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What Does It Mean to "Be Nobel?"

What does it truly mean to live a life worthy of peace, courage, and human dignity?

When we hear the word *Nobel*, many of us think of world-famous leaders, prize ceremonies, or history books filled with extraordinary names. We think of people like Nelson Mandela, Malala Yousafzai, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Wangari Maathai, or Mother Teresa—individuals whose lives changed the moral perspective of the world.

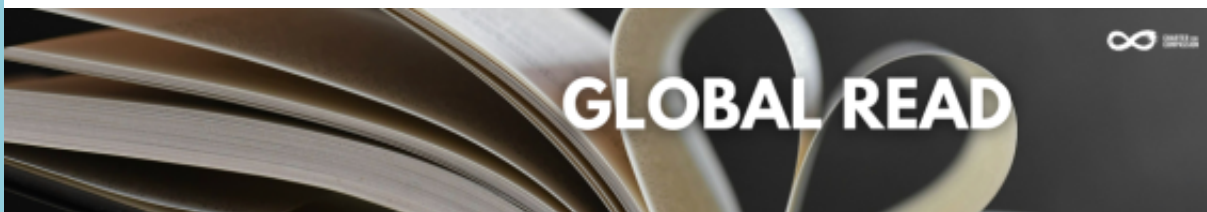
But perhaps the deeper question is this:

What qualities made them Nobel?

Was it fame? Power? Recognition?

Or was it something quieter and more enduring—courage in difficult times, compassion in the face of suffering, the willingness to stand for justice, the ability to dream beyond fear, and the determination to believe in our

common humanity?



These are the questions at the heart of our upcoming [Global Read](#) on June 13 featuring [Being Nobel: Fairy Tales for Kids Who Dream Big](#) by author and human rights advocate Livia Malcangio.

Rather than presenting Nobel Peace Laureates as distant historical figures, the book reimagines their stories as modern fairy tales—stories not of fantasy, but of moral courage, resilience, and hope. Through this creative approach, young readers are invited to see that extraordinary lives begin with ordinary acts of conscience, empathy, and conviction.

In a world where many young people are growing up surrounded by division, violence, uncertainty, and fear, we urgently need stories that remind us what humanity can become at its best.

We are honored that the conversation will be facilitated by Joy Ngoma, a peacebuilding practitioner, storyteller, and human rights advocate whose work explores the powerful relationship between media, youth engagement, healing, and social transformation.

This Global Read is not simply about a book.

It is an invitation to reflect together:

- Who are the moral voices shaping our world today?
- What kind of stories are we passing on to the next generation?
- How do we nurture young people to become bridge-builders, peace-makers, and compassionate leaders?
- And perhaps most importantly—how might each of us live more nobly in our own daily lives?

At a time when the world often feels fragmented, stories still possess the power to awaken imagination, empathy, and possibility. They remind us that peace is not built only by institutions or governments, but by human beings willing to care deeply for one another.

We hope you will join us for this meaningful and inspiring global conversation.

Together, let us explore what it truly means to "Be Nobel."

Global Read

Being Nobel: Fairy Tales for Kids Who Dream Big
with author Livia Malcangio
Facilitated by Joy Ngoma

Saturday, June 13 at 10 AM PDT

[Register here](#)

Also, for our next (regular) Global Read:

"Norah: From my Grandmother's Kitchen: Palestinian Recipes and Memories" By Dr. Rolla Alaydi on June 17 at 9:30 AM PDT.



Awaken Kindness: Join the June TLC Gatherings

What if one simple conversation could begin to change the way we live together?

What if kindness is not something we need to learn—but something we simply need to awaken?

This June, the Charter for Compassion invites you to experience [TLC — Talk, Listen, Connect](#) — a growing global movement rooted in one profound belief: that human beings are meant to belong to each other. TLC is beautifully simple. We gather, listen deeply, share honestly, reconnect with the humanity within ourselves and others.

No lectures. No debate. No pressure to agree. Just an authentic human connection. In a world that too often pulls us apart, TLC invites us to create a new story—one grounded not in fear, division, or isolation, but in kindness, curiosity, compassion, and hope.

Let's stop meeting one another on the battlefield of difference and instead meet in the sacred space of listening, dignity, and common humanity. This is not simply a class. It is a practice. A movement. A rediscovery of who we truly are. Whether you are joining for the very first time or returning because you want to help bring TLC to your own community, workplace, school, congregation, or circle of friends, there is a place for you in June.

