

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

PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL

17:00 WELCOME RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE CITY OF REYKJAVIK

THURSDAY 27TH 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
- **Bhai Mohinder Singh**, Spiritual Leader and Chairman, Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha, UK
- **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**, Founder, Theatre of Transformation Academy, Research Associate and Convenor, Enacting Global Transformation Initiative, Centre for International Studies, University of Oxford.

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 Alderdice**, House of Lords, UK / Chairman, Centre for Democracy and Peace Building, Belfast
- **Óttarr Proppé**, Icelandic Minister of Health
- **Alexandra Asseily**, Co-Founder, 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 28TH APRIL: COMMUNITIES AS CARETAKERS FOR OUR COMMON HOME
Fostering compassion for each other and 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 Professor 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

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SATURDAY 29TH 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 Prof **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 of the 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
- **Lungelwa Nothemba Makgoba**, Director and Shareholder, TLOU Royal holdings (PTY) LTD, 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

- Reflection by **Ambassador Ragnar Ängeby**, Former Swedish Diplomat, Founder of the Conflict Prevention in Practice Program UN/ Folke Bernadotte Academy 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, directed by **Margrét Pálmadóttir**