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Kids Say the Darndest and Wisest Things

When I was a kid, my dad and I would watch a TV program called [Kids Say](#)

[the Darndest Things](#). It was part of the [Art Linkletter Show](#). Linkletter, a Canadian-born comedian, gained a reputation for his uncanny ability to connect with children. He even wrote a book on the topic.

I waited for those episodes: Kids perched on a platform, their legs dangling, while Linkletter stood on the ground with his microphone, looking them in the eye. Then came the questions:

Linkletter: *"Why is telling the truth important?"*

Child: *"Because if you lie, you have to remember the lie, and I can barely remember my homework."*

Linkletter: *"What does it mean to be responsible?"*

Child: *"It's when you spill something and clean it up before anyone sees it."*

Linkletter: *"How do you know someone is your best friend?"*

Child: *"They give you half their cookie, even the good half with more chocolate chips."*

I remember my dad's laughter, and the audience in stitches with the replies. But I also remember thinking—*why were they doing this?* In my estimation, these weren't just funny quips. They were honest answers. They reflected what I thought, too...

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News, Programs, and Webinars



Allies in Action Community & Partner Chats

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

Together, we can harness the power of collaboration to create tangible change at the local, national, and global levels **in different parts of the world!**

Join us as we unite our efforts, share our experiences, and ignite inspiration to drive positive impact in our communities and beyond.

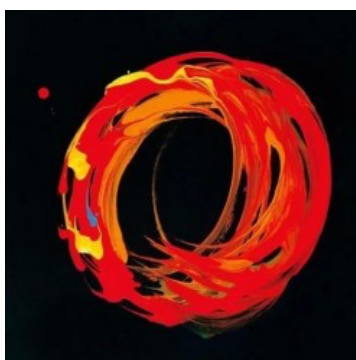
UK Chat

Tuesday, August 26
5pm BST / 9am PDT

Canada Chat

Wednesday, September 17
4:30pm PDT / 5:30pm MDT / 6:30pm CDT / 7:30pm EDT

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Compassion Circle: The Charter Sangha

Saturday, August 30
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.

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

Back on Wednesday, September 3!

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.

[Register For Series 3 Here!](#)



Kitchen Table Chat with the Health Sector

Friday, September 5

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

Every First Friday of the 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](#)



Announcing New Course! Catalyzing Healthy Cultural Transformation

6-session course starting Sept. 9 through Oct. 28

Tuesdays, September 9 – October 28, 2025

4pm PDT / 5pm MDT / 6pm CDT / 7pm EDT

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Wednesdays, September 10 – October 29, 2025

9am AEST / 11am NZST

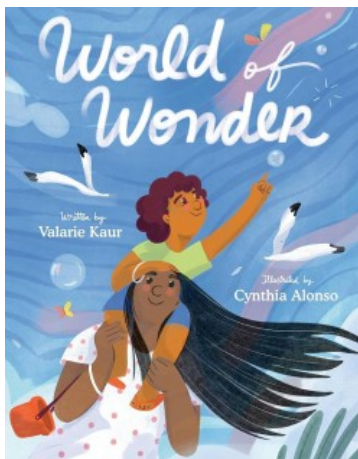
In a time of growing uncertainty and challenge, this course offers more than insight — it offers community. A place to weather the storms, deepen your thinking, and explore new ways of being.

You won't just be absorbing new information (you already carry a wealth of knowledge). Instead, you'll be developing the tools — with others — to become a more effective change agent. Spoiler alert: the heart of this work is helping people think more deeply and holistically. You'll learn how to guide others in observing their emotions and reactions, and in creating the space needed to process and grow. We call those who do this *Evolutionary Catalysts*. And we'll be equipping you with the tools to become one.

[Stable Planet Alliance](#), the sponsor of this course, supports a growing cohort of Evolutionary Catalysts. Our mission is bold: to spark a global commitment to do everything necessary — within the realm of care — to pull out of our ecological nosedive and build a just, compassionate, and sustainable world.

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Global Read for Kids+Co: World of Wonder by Valarie Kaur

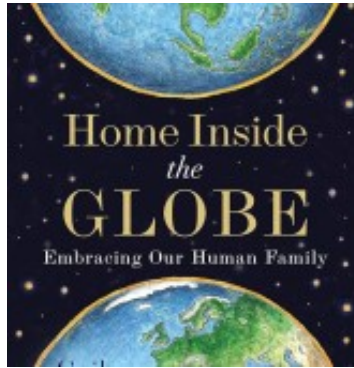
Saturday, September 13

**9:30am PDT / 10:30am MDT / 11:30am CDT
/ 12:30pm EDT / 5:30pm UTC / 6:30pm
SAST / 10pm IST**

[World of Wonder](#) is more than a picture book: it's a journey of Revolutionary Love. Come journey with Wonder Baby. We wonder about the earth and discover the awe that inspires care. We wonder about people suffering injustice and find that listening to stories inspires courage. We wonder about someone who inflicts cruelty—and discover the power of repair and connection. Wonder Baby wonders about their own emotions, even when tears come pouring down: "You are a part of me I don't yet know." Wonder becomes the conduit to love; it creates the conditions for kindness, care, and courage.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)

More to come in September!



