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A Child, a Dog, and a Neighborhood Transformed

In a quiet neighborhood where the streets once buzzed with laughter and neighbors used to wave from their porches, things had changed. The air felt heavier now, with each passing day weighed down by difficult news, uncertainty, and a sense of isolation that had settled over the town like a thick fog. People were more withdrawn, their smiles rare, their conversations shorter. There seemed to be little left to celebrate, and joy, once abundant, felt like a distant memory.

But then, something unexpected happened. It wasn't a grand event or an inspiring speech that shook the neighborhood from its sadness. It was much simpler—a little girl and her dog.

Her name was Mara, and she was seven years old. Mara was small for her age, with bright eyes that sparkled with curiosity and a wide, toothy grin that seemed ever-present. Her best friend was not another child, but a dog named Fred, whose wagging tail was the most reliable thing in the world. They were an inseparable pair and wherever Mara went, Fred was sure to follow, his golden fur gleaming in the sunlight.

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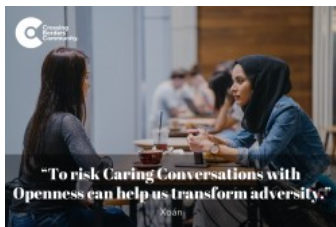
Global Youth Conference: Youth for Compassionate Advocacy & Actions

Join us in empowering young individuals to champion youth advocacy through compassionate actions as we bring together global youth leaders, youth activists and experts to reflect on ideas and ground-breaking insights on a world with more compassionate action.

[**Apply to lead a session at the Global Youth Conference: Global Youth Conference Proposal Form**](#)

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Charter for Compassion News, Programs, and Webinars



Empathic Dialogue Café with Crossing Borders Education

Tuesday, October 1, at 9am PT / 12pm ET / 5pm BST / 9.30pm IST

Most of us feel deeply concerned about the pressing global issues of our time and feel the need to communicate better, also across borders. Many of us listen to podcasts aligned with our values. And yet, many of us can feel isolated in our care and are longing for meaningful social connections and a desire for (more) collective actions. To meet this challenge, Crossing Borders Education is facilitating empathic dialogue cafés so you can deeply connect with caring people.

Learn More and Register Here



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

**Every Wednesday, at 8am PT / 11pm ET /
4pm BST / 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](#)



Kitchen Table Chat with the Health Sector

**Friday, October 4, (Every First Friday of the
month!) at 8.30am PT / 11.30am ET /
4.30pm BST / 9pm IST**

The health sector of the Charter for Compassion gather every first Friday of the month where everyone can share what's happening with friends in our work to elevate compassion. Tell us what you've been up to.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



On Love, Hope, and Compassion

Join us for an inspiring four-part series that explores the essential role of hope, love, and compassion in creating a more just and harmonious world. Through personal stories, expert insights, and visionary thinking, this series will invite participants to reflect on how these values shape our lives and communities, and how we can actively cultivate them to build a brighter future.

[Explore Our New Webinar Series Here](#)



Global Read: "Fragrance of the Qur'an: Reflections on Verses of Beauty and Wisdom" By Imam Jamal Rahman

Wednesday, October 16, at 9am PT / 12pm ET / 5pm BST / 9.30pm IST

In this program, in response to questions, Jamal will reflect on various verses of beauty and wisdom from the Qur'an in order to understand some of its deeper meanings and relevance to our time and our world today. We invite you, regardless of your faith or no faith, to join us on this journey of discovery.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



EdNet Forum: "The Power of Films to Teach Global Citizenship + Media Literacy" with Virginia Pittaro from SIMA Academy

Thursday, October 17, at 7.30am PT / 10.30am ET / 3.30pm BST / 8pm IST

The main goal of this presentation is to introduce SIMA Academy to educators while highlighting the relevance and effectiveness of integrating this type of impact media and authentic storytelling in the curriculum for a transformative learning experience.

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St. Augustine Compassionate Village in Florida, USA is looking for a new Executive Director!

[St. Augustine Compassionate Village \(STACV\)](#), an initiative of the non-profit corporation [Compassionate St. Augustine](#), is built to enhance the quality of life for residents of St. Augustine and portions of St. Johns County for members to live their lives to the fullest, aging in place in their own homes, as they grow older.

[Learn About This Job Opportunity Here](#)

From our Partners



Our Pride: 2024 Shorts & Arts Fest

October 1-31 during LGBTQ+ History Month!

