

3<sup>rd</sup> Spirit of Humanity Forum  
**Caring for a World in Transition:  
Building a Foundation for a Loving and Peaceful World**  
26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017, Reykjavik

**PROGRAMME**

**WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**17:00 WELCOME RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE CITY OF REYKJAVIK**

**THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL: BRINGING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER IN PEACE**

**From fear and separation towards love and wholeness**

**08:00 – 09:00 REGISTRATION**

**09:00 – 09:40 OPENING**

**Flensborgarkórinn** - Director, Hrafnhildur Blomsterberg

Prayers and Blessings from:

- **Bishop Agnes M Sigurðardóttir**, Bishop of Iceland
- **The Most Revd Dr Thabo C. Makgoba**, Archbishop of Capetown, South Africa
- **Sister Jayanti**, European Director, Brahma Kumaris

**09:40 – 10:10 WELCOME**

Introduced by **Jóhanna Vilhjálmsdóttir**, Director of Spirit of Humanity Forum

Welcome by:

- **HE the President of Iceland Guðni Th. Jóhannesson**
- **Guðlaugur Þór Þórðarson**, Foreign Minister of Iceland
- **Dagur Bergþóruson Eggertsson**, Mayor of Reykjavik
- **Message from Irina Bokova**, Director-General of UNESCO

**10:10 FORUM OVERVIEW** by **Prof David Cadman**, Author / SoH Forum

**10:30 – 11:00 NEW CONNECTIONS**

Facilitated by **Dr Rama Mani**, Senior Research Associate, Centre for International Studies, University of Oxford / Poet and Performance Artist

**11:00 – 11:30 REFRESHMENTS BREAK**

**11:30 – 13:00 PLENARY DIALOGUE I:**

**BRIDGING DIVIDES: Dialogue for Peace and Mutual Engagement**

**In what way might spiritual communities around the globe help shift human consciousness from fear and separation towards love and wholeness?**

Facilitated by **Dr Scherto Gill**, Guerrand-Hermès Foundation for Peace / SoH

Forum Presenters:

- **Prof, the Lord John Alderdice**, House of Lords, UK / Chairman, Centre for Democracy and Peace Building, Belfast
- **Óttarr Proppé**, Minister of Health, Iceland
- **Alexandra Asseily**, Co-Founder/Governor, Centre for Lebanese Studies / Founder, Garden of Forgiveness, Beirut

**13:00 – 14:15 LUNCH BREAK**

**14.15** Assemble for directions to workshops

**14:30 – 16:00 EXPERIENTIAL WORKSHOPS**

**16:00 – 16:30 REFRESHMENTS BREAK**

**16:30 – 17.30 GROUP REFLECTION** (Entrance hall)

Small group conversations to reflect on what is needed to support a world in transition

**20:00 – 22:00 OPEN EVENT**  
**SCREENING “A QUEST FOR MEANING” with the directors**  
**Marc de La Ménardière and Nathanaël Coste**  
**DANCE PREMIERE from students of the Contemporary Dance Programme of the Iceland Academy of the Arts, specially choreographed for the Spirit of Humanity Forum 2017**  
**SPEAKERS FROM THE FORUM**

**FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL: COMMUNITIES AS CARETAKERS FOR OUR COMMON HOME**  
**Fostering compassion for each other and for the planet**

**08:30 – 09:00 MEDITATION OFFERING**

**09:00 – 09:30 OPENING SESSION**

**Herdís Mjöll Guðmundsdóttir**, Violinist and **Sólborg Birgisdóttir**, Pianist  
Key learnings from the previous day (youth-led session)

**09.30 – 11:00 PLENARY DIALOGUE II:**

**CARING FOR EACH OTHER & FOR OUR COMMUNITIES: Fostering Compassion**

**How might our ‘duty of care’ and a growing collective consciousness change decision-making processes in ways that express more love and foster compassion for each other?**

