAY 12TH APRIL

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08:00 – 08:30 Reflection and Meditation

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

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

Reflection from the previous day

*Facilitators:* Alan Gengschatz and Scherto Gill

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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?*

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11:00 – 11:30 REFRESHMENTS BREAK

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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

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

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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
- **David Cadman**, Urban Land Economist, Quaker Writer, UK
- **Óttarr Proppé**, MP, Iceland
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- **Julia Sullivan**, Co-Founder, Latino Business Action Network, USA
- **Ramon Esquivel**, Interactive Technology Specialist, Catalyst Consulting Team, USA

#### Group facilitators:

##### Session V

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- **Patrice Brodeur**, Director of Research, King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID), Canada
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##### Sessions VIII and IX

- **Joan Cos Codina**, Co-Founder, Pineas Living Organizations, Spain
- **Andrew Dreitcer**, Co-Director, Center for Engaged Compassion, Claremont School of Theology, USA and **Steffani Kizziar**, Business Executive and Strategic Planning, Dutra Cerro Graden, USA
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- **Arnar Þór Jónsson**, Judge, Iceland
- **Rosemarie L. Lucero**, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Instruments of Peace, Ireland
- **Andri Snær Magnason**, Writer, Filmmaker, Environmental Activist, Iceland
- **Maureen K. McCarthy and Zelle Nelson**, Co-Directors, The Center for Collaborative Awareness, USA
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