The Global LGBTQIA+ Festival for Filmmakers, Content Creators, Artists, Young Adults & Teen Students

Learn more about this virtual fest by reading a blog entry by John Boswell, Lead of the LGBTQ+ sub-sector for the Charter for Compassion.

[Read Entry and Buy Tickets Here](#)



Heal Democracy

Your Vote Matters: Empower Yourself and Strengthen Our Society

As we approach the November elections, it's crucial to remember the power of your vote. Voting is a powerful way to contribute to the health and well-being of our society. Every vote is a commitment to the values you hold dear and a step toward creating a better future.

Participating in the electoral process enhances your sense of empowerment and connection to the larger community. It's a reminder that we are part of a bigger whole, working together towards common goals. This engagement is non-partisan and benefits everyone.

Visit Heal Democracy for comprehensive tools to help you register, get informed, and participate fully in the electoral process.

[Learn More Here](#)



Faith in Elections Playbook by Interfaith America & Protect Democracy

Our freedoms depend on free and fair elections — and communities of faith can play a critical role in defending them.

The Faith in Elections Playbook supports faith-based, civic and campus communities with accessible, actionable resources to support the 2024 election.

This playbook is designed to make it easier for faith and community leaders to join work that is already happening across America to help the 2024 elections run smoothly, so that all eligible voters can access a ballot and every valid vote is counted.

Their purpose in compiling and curating this information, is to enable organizations to focus on taking actions that best align with their interests, their skills, and the needs of their communities.

[Learn More Here](#)



GoldenRuleism Resources

Many school children are returning to schools and education centres across the world this week in the Global South and North! We have two relevant and practical children's and educators/parents resources that have been designed by the GoldenRuleism Team, to be fun, interactive and functional ways to ease children back into their education environments and assist in navigating some of the completely rational nerves and excitement that comes with starting or restarting school again!

[Check Resources Here!](#)



Save the date! *Wednesday, November 20, 2024*

This summit is an incredible opportunity to connect, learn, and be part of the compassionate initiatives happening worldwide.

Event highlights:

- International panel featuring global experts
- Diverse range of topics with a focus on experiences
- Interactive conversations and group formation based on the proposals received

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GLOW 2024

November 20 & 21, 2024

Learn more about the 3rd Annual **G**lobal **L**earning for an **O**pen **W**orld Conference.

GLOW is a premier virtual event dedicated to global education and innovation. This conference aims to enhance global competencies, foster cross-border collaboration, nurture dynamic global citizenship, and ensure equitable access to quality education for all.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Loving Classroom South Africa

Loving Classroom South Africa is an award winning organization that has transformed the lives of over 106,000 Children, in South Africa, by training teachers to cultivate Loving Classrooms through the Loving Classroom, Positive Relationship Education, program. The results were astounding! ***Help them transform the lives of even more Children through this fundraiser!***

Learn more and Support here!

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Infinity Logo Beanie

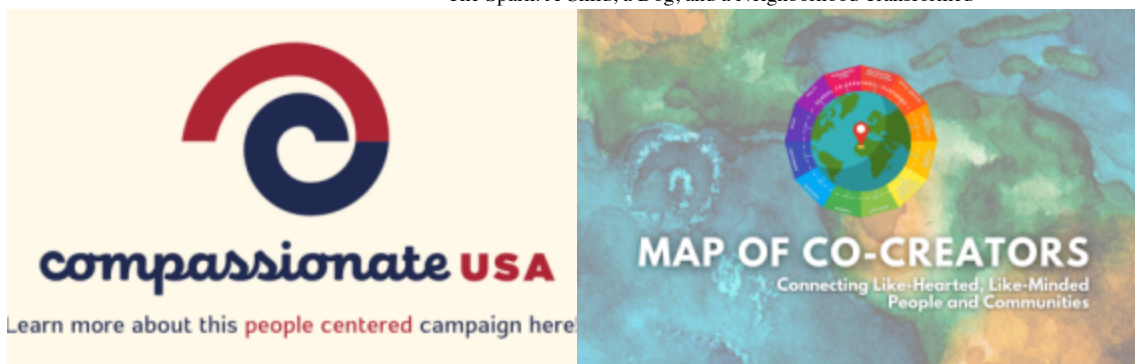
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