
Global context, IofC outreach, Opportunities today

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Building trust across the world's divides

Initiatives of Change (IofC)

.....is a world-wide movement of people of diverse cultures and backgrounds, who are committed to the transformation of society through changes in human motives and behaviour, starting with their own.



The aim of Initiatives of Change

is to inspire, equip and connect people to address the needs of the world and their own countries, starting with themselves.



Specific Approach

- Space for reflection and seeking inner wisdom
- Starting with oneself ... through change in living, absolute moral values and relationships
- Dialogue in Diversity
- Taking focused action



Focus areas

➤ **Trust building**

Peace and social cohesion by building trust and reconciliation across divides;

➤ **Ethical leadership**

Good governance at every level by developing a leadership culture based on moral integrity, compassion and selfless service;

➤ **Sustainable living**

Economic justice and environmental sustainability by inspiring transformation of motives and behaviour.

Trust Building

Creators of Peace



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An African Answer



South Sudan Initiative



Burundi “approach”: Window of Opportunity for Peace



Dialogue Toolkit for Europe



A new model of governance for India



Just Governance: Caux-Asia Plateau



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Foundations for Freedom



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Sustainable living

Farmers Dialogues



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Trust & Integrity in the Global Economy



Above left: Interpreters planning a plenary session with corporate lawyer Jean-Pierre Mean

Participants in the workstream

Bottom left: Dr Glenda Eoyang, founding executive director of the Human Systems Dynamics Institute, USA.



Sustainable living

Initiatives for Land, Lives & Peace



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Initiatives of Change International: Priorities for our own effectiveness

- Nurturing spiritual wellbeing - “Living Differently”
- Strengthening local teams – “Response Team”
- Strategic Direction and cohesion - connecting national and international initiatives around focus areas: Trust building, ethical leadership and sustainable living.



Initiatives of Change International: current strategic priorities

- Europe: discerning priorities and focus to meet needs
- Collaboration of Civilizations:
 - Strengthening Arab/Muslim world and leadership development
 - Partnership between India and Indonesia
- Partnerships for Change:
 - Collaboration for good governance and ethical leadership in Africa/ Arab region/Pacific
 - Supporting Initiatives in China
- Transfer of Community trust building tools (USA)
- Encourage small group meetings: nurture spiritual wellbeing
- Strengthen internal governance of IofC network for united authentic movement



Initiatives of Change International: Relevance today

- Importance of spiritual and moral dimension in creating lasting change
- Trust building, ethical leadership and integrity of economy vital for sustainable future
- Creating the space where diverse people, across cultures, religions and generations can find a spirit of collaboration to answer needs of world.
- Power of ordinary people to bring about radical change
- Lasting change can only come through people deciding to live differently – offering real examples of that to give hope to others



Opportunities

- Norway's neutrality – peace building and promotion
 - Middle East
 - Baltic region
 - Russia
- Central role in shaping tomorrow's inclusive Europe
- Re-igniting the next generation to think globally and serve a world in need
- Silence, inner reflection, moral values: a compass that lights a path through the noisy world of today





Frank Buchman

“Peace is not just an idea; it is people becoming different.”

Frank Buchman, 1939

