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FINAL THOUGHTS
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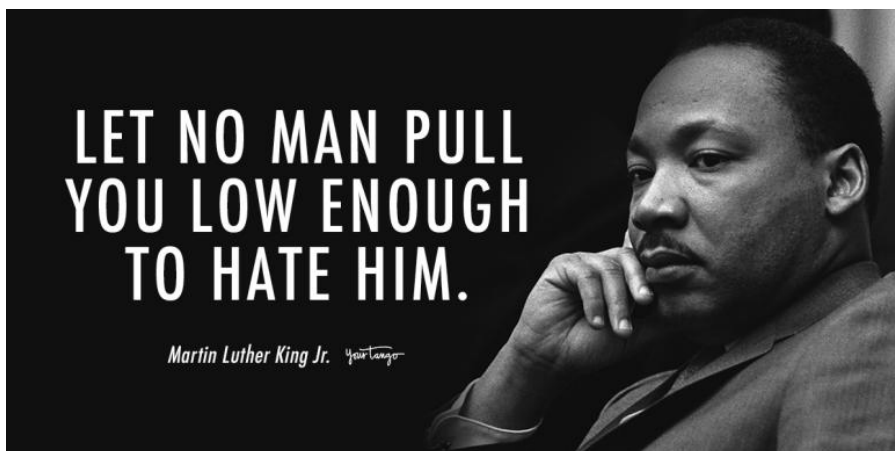
It is an absolute pleasure to introduce myself to the Education Bulletin audience. My name is Shane O'Connor, and I am delighted to work with the Charter for Compassion team as Education & GoldenRuleism Coordinator. I am excited about the spaces, opportunities and possibilities ahead. Click on our Education Sector Team Page to find out more about us. [Education Sector Team :: Charter for Compassion](#)

Throughout this year, we will dedicate programs, projects and energy to working with youth, as they inform us and create their agendas, relating to issues that are critical to their specific needs and desires. Since our last Ed-Bulletin, we have started to collaborate with the Foundation for Peace and Compassionate Leadership to launch a new program; **Youth Collaborating for Compassion (YCC)**. During our inaugural session in September, and again more recently in December, more than 500 young people from a wide network of communities, cultures and countries, met online to explore issues of concern to them. The most prominent issues and topics were mental health, safe spaces for young people and how to manage and navigate trauma. Please

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share our excitement as we anticipate the launch of a new, informative yet informal, educational podcast series in 2023 as part of our YCC initiative, as well as create more online spaces for interaction and deep conversations using the open space methodology!

As we continue sharing our optimism for the weeks and months ahead; we are expanding our youth programs with the assistance and guidance of Crossing Borders, World Savvy, Actionable Innovations, Bounce Forward, UNESCO MGIEP | Building Kinder Brains and Narrative4, among others. You'll see a revised program for the Children's Charter for Compassion, a new Map of Co-Creators for schools, the introduction of a Children's and Youth Global Read webinar, and a program on GoldenRuleism. We are also very happy to continue offering our monthly Sangha for educators and learners alike, to come together to share with one another, regroup and experience the teachings of Thich Nhat Hahn.



UPCOMING EVENTS

40 Days of Peace and the 23 Day-Compassion Campaign are just around the corner, and you are invited and encouraged to get on board and be part of the change we all want to see right now. Visit the website to see all of the offerings.

Our 23 Day-Compassion Campaign events will be shared very soon. Our Compassion Campaign for 2023 is 23 days long, starts on March 14th and continues through April 4th, although of course working for compassion never ends. On April 5th, the world will observe Golden Rule Day (GRD) and the Charter for Compassion will be at the forefront of this celebration by showcasing a global webcast. It is our 6th year of being a part of this event and the 23-Day campaign culminates in GRD.

New School Publications

COMPASSION COUNTS IN CALIFORNIA AND BEYOND



Journal for Earthlings™



Student Anthology

Our Community initiatives and Charter Partners have been creating new publications on compassion. [Visit our website](#) to view *Compassion Counts* written by Compassionate California, *Journal for Earthlings* is a reflective journal and workbook.

All publications are downloadable.

NEW CHARTER ED PARTNERS & EVENTS

PROJECT FUEL, JANUARY 19TH, 7:30-9 AM PST

Project FUEL, founded in 2009 by Deepak Ramola, collects life lessons from people all over the world and turns them into interactive and performance activities, to pass on the learnings. The passing on happens by way of workshops, seminars, and sometimes even over coffee.

