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You may have noticed our website is currently down for maintenance — we're working hard behind the scenes to get everything back up and running this week. A big thank you to everyone who reached out to let us know! We truly appreciate you looking out for us.

We'll keep you posted on our social media channels as things develop, so stay tuned!

Please keep trying the links included in this newsletter-- even though right at this moment they do not work.



Growing a Global Movement of Young Changemakers

As the Charter's Global Youth Strategist, I am delighted to share this special youth newsletter featuring updates, opportunities, and stories from across our global community of young changemakers.

Over the past six months, our youth community has continued to grow in meaningful ways through advocacy, education, dialogue, and compassionate action. From participating in international forums and leading local initiatives to facilitating conversations on justice, peace, and wellbeing, young people across our network continue to demonstrate the transformative power of compassion in action.

As our global community continues to expand, so does the need for spaces where young people can come together to learn from one another, deepen their understanding of today's challenges, and strengthen their capacity for collective action. Creating opportunities for connection, collaboration, and shared learning remains central to our vision for youth engagement at the Charter for Compassion. At the heart of this is our annual [Charter for Compassion Global Youth Conference](#) taking place virtually on September 23-24 2026. Centered on the theme Radical Compassion in Action for Justice, this year's conference reclaims the word radical in its truest sense, derived from the Latin radix, meaning "root." It invites participants to move beyond surface-level responses and address the root

causes of injustice with integrity and compassion.

The Charter for Compassion [Global Youth Conference 2024: Youth for Compassionate Advocacy & Actions](#) and [Global Youth Conference 2025: Compassionate Leadership for Action & Impact](#) were a remarkable display of youth power, unity, and advocacy, collectively bringing together over 1200 registered participants from across the world. Building on that momentum, this year's conference will continue to amplify the voices and visions of youth who are advocating for change and actively shaping more just, inclusive, and compassionate futures.

We are continually inspired by the passion, creativity, and commitment of young people across our network, and we remain committed to creating opportunities for youth voices to be heard, valued, and amplified. Whether you are leading initiatives in your community, exploring new ideas, or looking for ways to get involved, your experiences and perspectives are an important part of this growing global movement. We want to hear from you.

[Submit a proposal](#) to lead a session at the [Charter for Compassion Global Youth Conference 2026](#) and co-create this movement with us.

As you continue through this newsletter, we hope you will discover new opportunities to learn, connect, and take action alongside young changemakers from around the world.

With gratitude,

Anum Mulla
Global Youth Strategist | Board of Trustees Member



THE CHARTER FOR COMPASSION COMPASSIONATE YOUTH AWARDS



Charter for Compassion Compassionate Youth Awards

[The Charter for Compassion Compassionate Youth Awards](#) are a celebration of extraordinary young changemakers who are leading with courage, empathy, and purpose in today's world, and call us to recognize youth who have demonstrated courageous, compassionate leadership.

These awards spotlight youth who exemplify compassion in action: leading with integrity, responding to injustice, and creating lasting change across communities, systems, and sectors.

[Read about our 2025 Compassionate Youth Award Recipient: Talibah Abdul-Wahid.](#)

Nominate a Young Leader - [Compassionate Youth Award 2026 Nomination Form](#)

Deadline: August 3, 2026

Selected awardees will be recognized during the [Global Youth Conference 2026](#) and featured across our global platforms.

**BUILDING NEW CYCLES OF PEACE:
CENTERING FORMER COMBATANTS AS AGENTS OF PEACE**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
 7 am PST / 10 am EST
 3 pm GMT
 4 pm DRC (CET)
 5 pm SAST
 8 pm PAK / 8.30 pm IST
 (Feb. 26) 12.30 am JAPAN

ABDUL WAHID SESAY
 MEMBER OF GTY, FORMER COMBATANT
 OF THE REVOLUTIONARY UNITED
 FRONT (RUF) IN SIERRA LEONE

JULIEN VIKEMBA
 CO-FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE
 DIRECTOR OF SOTE PAMOJA IN THE
 DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

