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On Monday of this week, 4/27, we sent this special edition of "The Spark" focused on the Compassionate Action Conference. Unfortunately, due to a technological issue with our email server, it only went out to a small group of our subscribers.

The problem was fixed, and we are now resending this week's edition. We apologize for the delay and, should you already have received "The Spark" on Monday/Tuesday, then please disregard this second copy.



MAY 13-14, 2026

The Gathering We've Been Waiting For: The Compassionate Action Conference 2026

Dear Friends,

If you have been waiting for a moment to be inspired, challenged, and connected to others doing meaningful work in the world... *This is that moment.*

The [Compassionate Action Conference 2026](#) is shaping up to be one of the most dynamic and energizing global gatherings we have ever hosted. It is not just a conference—it is a living exchange of ideas, a celebration of what is working, and a launchpad for what comes next.

Quite honestly, it may be the *best thing to happen to compassionate communities since... we realized compassion could be put into action.*



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



DAVID SLOAN
WILSON



SIMON
COHEN



JANUS
ADAMS



ASMITA
SATYARTHI



DR. IZZELDIN
ABUELAISH



WENDY
ELLYATT



JOAN
BLADES

A Lineup That Inspires and Provokes New Thinking

We are honored to feature keynote voices who are reshaping how we think about community, care, and human connection:

- **David Sloan Wilson** – offering groundbreaking insights on [cooperation](#), [evolution](#), and how we can intentionally design compassionate communities
- **Simon Cohen** – bringing forward the legacy of [Muhammad Ali](#) and the power of compassion in action
- **Janus Adams** - Emmy Award-winning journalist, historian, [bestselling author](#), and [cultural guide](#) whose work reclaims the "missing pages" of history and centers on dignity, context, and humanity.
- **Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish** – a physician, author of [I Shall Not Hate](#), and a global voice for healing, dignity, and [reconciliation across divides](#)
- **Wendy Ellyatt** - Her [global voice nurtures the whole child](#) and supports both educators and students in thriving, not just achieving.
- **Joan Blades** - a [highly influential activist](#), recognized for her

unwavering leadership in building bridges across polarized chapters of American civic life. She is the co-founder of three major movements: [MoveOn.org](https://moveon.org), [MomsRising](https://momsrising.org), and [Living Room Conversations](https://livingroomconversations.org).

These keynote sessions alone are worth attending—but they are just the beginning.



A Global Tapestry of Voices and Action

Throughout the conference, you will encounter an extraordinary range of panels and presentations featuring leaders, practitioners, and communities who are *doing the work*:

Compassionate Cities & Communities

Real stories of transformation from grassroots initiatives building connection, trust, and resilience.

Education & Youth Leadership

Innovative approaches to embedding compassion, emotional intelligence, and hope into learning environments.

Health & Wellbeing

From trauma-informed care to community-based models of support that honor dignity and belonging.

Environment & Stewardship

Exploring the deep connection between compassion and care for the Earth.

Arts, Culture & Storytelling

How creativity becomes a bridge—helping us see, feel, and understand one another.

Innovation & Social Change

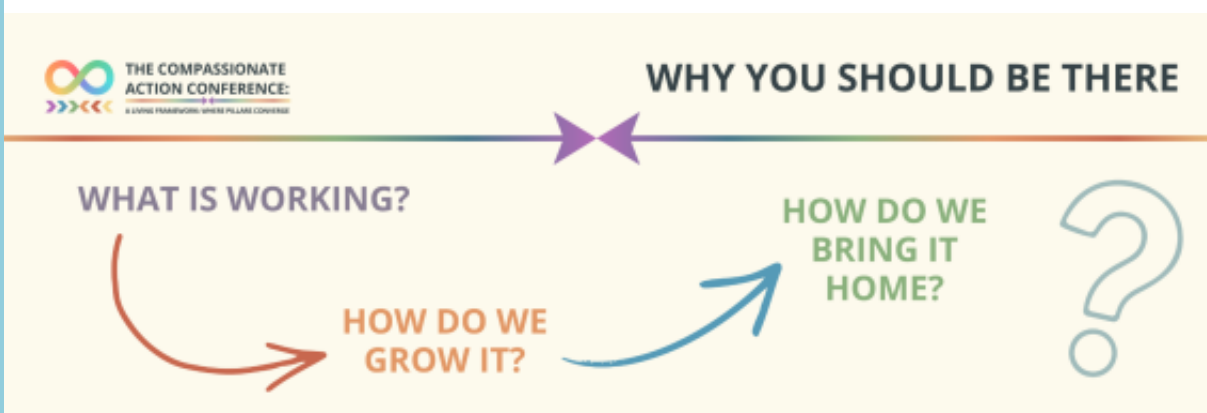
New ideas, technologies, and approaches that expand what compassionate action can look like.

Interfaith & Spirituality

Sacred traditions and shared values guiding us toward deeper understanding.

Justice & Integrity

Efforts to create fairness, accountability, and healing in our systems and communities.



Here is Your Challenge: Why You Should Be There

This is not a passive experience. This is a space to:

- Learn from what is working around the globe
- Engage in meaningful dialogue
- Gather ideas you can bring back and implement
- Build partnerships that extend beyond the conference

Rooted in Appreciative Inquiry, we are asking together:

What is working?

How do we grow it?

How do we bring it home?

This Is a Moment of Possibility

In a world that often feels fragmented, this conference reminds us:

We are not alone.
There are people everywhere choosing compassion.
Building it. Living it. Sharing it.
And now—it's your turn to be part of that story.

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THE COMPASSIONATE ACTION CONFERENCE:

A LIVING FRAMEWORK: WHERE PILLS CONVERGE

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Compassionate Action Conference 2026!**

Let's Make This the Beginning of What Comes Next

This is more than a conference.
It is a movement. A meeting of possibilities. A chance to learn, share, and
carry something meaningful back into your own community. And truly—it
won't be the same without you.

With gratitude and excitement,

The Charter for Compassion Team

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