Every life is important and so is what each person's life teaches them. At FUEL, life lessons are continuously collected, documented, thought about deeply and then turned into performance activities. This ensures that you don't just hear someone's lesson in words but experience it tangibly, and apply it practically in your own life. The organization seeks to build a community of young adults who live, learn and share in order to make meaningful psycho-social and emotional contribution to their lives, and the society at large. **REGISTER.**

and empower students as change makers. They work in and with schools, universities and rural communities. World SAVVY makes classrooms inclusive, relevant, and engaging for all students; inspiring them to learn, work, and thrive as responsible global citizens.

They partner with institutions of higher education to support and train globally competent educators and leaders — and attempt to build inclusive campus cultures.

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BOUNCE FORWARD. MARCH 16TH, 7:30-9 AM PST

Founded in 2009, Bounce Forward (BF) was incubated in its early years within Hertfordshire County Council in the UK and became an independent charity in 2016. In 2019 they transformed their approach, working intensively with educators, psychologists, academics and young people to deliver practical, relevant and flexible solutions.

They now celebrate being experts in training teachers and parents using evidence-based concepts and theories that make a real difference in young people's lives. BF develops psychological fitness, the combination of mental resilience and emotional wellbeing. Recognized as a charity that claims to do things differently, they create lasting and immediate impact with, arguably the most important topics of the 21st century, mental resilience and emotional wellbeing for our children and youth, for our parents and guardians and for our educators. Putting personal development of young people on the map and making it as important in society as academics or formal education. Bounce Forward - Supporting young peoples mental health. **REGISTER**



World SAVVY FEBRUARY 16TH, 7:30-9 AM PST

World Savvy partners holistically with schools to build inclusive, adaptive, and future-ready learning environments. They are primarily based in the USA but actively work with and seek international partnerships and collaboration.

Celebrating their 20th year, they work with communities to support globally competent instruction, co-create transformative schools,



NARRATIVE 4 APRIL 20th, 7:30-9 AM PDT

Students have stories to tell, and Narrative 4 gives them the mic. Stories break down barriers and shatter stereotypes. They build curiosity and community, starting in the classroom. Narrative 4 helps young people forge deep connections, fight social isolation, and become powerful forces for change.

Narrative 4's mission is to build community through the power of storytelling. Adolescent loneliness has increased in 36 countries worldwide and doubled in English-speaking countries. Stories combat loneliness and motivates youth to make positive changes in their communities. [Register](#).

CHARTER ED SECTOR PRESENTATIONS

The Education Sector had the opportunity to present at two international events and conferences during the past few months. The **IE Centre for Health, Well-Being and Happiness** in Madrid Invited the Charter to present the argument that Compassion is indeed a Radical Strength and one we can all practice, improve and share. During the session practical skills and tools were shared.

We were also delighted to address the **Global Learning for an Open World (GLOW)** Conference in a GLOW Keynote session: "Compassionate Networking of Networks Amidst Global Crises," which took place in front of a global education audience on Nov. 19th.

View a [replay of the GLOW KEYNOTE](#):

I am (Shane) reminded of a story of Compassionate Education I'd like to share with you all on our first bulletin of this calendar year.

It's about the educator who asked a friend who was the wisest person he knew to come and address a class of young students. Quite interestingly, as the friend came in and addressed this class, they didn't say a word (which of course, caught ever students' attention), they just walked up to the board and wrote this: "EVERYONE WANTS TO SAVE THE WORLD BUT NO ONE WANTS TO HELP MOM DO THE DISHES." The class all laughed. But then, this wise friend went on to say this to the smiling students:

"Statistically, it's highly unlikely that you will ever have the chance to run into a burning orphanage and rescue an infant. But, in the smallest gesture of Kindness – a warm smile, holding the door for the person behind you, shoveling the driveway of the elderly person next door or assisting someone to cross a busy road – you have committed and act of immeasurable profundity, because to each of us, our life is our universe."

Our hope for this new year – that by our smallest acts of Kindness, we will save another's world Why not make Kindness a resolution, as many of us celebrate this new year with new ideas and energy?

Check out some great kindness ideas from our Charter Partner, [Random Acts of Kindness](#). They have great free materials.

Imagine a world where you can succeed by being nice Where people look out for each other. It all starts with a small act of kindness. TAG PASS IT ON!