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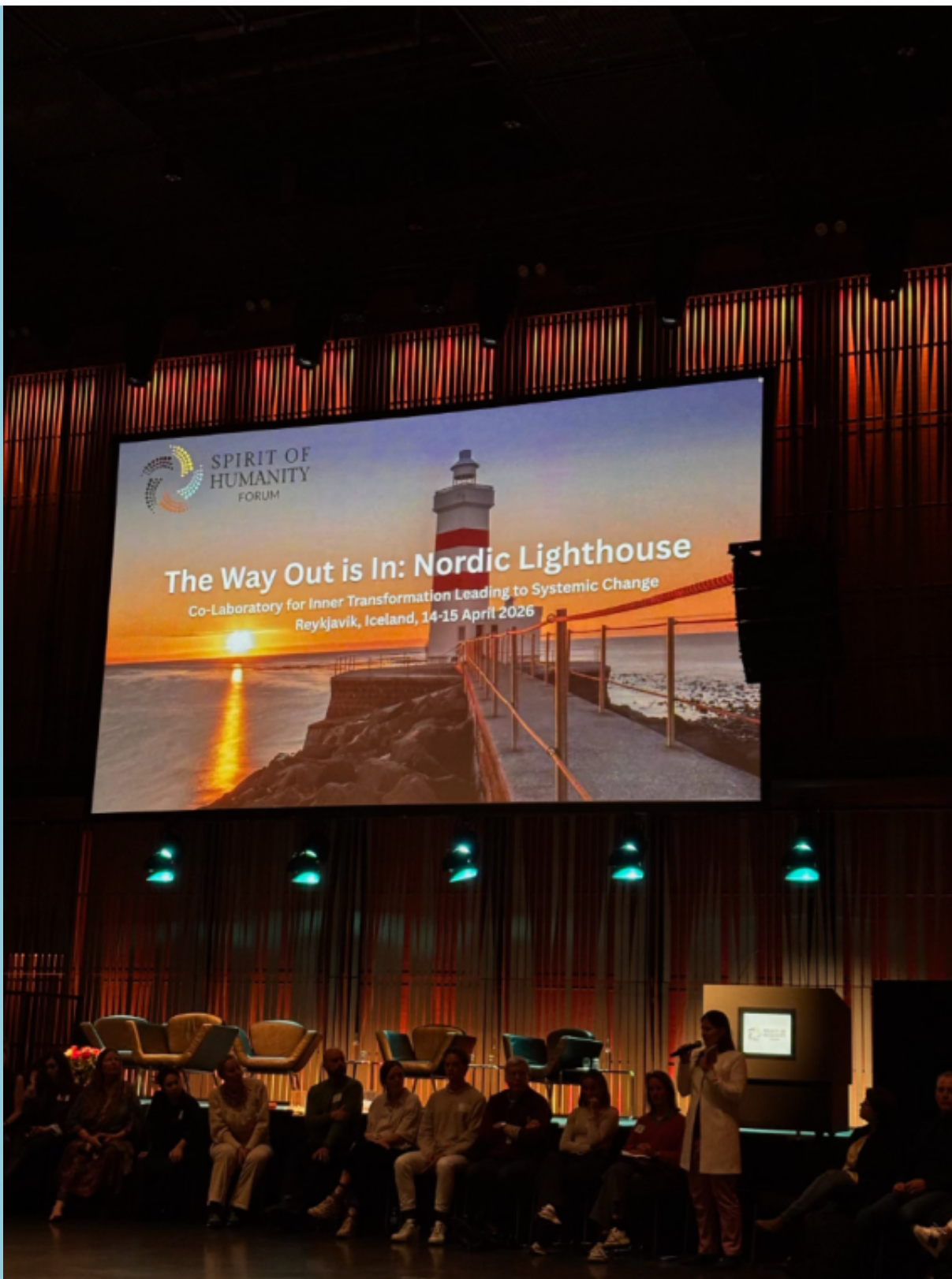
Building New Cycles of Peace - Webinar in Collaboration with Global Taskforce for Youth Combatants

In February, the CFC Global Youth Network hosted a powerful webinar, "Building New Cycles of Peace: Centering Former Combatants as Agents of Peace," in collaboration with the [Global Taskforce for Youth Combatants](#).

The dialogue explored the realities of reintegration faced by former youth combatants and highlighted the important role young people can play as agents of peace.