[Register for one of the June classes here](#)



Join the Conversation That Matters

There are moments in history when we must decide what kind of voices we want shaping our future. Voices of fear? Or voices of courage, compassion, imagination, and possibility? At the Charter for Compassion, we believe this is a time not to withdraw from conversation—but to deepen it. Not to turn away from difficult questions—but to explore them together with honesty, humanity, and hope.

That is why we invite you to become part of our growing [Substack community—a living global space for reflection, dialogue, storytelling, and transformation](#). Through our [With Compassion podcast series](#) and our ongoing Substack [Democracy Series](#), we are engaging some of the most thoughtful, courageous, and visionary voices of our time—people asking not only what is happening in our world, but what kind of world we are capable of creating together.

The Latest [With Compassion Podcast: A Conversation with Dr. Riane Eisler](#), featuring an extraordinary conversation with renowned social systems theorist, cultural historian, economist, and author Dr. Riane Eisler. Dr. Eisler's life began with a childhood in Vienna, Austria where the Gestapo came to take her father during World War II. Those early experiences of fear, trauma, and injustice became the catalyst for a lifetime devoted to understanding how societies can move beyond systems rooted in domination, violence, and inequality toward cultures grounded in partnership, care, dignity, and mutual flourishing. This is not simply an interview. It is an invitation to imagine a different future.

The Latest Democracy Series Article: [Fear Is Not Democratic](#) is a reflection that asks us to confront one of the oldest forces shaping political and social life: fear. Beginning with the story of Japanese American internment on Bainbridge Island during World War II, the article explores how fear has repeatedly been used throughout history to divide communities, erode trust, silence dissent, and weaken democratic life. From Germany and Rwanda to India, Sri Lanka, Hungary, Australia, and the United States, the article examines how fear narrows compassion and transforms neighbors

into strangers. Yet it also points toward another possibility: That democracy survives not only through institutions, but through relationships, courage, listening, and our willingness to see one another's humanity.

Why Join Our Substack Community? Because these are not simply podcasts and articles. They are part of a larger global conversation about who we are becoming.

[Explore The Charter for Compassion on Substack Here](#)



Expand Your View of the World — Join Our Next EdNet Forum

What happens when young people are trusted not simply to participate in education—but to design it? Join the Charter for Compassion's next [EdNet Forum](#) for an inspiring and eye-opening conversation with youth leaders from around the globe who are reshaping how learning happens through the Global Nomads Group's Content Creation Lab.

These remarkable young changemakers—from Rwanda, Pakistan, Nigeria, Japan, and the United States—are not waiting for permission to lead. They are designing courses, facilitating dialogue, creating media, and building learning experiences that speak directly to the realities, hopes, and challenges facing young people today.

Together, they are creating global, peer-led educational experiences, reaching students in more than 65 countries. This is more than a presentation. It is an opportunity to listen to voices and life experiences that may challenge, deepen, and expand our own understanding of the world.

At the Charter for Compassion, we often speak about listening across differences. This forum gives us the opportunity to do exactly that. Come curious, ready to learn, ready to be inspired. Because sometimes the perspectives that most expand our worldview come from voices, we have not yet fully heard.

EdNet Forum with Global Nomads

Thursday, June 18 at 7:30 AM PDT

[Register here](#)



Announcing our Global Youth Conference 2026!

The third edition of our annual [Charter for Compassion Global Youth Conference](#) will take place virtually on **September 23–24, 2026**.

This year's theme is ***Radical Compassion in Action for Justice***.

Bringing together youth leaders, educators, activists, artists, and changemakers from around the world, we will explore how compassion can serve as a powerful force for justice, peacebuilding, advocacy, and systems change.

We are currently inviting presentation proposals from individuals and organizations passionate about creating a more just, compassionate, and connected world. We encourage youth leaders, educators, advocates, and community organizers to [submit a proposal](#) and be part of this global gathering.

[Register now](#) and join us in cultivating compassionate action for a more just and compassionate future.

[Visit Youth Conference Portal Here](#)



Voices for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons Youth Award

[Voices for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons](#) in association with Charter for Compassion, announces the call for nominations for the [2026 Mikhail Gorbachev George Shultz Youth Award](#).

At a time when nuclear tensions are rising and the risk of conflict is increasing, the world urgently needs the creativity, moral clarity, and leadership of young people.

The Mikhail Gorbachev George Shultz Youth Award is both a recognition and an invitation to stand at the forefront of a global movement for peace. We encourage all eligible youth to apply or be nominated.

Your voice, your work, and your courage matter.

[Submit a Nomination](#)

Deadline: June 26, 2026

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