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Being Suspicious of Our Own Wisdom

We all have our opinions. They are usually based on assumptions, previous experiences and ideas passed onto us by others. In our fast-paced world, where information is at our fingertips and opinions are formed in an instant, we often find ourselves jumping to conclusions, convinced that we know the answer.

But how often do we stop to question the wisdom behind those conclusions?

How often do we challenge our own assumptions, biases, and beliefs before we speak or act?

The truth is our perceived wisdom can sometimes lead us astray. We might believe we understand a situation, a person, or an issue fully, only to discover later that we were mistaken. The consequences of these mistaken beliefs can be significant—relationships can be damaged, opportunities missed, and, most importantly, we can cause harm that's difficult to undo. I'd like to explore with you the necessity of questioning our own wisdom, and how transforming statements into questions can lead to more thoughtful, constructive conversations...

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Save the date for the virtual Charter for Compassion's

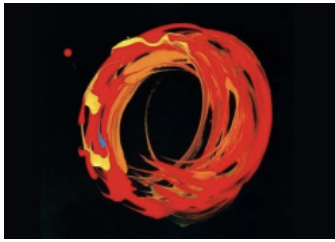
Global Youth Conference: Youth for Compassionate Advocacy & Actions

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](#)

Learn More and Register Here!

Charter for Compassion News, Programs, and Webinars



Compassion Circle: The Charter Sangha

**Saturday, August 31, at 9am PT / 12pm ET
/ 5pm BST / 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.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Empathic Dialogue Café with Crossing Borders Education

Tuesday, September 3, 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

**Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 25 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.

Register for this NEW Webinar Series!



Kitchen Table Chat with the Health Sector

**Friday, September 6, (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



**EdNet Forum:
"Advocating for Justice-Involved
Youth: Disrupting the School to
Prison Pipeline" with Kaylah
Holland, Ed.D.**

**Thursday, September 12, at 7.30am PT /
10.30am ET / 3.30pm BST / 8pm IST**

Students involved in the juvenile justice system often return to public school classrooms after spending time in a secure school located in a detention centers or incarceration facilities across the US. This session will highlight education inside the juvenile justice system, showcase how educators are creating engaging classrooms, offer examples of student created work, and outline how you can disrupt the school-to-prison pipeline by advocating for justice-involved students.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



**Social Justice Partner & Sector
Meeting**

**Friday, September 13, at 8am PT / 11am ET
/ 4pm BST / 8.30pm IST**

Much is happening with the Social Justice Sector of the Charter for Compassion and we want to find out what is happening with you.

We are excited to invite you to an important meeting aimed at convening our partners and sharing current and upcoming initiatives. Your presence and input would be greatly appreciated as we chart the way forward together.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Charter Education Institute:

"Compassionate Listening for Our Time" with Laura Coyne

7-week course from Sept. 15 to Oct. 30
Cost: US\$60

The course will introduce compassionate listening as a way to be 'alive to' to belonging to all of creation: yourself, your family, your communities and the planet as a whole.

You will be invited to think of community in its most expansive form and offered opportunities to listen deeply to what our ancestors, people in other parts of the globe, the natural world, and future generations are asking of us.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



19th World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates ***Cumbre Mundial de Premios Nobel Por La Paz***

September 18-21, Pabellón M. Monterrey, Mexico.

Nobel Peace Laureates, awarded organizations, prize recipients and Peace Laureates' foundations from around the world will be present in Monterrey Mexico for the **XIX Peace Summit**. The host for the event will be the Charter for Compassion Strategic Partner, **Encuentro Mundial de Valores (EMV)**.

Each year, for fifteen years, EMV has hosted a global conference for human values and this World Gathering is a unique collaboration of EMV and the Nobel Laureates Committee.

Charter for Compassion staff and volunteers will be present at this conference. **Come to our space and say hi!**

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Compassion Banquet and Award Ceremony at the 19th World Summit of Noble Peace Laureates

September 19, 6.45pm, at Pabellón M. Monterrey, Mexico.