Facilitated by **Mark Milton**, Education 4 Peace / SoH Forum

**Presenters:**

- **Emmanuel Bombande**, Chair of the Board of the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict, Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration, Ghana
- **Gulalai Ismail**, Chairperson, Aware Girls, Pakistan
- **The Rt. Hon'ble Baroness Sandip Verma**, Chairperson, European External Affairs Committee, Former Minister of Energy & Climate Change, Former Minister of International Development, UK
- **Prof Xia Yu**, Beijing Academy of Educational Sciences, China

**11:00 – 11:30 REFRESHMENTS BREAK**

**11:30 – 13:00 PLENARY DIALOGUE III:**

**CARING FOR OUR PLANET: A new way of being**

**How might our ‘duty of care’ and a growing collective consciousness change decision-making processes in ways that express more love and foster compassion for the planet?**

Facilitated by **Maureen Goodman**, Brahma Kumaris / SoH Forum

**Presenters:**

- **Karen Blincoe**, CEO, Chora Connection, Denmark
- **Four Arrows**, AKA **Prof Don Trent Jacobs**, Native American Writer, Educator, USA
- **Golo Pilz**, Adviser, Renewable Energy, Brahma Kumaris & World Renewal Spiritual Trust, India
- **Emilie Parry**, Doctoral Researcher, School of Geography and Environment, University of Oxford, UK

**13:00 – 14:15 LUNCH BREAK**

**14.15** Assemble for directions to workshops

**14.30 – 16.00 EXPERIENTIAL WORKSHOPS**

**16:00 – 16:30 REFRESHMENTS BREAK**

**16:30 – 17:30 GROUP REFLECTION** (Entrance hall)

Small group conversations to reflect on what is needed to support a world in transition

**SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL: A NEW WAY OF BEING FOR COLLECTIVE TRANSFORMATION**  
**Strengthening our spiritual foundation for a loving world**

**08:30 – 09:00 MEDITATION OFFERING**

**09:00 – 09:30 OPENING SESSION**

**Gunnlaugur Briem**, Drummer, Hang Drum Song  
Key learnings from the previous day (youth-led session)

**09:30 – 11:00 PLENARY DIALOGUE IV:  
GOVERNANCE, COMMUNITIES AND PEACE**  
**In strengthening our spiritual foundation, how might we transform governance in different sectors of society?**

Facilitated by **David Cadman**, Author / SoH Forum

**Presenters:**

- **Hrund Gunnsteinsdottir**, Yale World Fellow 2016 / Director and Founder of Krád Consulting, Iceland
- **Steve Killelea**, Founder and Executive Chairman, Institute for Economics and Peace, Australia
- **Prof Mike Hardy**, Professor of Intercultural Relations and Executive Director, Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University, UK
- **Dr Vladimir Yakunin**, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Dialogue of Civilizations Research Institute / Head, Department of Public Policy, Faculty of Political Science, Moscow State University, Russia

**11:00 – 11:30 REFRESHMENTS BREAK**

**11:30 – 13:00 PLENARY DIALOGUE V:  
SPIRITUALITY IN LEADERSHIP**  
**How might leaders nurture themselves and inspire others to sustain a spiritual foundation for a caring society?**

Facilitated by **Kurian Thomas**, Fetzer Institute / SoH Forum

**Presenters:**

- **Sister Jayanti**, European Director, Brahma Kumaris
- **HE Ambassador Philip McDonagh**, Poet, Diplomat, Permanent Representative to the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe
- **The Most Revd Dr Thabo C. Makgoba**, Archbishop of Cape Town, South Africa
- **Dr William Vendley**, Secretary General, Religions for Peace

**13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK**

**14:00 – 15:00 ANOTHER OPENING**  
**Closing the Forum with an opening towards the future**

- **Ambassador Ragnar Ängeby**, former Swedish diplomat and co-founder of SoH Forum
- Reflections from participants facilitated by **Dr Miriam Subirana**, Author, Coach and Meditation Teacher / SoH Forum and **Prof David Cadman**, Author / SoH Forum
- **Domus Vox** - Icelandic Women's Choir - Director Margrét Pálmadóttir