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**Join Us in Reimagining the
Charter for Compassion**

A Global Call to Co-Create Charter 2.0

Throughout history, certain documents have not only reflected the aspirations of their time but also helped shape the moral compass of the generations that followed. Foundational charters and declarations—though born in specific moments—often require renewal as societies evolve and our understanding deepens.

Consider the Magna Carta of 1215, widely regarded as the cornerstone of modern democracy and the rule of law. In fact, it was revised and reissued multiple times in the 13th century, each version reflecting shifts in governance and public demand. The United States Constitution, too, has grown through 27 amendments—crucial updates that abolished slavery, expanded voting rights, and protected individual freedoms. And while the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) remains one of the most significant articulations of global dignity, it has been joined by powerful supplementary declarations—on the rights of women, children, Indigenous peoples, people with disabilities, and most recently, the environment.

These documents matter because Words Shape Worlds. Original charters express the ideals of their time, but their power is also in their capacity to evolve—to include voices previously unheard, to respond to emerging crises, and to renew our shared commitments.

In 2009, the Charter for Compassion was launched at the United Nations as a call to return compassion to the center of our lives, institutions, and communities. Written by a group of visionary thinkers and spiritual leaders and inspired by Karen Armstrong’s Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life, the Charter sparked a global movement. Since then, nearly 600 Compassionate Communities have taken root in over 55 countries.

Now, as we approach the Charter’s 16th anniversary, we recognize the need to write the next chapter—together.

We are inviting you to help co-create Charter for Compassion 2.0: a renewed, inclusive, and forward-looking expression of compassion that honors the original vision while reflecting the urgent needs and rich diversity of our world today.

This is your invitation to take part in a global conversation:

- ◆ What must compassion look like in a world facing climate collapse, mass migration, and deepening inequality?
- ◆ How do we ensure the Charter affirms the dignity of all people—especially those marginalized or overlooked?
- ◆ What new language, values, or commitments must be named to reflect our interconnected responsibilities—to one another, to all living beings, and to the Earth itself?

Just as historic documents have been amended or supplemented to reflect changing realities, so too must the Charter grow—rooted in its original moral clarity, yet expansive enough to carry us forward.

Let's build the future with the same moral imagination that created the Charter in the first place.

With gratitude and solidarity,

The Charter for Compassion Team

**Share your voice and help shape
The Charter for Compassion 2.0**

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Harmony of Humanity: Exploring Common Ground Through Music with Marilyn Turkovich

**Every Wednesday, through July
8am PDT / 9am MDT / 10am CDT / 11am
EDT / 4pm UTC / 5pm SAST / 8:30pm IST**

Music has been an integral part of every culture throughout history, reflecting the unique characteristics and traditions of different societies. From the rhythmic beats of African drums to the intricate melodies of Indian ragas, music provides insight into the lives, histories, and identities of people around the world. By studying various musical traditions, we gain a deeper appreciation for the diversity and richness of global cultures.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Planting Seeds of Compassion: A Guide on how to Start Your Compassionate Community Initiative

May 20 & 27 Morning for Pacific Time
8am PDT / 9am MDT / 10am CDT / 11am
EDT / 4pm UTC / 5pm SAST / 8:30pm IST
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or

May 21 & 28 Afternoon for Pacific Time
4pm PDT / 5pm MDT / 6pm CDT / 7pm EDT
/ (May 22 & 29) 9am AEDT / 11am NZST
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You're ready to make a difference—and we're here to help you take that first step.

No matter where you live or what your community looks like, the principles of starting a compassionate community initiative are the same. It all begins with building a team, anchoring your effort in trust, shared values, and a collective vision.

Join us for this two-part global course, designed to meet the needs of changemakers in every time zone. Each session is 90 minutes and offered at two different times to ensure accessibility for participants around the world.



Compassion Circle: The Charter Sangha

Saturday, May 31

**9am PDT / 10am MDT / 11am CDT / 12pm
EDT / 5pm UTC / 6pm SAST / 9.30pm IST**

On the last Saturday of every month, the Charter for Compassion offers a 90-minute practice of people coming together to be in a Circle, a Sangha.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Kitchen Table Chat with the Health Sector

Friday, June 6

**8:30am PDT / 9:30am MDT / 10:30am CDT
/ 11:30am EDT / 4:30pm UTC / 5:30pm
SAST / 9pm IST**

Every First Friday of Every Month the Health sector invites everyone to join and share what's happening with friends in our work to elevate compassion in Health.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Global Read: Why Didn't You Come Sooner? By Nobel Peace Laureate KAILASH SATYARTHI

Thursday, June 12

**6am PDT / 7am MDT / 8am CDT / 9am EDT / 2pm UTC / 3pm SAST
/ 6.30pm IST / 11pm AEST**

Compassion in Action. Stories of Children Rescued From Slavery.