The collaboration also reflects the Charter's broader commitment to supporting grassroots, community-led initiatives that center on human dignity, hope, and the well-being of children and families impacted by genocide, violence, injustice, and instability.

Watch Here



Spirit of Humanity Forum and the Wellbeing Economy Forum

In April 2026, the Charter for Compassion was honored to have youth representation at the [Spirit of Humanity Forum](#) and the [Wellbeing Economy Forum](#) in Reykjavik, Iceland.

These forums provided valuable opportunities to strengthen relationships, engage in dialogue around systems transformation and collective wellbeing, and expand the Charter's youth presence within international conversations centered on compassion, human-centered leadership, social healing, and regenerative futures.

The Spirit of Humanity Forum was particularly impactful due to its immersive format and emphasis on reflection, dialogue, and authentic relationship building. Participants engaged not only intellectually, but also personally, exploring the inner dimensions of leadership, responsibility, and systems change while cultivating meaningful connections across sectors and cultures.

The Wellbeing Economy Forum complemented this experience through a more policy-oriented lens, bringing together leaders, economists, advocates, and decision makers focused on redefining success beyond GDP toward wellbeing, equity, sustainability, and long-term flourishing.

These forums reflected a growing global shift toward more compassionate, human-centered, and future-oriented approaches to leadership, governance, and systems change.



The Gaza Education Tent

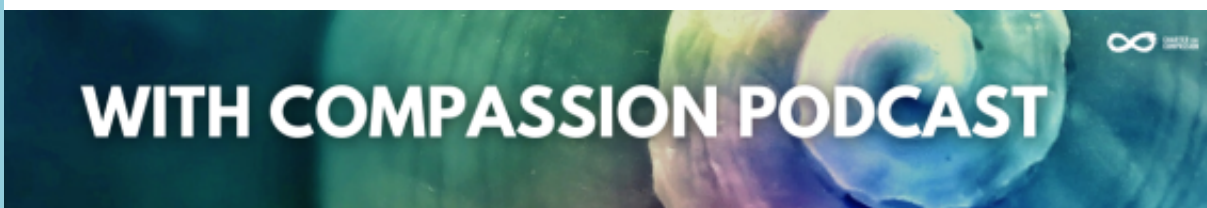
The Charter for Compassion is honored to have partnered with the [Gaza Education Tent](#), a grassroots educational initiative founded by Ruwaida Kamal Amer in the Khan Younis refugee camp in Gaza.

The Gaza Education Tent was created in response to the genocide in Palestine and the devastating destruction of educational infrastructure, displacement, and trauma experienced by children in Gaza. The initiative provides educational support, psychosocial care, creative activities, and safe learning spaces for children whose schooling and daily lives have been severely disrupted.

Through this partnership, the Charter continues to affirm the importance of education, dignity, healing, and compassionate solidarity in communities facing profound crisis and displacement.

The collaboration also reflects the Charter's broader commitment to supporting grassroots, community-led initiatives that center on human dignity, hope, and the well-being of children and families impacted by genocide, violence, injustice, and instability.

[Watch the recording here](#)



New episode of our podcast "WITH COMPASSION" Compassion as a Survival Skill with Hugh Mackay

Dive into a profound conversation exploring how kindness and compassion are essential to human survival and societal well-being. Hugh McKay, a renowned Australian social researcher, shares insights from his decades of work that reveal the deep connection between our innate capacities for kindness and our evolutionary success.

**Watch/listen to the latest
episode with Hugh Mackay Here**



**Talk. Listen. Connect.
Upcoming TLC Trainings!**

TLC: Training for Local Bridge Builders, developed by **Compassionate Communities UK**, is a 90-minute interactive workshop designed to equip everyday citizens with practical tools to become **connectors, bridge builders, and catalysts for kindness** in their communities.

This training recognizes a simple truth: communities thrive when people know how to find one another, listen well, and act with compassion—especially in times of challenge.

Upcoming sessions:

Introduction To Bridge Builders TLC

- Tuesday, July 7
- Wednesday, July 22

Train the Trainer session for Local Bridge Builders TLC

Tuesday, June 30
Thursday, July 16
Wednesday, July 29

[Learn More and Register Here](#)





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](#)





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