In the past, the Charter has gathered worldwide, in person and virtually, to recognize some of the most extraordinary and honorable people whose lives signify compassionate action to the 10th degree.

This year's recipients will be announced on September 1, 2024. Join us the evening of September 19 to celebrate who they are and to enjoy a memorable evening of inspiration, an opportunity to meet new friends and enjoy a vegan meal, a Charter for Compassion tradition.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



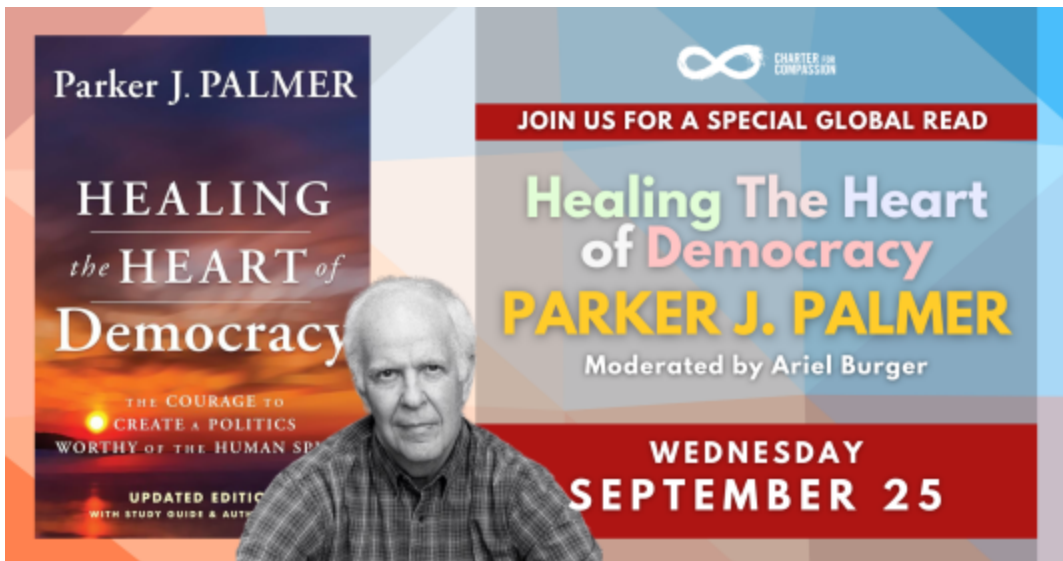
On the Blog: 2024 Australia National Day of Compassion by Lynne Reeder

Over the past seven years, the Australian Compassion Council has sought to facilitate a nationally resourced movement to advance the vision of Australia becoming a Continent for Compassion, to walk in partnership with, and complement the work of the global Charter for Compassion.

Deep Dreaming Australia a Continent of Compassion acts as a conduit to both recognizing the good work already undertaken by a plethora of organisations across Australia, and growing the work of the Australian Compassion Council with its Compassionate Cities program, and in the Charter sectors which include health, education, peace, interfaith, environment, business, science and research, social justice, arts, etc.

The Australian Compassion Council oversees the creation of Australia as a continent for compassion in five main ways by...

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Global Read: Healing The Heart of Democracy with Parker J. Palmer

Wednesday, September 25, at 9am PDT / 12pm EDT / 5pm GMT / 9.30pm IST.

How "We the People" can reclaim our democracy—updated with a discussion guide, author videos, and a new chapter-length Introduction.

In this updated edition of his prophetic book, renowned author and activist Parker J. Palmer celebrates the power of "We the People" to resist the politics of divide and conquer. With the U.S. now on a global list of "backsliding democracies," Palmer writes about what we can do to restore civil discourse, reach for understanding across lines of difference, focus on our shared values, and hold elected officials accountable. He explores ways we can reweave the communal fabric on which democracy depends in everyday settings such as families, neighborhoods, classrooms, congregations, workplaces, and various public spaces—including five "habits of the heart" we can cultivate as we work to fulfill America's promise of human equality.