Cultivating Self-Compassion with the AI Compassion Coach

Tuesday, Sept. 16
8am PDT / 9am MDT / 10am CDT / 11am EDT / 4pm UTC / 5pm SAST / 8:30pm IST

[Learn More and Register Here](#)

Global Read: Home Inside the Globe by Gail Straub

Wed., Sept. 17th
9am PDT / 10am MDT / 11am CDT / 12pm EDT / 5pm UTC / 6pm SAST / 9:30pm IST

[Learn More and Register Here](#)

EdNet Forum: New World Game with Medard Gabel

Thursday, Sept. 18
7:30am PDT / 8:30am MDT / 9:30am CDT / 10:30am EDT / 3:30pm UTC / 4:30pm SAST / 8pm IST

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



ICYMI: In Case You Missed It!

August 13

[Global Read: Banning Landmines with Nobel Laureate Jody Williams](#)

July 2

[Global Read: Gay Poems for Red States by Willie Edward Taylor Carver Jr.](#)



Join us for the second edition of the virtual [Charter for Compassion Global Youth Conference: Compassionate Leadership for Action & Impact](#) on October 28–30, 2025, featuring special programming by [KidsRights](#) through their [State of Youth Program](#) on October 30, bringing powerful energy to our closing day.

This year's conference will bring together a powerful collective of youth leaders, and changemakers from across the world to explore how young people are rising to meet today's challenges with empathy, courage, compassion, and a deep commitment to justice and transformation.

Through visionary ideas, purpose-driven dialogue, and collaborative leadership, this conference will equip participants to turn compassion into tangible action, locally and globally.

Apply to Lead a Session: [Global Youth Conference Proposal Form](#)

We are now accepting proposals for youth-led sessions and workshops. Share your voice, your vision, and your leadership.

Compassionate Youth Awards

We are honored to launch the Compassionate Youth Awards, a celebration of outstanding young changemakers who are leading with compassion and creating meaningful impact in their communities and the world. Awardees will be recognized at the Global Youth Conference 2025.

Nominate a Young Leader: [Compassionate Youth Awards Nomination Form](#)

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



We are inviting you to help co-create Charter for Compassion 2.0

We want 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.

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.

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It's still very fresh and needs lots more content to be uploaded, but...

We have created our own Substack! It's still fresh and needs plenty of more content to be uploaded, but if you are active in this platform, we invite you to become a subscriber.

[Visit the Charter for Compassion's Substack Here](#)

From our Partners





09:00 - Honduras, Guatemala, Salvador, Costa Rica, and Mexico
 10:00 - Panama, Ecuador, Colombia, and Peru
 11:00 - Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Bolivia, Cuba, Haiti, and Chile
 12:00 - Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Brazil

08am - PST
 11am - EST

Celebration of Pachamama with United Religions Initiative (URI)

August 28 on ZOOM
8am PDT / 11am EDT

This program will be offered in English, Spanish & Portuguese.

During August, Indigenous Peoples honor Pachamama (Mother Earth) through ancestral symbols and traditions that reflect a deep connection with nature and the cosmos. These teachings remind us how to live in harmony with the natural world—values that are essential for the well-being of our planet.

This year, we invite **everyone** to join in this celebration. The tradition of honoring Pachamama is not only meaningful for Andean communities—it is a gift to the whole world. Let us come together to reconnect with Mother Earth and with what we call the Environment.

- Sharing of messages of gratitude and respect for the Earth
- Traditional songs and expressions of harmony
- A joyful community toast to celebrate our connection

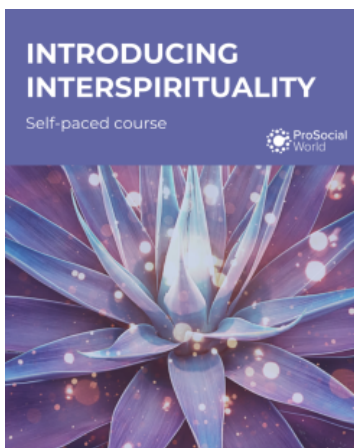
✉ For more information, please contact Rosalia Gutierrez:
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GoldenRuleism Children's Resources

We invite you to enjoy and share our new GoldenRuleism Children's Resources throughout the year. These resources are designed to inspire learning and compassion, encouraging young minds to embrace the principles of kindness and understanding. Share them with others to spread awareness and promote a nurturing atmosphere for all.

[Explore Resources 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.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Festival of Compassion 2025 by Global Compassion Coalition

**10-12 September, 2025
Cape Town, South Africa & Online**

A global call to *Come Home* – to self, community, and planet.

We are at the convergence of polycrises brought on by ecological collapse, social fragmentation, and economies of exclusion. In the face of increasing isolation, inequality, and despair, we believe compassion is not a soft sentiment but a radical and vital force for transformation. Now more than ever, we need spaces that bring people together to remember who we are and how we belong to ourselves, to one another, and to the Earth – we need to come home.

So the [Global Compassion Coalition](#) is convening the first annual Global Compassion Festival. Artists, scholars, educators, clinicians, movement builders, policymakers, and thousands of others from around the world will gather for three days of reflection, connection, and action to build a better world.

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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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Featured items on the Store



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These stickers are printed on durable, high opacity adhesive vinyl which makes them perfect for regular use, as well as for covering other stickers or paint.

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