The work of rescuing children from slavery is not for the faint of heart, as the twelve gut-wrenching accounts in this book will show. Harder still is to give them their life back, after they've been kidnapped, trafficked, sold, abused and made to work in horrific conditions, often for as long as they can remember.

Kailash Satyarthi's own life and mission were entwined with the journeys of these children. Having lived through unspeakable trauma, they had lost faith in humanity. But behind their reticence, behind their scraggy limbs and calloused hands and feet, hope still endured.

This book tells the story of their shared struggle for justice and dignity- from the raid and rescue operations of Satyarthi's Bachpan Bachao Andolan, to international campaigns for child rights. It is a testament both to the courage of the human spirit and to the power of compassion.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Allies in Action: Community & Partner Chats

Canada Chat

Wednesday, June 11

**4:30pm PDT / 5:30pm MDT / 6:30pm CDT /
7:30pm EDT**

UK Chat

Tuesday, June 24

5pm UTC / 9am PT

US Chat

Tuesday, June 24

1pm PDT / 2pm MDT / 3pm CDT / 4pm EDT

New Zealand & Australia Chat

Wednesday, July 2 (NZDT/AEDT)

7am AEDT / 9am NZDT

Tuesday, July 1 @ 2pm PDT

At these gatherings, we aim to foster meaningful conversations, exchange innovative ideas, and address any concerns that you may have.

If you belong to a Compassionate Community, are part of a partner organization, or signed the Charter for Compassion and live in the Countries mentioned above, these chats are for you.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



ICYMI: In Case You Missed It!

May 19

[Global Read: Sage Warrior with Valarie Kaur](#)

May 14 & 15

[Re-Watch: The Compassionate Action Conference](#)

From our Partners



WorldPride 2025 + OUR PRIDE Shorts & Arts Fest

May 22nd - June 30th, 2025, Online!

Faced with rising challenges, Charter for Compassion partner organization Rainbow Advocacy is launching Voices of Solidarity, a worldwide arts and social justice initiative.

The program includes the Voices of Solidarity 2025 Global Gatherings, a series of free virtual events throughout June coinciding with major Pride celebrations, featuring creative works and discussions from the LGBTQIA+ community and allies. The Gatherings are part of the larger OUR PRIDE Shorts & Arts Festival, which offers paid access to a diverse collection of international short films and artistic expressions from May 22nd to June 30th. Both initiatives aim to empower marginalized voices and foster connection across the globe.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)

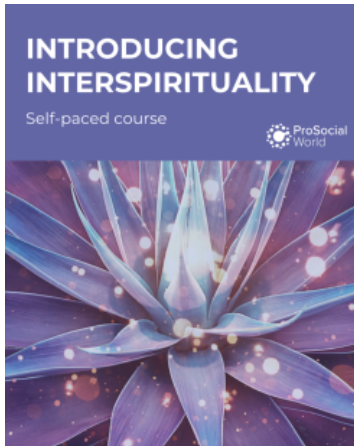


Ron Kovic Peace Prize: Submissions are open for 2025

Final Deadline: SEPTEMBER 1ST

This award is all about local and world peace. We're looking for short films that show how non-violence can solve the world's biggest challenges. If your film tells a powerful story about peace, this prize could be yours!

[Learn More Here](#)



New Virtual, Self-Paced Course: Introducing Interspirituality with ProSocial Spirituality

Are you seeking a deeper spiritual connection?

ProSocial Spirituality blends scientific wisdom with spiritual traditions to create meaningful transformation. Start your journey on your own time with our introductory self-paced course. This course explores Wayne Teasdale's Nine Elements of Universal Spirituality, providing a self-paced journey for personal growth and inner transformation.

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GoldenRuleism Ambassadors

A GoldenRuleism Ambassador is anyone committed to positively impacting their community and the world. This role is not defined by status or position but by the willingness to practice empathy and kindness in everyday interactions. Whether you are a community leader, educator, student, or simply someone who believes in the power of GoldenRuleism, you can become an ambassador.

Learn More on How to Become a GoldenRuleism Ambassador

If you are a Partner organization, or belong to a registered Compassionate City/Community with us, and want to promote your events in The Spark, the Charter for Compassion's newsletter, email contact@charterforcompassion.org



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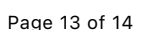







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