Learn More and Register for this special Global Read



Allies in Action: Community and Partner Chat

Canada

Wed. Sept. 25, 4.30pm PT / 7.30pm ET

We are excited to extend an invitation to you, our esteemed members, partners, and compassionate communities, to come together for a special gathering focused on dialogue, idea generation, project sharing, and mutual support.

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.

Learn More About These Chats Here



Global Interfaith Compassion Challenge

Starts Sep 8, 2024!

Starting September 8th, join us and Service Space for a global 21-day Interfaith Compassion Challenge! Although 9/11 has become associated in recent years with terror and conflict, the date across history has been associated with movements of nonviolence, interfaith cooperation, and discovery. For example, in 1893, the first World's Parliament of Religions convened in Chicago on September 11. On the same date in 1906, Gandhi introduced nonviolent resistance (later called "satyagraha", or "soul force") at a mass meeting in South Africa -- and with that, a way of bringing about large-scale social action through compassion.

In the spirit of amplifying those values, we invite you to join us in exploring different ways to bring the timeless virtue of compassion into our lives -- and to weave together a tapestry of collective wisdom with kindred spirits (from 85 countries last time)!

Learn How to Participate Here!

From our Partners



Compassionate Responses to Systemic Violence

Wednesday, September 11, 10am PT / 1pm ET / 6pm BST / 10.30pm IST

Compassionate Cities anyone?

[The Interfaith Center at Miami University](#) is hosting a panel conversation with Felipe Zurita, from Charter for Compassion; Will Rucker with [Compassionate Las Vegas](#), and Ann Helmke with [Compassionate San Antonio](#) and [Compassionate USA](#) (And also member of the Charter for Compassion Board of Trustees) discuss the work of Compassionate Communities, their value, and current projects that will give you a deeper understanding of the power of compassion and the growth communities experience through this program.

[Register 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!](#)



It's Time for a Human Revolution

Save the Date! October 8-9, 2024

The Club of Rome, the Fifth Element and Soka Gakkai (SG) are co-organising an insightful one-day conference titled 'It's Time for a Human Revolution!'. This event will take place on 9 October 2024 at the SGI-UK Grand Culture Centre, Taplow Court, and is supported by SGI-UK and the Centre for Applied Buddhism.

This conference aims to bring together a diverse group of participants, including academics, professionals, youth activists, students, educators, and representatives from NGOs and international organisations. The discussions will focus on the critical theme of inner transformation and mutual learning, addressing the complex and interconnected global challenges humanity faces—what we call “the global problematique.”

The event seeks to foster deeper connections with the self, others, nature, and the environment.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



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!

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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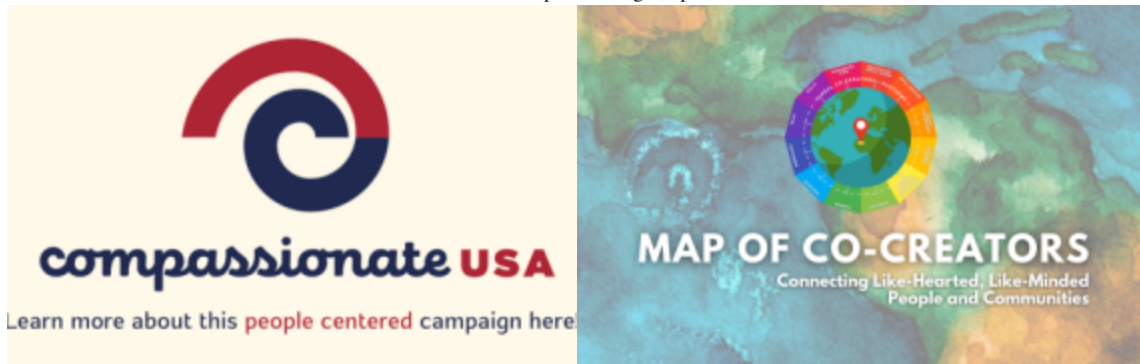
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- Love Is The Key (Softcover)

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