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Transforming the World Together

Join Us at the Compassionate Action Conference – May 14–15, 2025

At a time when our world aches for healing, connection, and shared purpose, the Compassionate Action Conference arrives as a timely and powerful gathering for changemakers from all walks of life. Hosted by the Charter for Compassion, this global virtual event will take place on May 14–15, 2025, offering two dynamic days of learning, sharing, and building a world rooted in empathy, justice, and hope.

What Is the Compassionate Action Conference?

The conference is a vibrant platform uniting leaders, activists, educators, artists, youth, business leaders, and community builders in a shared commitment to compassion as a force for transformation. With a wide array of live sessions, recorded presentations, panel discussions, and workshops, participants will explore key themes such as...

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Golden Rule Day: Humanity's Timeless Compass

Watch our compilation program on **April 5, Golden Rule Day** with two transmissions choose at **12 am PDT** or **12 pm PDT**. (more time zones on the website)

How to watch?

- [Directly on our website: www.GoldenRuleDay.org](http://www.GoldenRuleDay.org)
- **Facebook LIVE:** [1st Transmission \(12 AM\)](#) or [2nd Transmission \(12 PM\)](#)

Many thanks to those that provided content for this celebration to happen!

Watch Here on April 5!



Dear Friends,

The world is at a crossroads. Division, fear, and apathy threaten the very fabric of our shared humanity. But there is hope. A new generation of compassionate leaders is emerging—young people who believe in justice, in kindness, in the power of human connection to transform lives.

At the Charter for Compassion, we believe that compassion is not just an ideal; it is a teachable, learnable skill. Through [Cognitive-Based Compassion Training \(CBCT\)](#), offered through [Emory University](#), we are equipping youth with the tools they need to lead with empathy, courage, and resilience. We also want to train leaders in our compassionate communities. This training now needed more than ever. We intend to train cadres of people to:

- ✓ **Cultivate Emotional Intelligence** – Learning to recognize our own emotions and those of others.
- ✓ **Develop Deep Listening and Nonviolent Communication Skills** – Essential for resolving conflict and building stronger communities.
- ✓ **Strengthen Resilience and Self-Compassion** – So we can navigate adversity with grace and strength.
- ✓ **Become Change Agents for Peace and Justice** – Bringing compassion into policy, social movements, and everyday leadership.

But we cannot do this alone. **We need your support.**

Hopefully, with your help, we can begin training significant numbers of

facilitators starting early this fall.

Your gift will provide critical resources to expand our programs, ensuring that youth around the world have access to life-changing compassion education.

[Donate Here](#)



Interview with Marc Dullaert on the Blog!

You may remember that last September, the Charter for Compassion's Annual Gala and the presentation of our Karen Armstrong Humanitarian Awards took place in Monterrey, Mexico during the Encuentro Mundial de Valores AND the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates.

It was serendipitous that we met Kids Rights' Marc Dullaert there and were able to reconnect in person in Amsterdam. All this has resulted in a much valued partnership.

Monica Neomagus, of the Dutch chapter of the Charter, interviewed Marc to introduce him and Kids Rights to the members in the Netherlands.

Read this blog entry, and then register for this week's Global Read on April 9 with Marc Dullaert, Julius Dullaert, and Inge Ikink.

[Read interview in our blog here](#)

News, Programs, and Webinars



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

Every Wednesday

8am PDT / 9am MDT / 10am CDT / 11am EDT / 3pm GMT / 5pm SAST / 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](#)



Building Compassionate Communities

**April 7, 8, 9, or 10.
Same Webinar, 4 Dates with Different Times.**

The Charter for Compassion has developed a four-phase model for creating Compassionate Communities. This model provides structure and tools for individuals and groups eager to foster compassion in their cities, towns, and regions.

In this 90-minute session, we will:

- ✓ Introduce the four phases of building a Compassionate Community
- ✓ Share practical tools to help you get started or expand your efforts
- ✓ Explore how the Charter's initiatives—such as the Toolbox for Compassionate Communities, the annual 40-Day Beloved Community Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., and our compassion-strengthening courses—can support your work

Learn More and Register Here



Global Read: Changemakers by Marc Dullaert, Julius Dullaert, and Inge Ikink

Wednesday, April 9

**9am PDT / 10am MDT / 11am CDT / 12pm
EST / 5pm BST / 6pm SAST / 9:30pm IST**

LISTEN TO THE CHILDREN

Twenty children moving the world. Twenty interviews. Twenty incredibly inspiring stories of the winners of the Children's Peace Prize for young and old.

The International Children's Peace Prize and the young winner's message reaches hundreds of millions of people around the world.

Awarded this year for the twentieth time, a milestone and occasion to engage with the winners and to talk with them about their lives, their actions: and listen to them in wonder and be inspired.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Compassionate Ambassador Program Follow-Up Meeting

Wednesday, April 16

**1pm PDT / 2pm MDT / 3pm CDT / 4pm EDT
/ 9pm BST / 6am AEDT (April 17) / 8am
NZST (April 17)**

For those of you that registered to the launch of the Compassionate Cities Ambassador Program last February 28, 2025 we have a follow-up meeting!

This initiative is designed to strengthen the bridge between grassroots compassion teams and local government leaders, including mayors, city managers, council members, and municipal departments.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Allies in Action: Community & Partner Chat for CANADA

Wednesday, April 16

**4:30pm PDT / 5:30pm MDT / 6:30pm CDT /
7:30pm EDT**

At this gathering, we aim to foster meaningful conversations, exchange innovative ideas, and address any concerns that you may have.

If you belong to a Compassionate Community, are part of a partner organization, or signed the Charter for Compassion and live in CANADA, this chat is for you.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)

*Becoming Wise
An Inquiry into
the Mystery and
Art of Living
Krista Tippett*



Global Read: Becoming Wise: An Inquiry into the Mystery and Art of Living By Krista Tippett

Wednesday, April 23

**9am PDT / 10am MDT / 11am CDT / 12pm
EST / 5pm BST / 6pm SAST / 9:30pm IST**

In *Becoming Wise*, Krista Tippett has created a master class in living for a fractured world. Fracture, she says, is not the whole story of our time. The enduring question of what it means to be human has become inextricable from the challenge of who we are to one another.

She insists on the possibility of personal depth and common life for this century, nurtured by science and "spiritual technologies," with civility and love as muscular public practice. And, accompanied by a cross-disciplinary dream team of a teaching faculty, she shows us how.

The conversation will be moderated by our friend Parker J. Palmer.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Compassion Circle: The Charter Sangha

Saturday, April 26

**9am PDT / 10am MDT / 11am CDT / 12pm
EDT / 5pm BST / 6pm SAST / 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](#)



ICYMI: In Case You Missed It!

March 20

[EdNet Forum: Peace Leadership Model with James Offuh](#)

March 26

[Youth Voices for a Nuclear-Free Future](#)

[Global Read: One with Devon Clunis](#)

From our Partners



Guns, Gangs, & Violence

Wednesday, April 23

10am PDT / 11am MDT / 12pm CDT / 1pm EDT / 6pm BST / 7pm SAST / 10:30pm IST

From Canadian Multifaith Federation & Anti-Racism Initiative of the G20 Interfaith Forum Foundation. Our last Global Read Guest Author, Devon Clunis, will be part of an insightful panel on addressing guns, gangs, and violence within multi/interfaith spaces.

[Register Here](#)



GoldenRuleism Ambassadors

A GoldenRuleism Ambassador is anyone committed to positively impacting their community and the world. This role is not defined by status or position but by the willingness to practice empathy and kindness in everyday interactions. Whether you are a community leader, educator, student, or simply someone who believes in the power of GoldenRuleism, you can become an ambassador.

[Learn More on How to Become a GoldenRuleism Ambassador](#)

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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