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Dear ,

It has been three months since we last wrote. This is due to our necessary focus on major work to prepare a completely new 'Beta' version of the website. Now that it is more or less ready, we are pleased to be able to share with you a new user experience.

The new website is on the same address as before (<https://www.foranewworld.info>). If prompted, use **foranewworld** as both username and password. You will be greeted with a pop-up welcome 'window', and have the option to tick a box if you don't want to see it on your next visit.

Once you reach the homepage, you will see this new header text that we have carefully prepared:

'The spiritual and moral legacy of Frank Buchman lives on in songs, films, books, programmes and above all in the stories of countless people whose lives have found a new direction. While most of the material on the website currently comes from the movement he founded – The Oxford Group, Moral Re-Armament, now Initiatives of Change – it already includes much from other movements which grew from the same roots. The defining aim always has been, and still is, the quest for a hate-free, fear-free and greed-free world where each person has a unique calling and contribution.'

Further details of what to look out for especially are below. There is still plenty to do to prepare the site for public release (for example completing the system that allows you to stay in your chosen site language) but we hope you will feel as much as we do, that a major step forward has been taken!

VISIT THE WEBSITE

A personal reflection

by Fabiana Duarte

Hello, everybody!

My name is Fabiana and I'm Brazilian. I lived in my country for the first nineteen years of my life, then immersed myself in the full-time experience of the Gente que Avanza Movement, travelling all over Latin America for 10 years. I also spent two years at the IofC Centre in England and then another 18 years in Uruguay, coordinating the Gente que Avanza Youth Training Programme.

Now, I am newly arrived in Petrópolis, Brazil, together with my husband and children. We've started a new adventure, working with other like-minded people in Brazil, to help grow communities that aim to live the essence of IofC and, through their lives, inspire others to do the same.



Recently, we travelled with my family to São Paulo to visit two families who had contact with MRA many years ago. They were surprising encounters! Two of the ladies told us that in the 1970s, when they were just teenagers, they met Elsa Vogel (France) and Josephine Austad (Malta), who visited their parents. During the lunches shared with these ladies, it was clear that what they were discussing with their parents was very important, even though the girls didn't understand much at the time. Years later, when already in their 40's, the memory of those discussions came strongly to the fore. They began searching social networks for Elsa and Josephine, keen to reignite that special feeling they had during those visits. We were able to make those important connections for them and link them into the work we have set for ourselves to build new communities around the essence of IofC.

One of the tools to extend the network of IofC and engage people across Brazil and indeed Latin America, is the I-Listen Zoom in Portuguese and Spanish. Many, from different countries on our continent, have been meeting most Saturdays and Sundays for the last five months to share a time of reflection and to seek direction together. We have also been joined by people from other continents who, at some point in their lives, gave the best of themselves to this part of the world.

Every week, new people are joining this time together. That's how we met these two families from São Paulo. They too were able to rediscover this challenging

message of being the protagonists of a better world, a message that they both now see anew as adults, thanks to the imprint left on their childhood.

Now that I am back in Petrópolis, I started to reflect on what we heard and experienced. Memories and experiences of the past gain new significance when seen from the perspective of the present. What we have lived acquires meaning and becomes a valuable contribution to the current growth of our mind, body and spirit. The same thing can happen when we enter this For a New World website. We discover that this light so many people before us made shine so brightly, continues to guide our present.

Fabiana Duarte, 2020-10-23

Design & technical updates

For the past three months, we've been working hard together with Indian-based consultancy firm 'AddWeb' to create an entirely new 'Beta' version of the website. Much more than merely a new colour scheme and changed layouts, this new 'Beta' website is an entirely new product that has been rebuilt from the ground up. This work has been intense, interesting and challenging - many technical issues to overcome as well as learning to work 'remotely' with a company several time zones, a whole different culture and continent away!

One can liken the work to building a house; for the *previous* version of the website, we bought a 'ready-made' house. It already had a finished roof and walls, and we 'furnished' it. But its basic structure limited us a lot. This time around, we've opted to rebuild the whole foundation to ensure a structure that will last for years to come. Some of the work we have done (probably almost a thousand hours, both by AddWeb and the FANW team) will not be directly noticeable to users. But you will notice some significant differences, which are listed below.

There are still a few small spots on the walls that need painting, but we invite you in to take a look.

Browse in your own language

One of the most technically difficult tasks has been to rework the system behind the 'multilingual' function of the site, meaning that you can view the navigation and text on the pages in no less than 12 different languages. This is a very, very ambitious undertaking; once fully ready, we will have twice the amount of languages to offer compared to, for example, the website of the UN.

We will soon have all the navigation (main menu, footer menu, help texts etc.) in all 12 interface languages. On the content side, however, we only have around a tenth of the approx 12,500 pages translated into any other language than English. Therefore we still need your help in reviewing the translations that we create using 'automatic' computer translation systems.

Design & user experience

More or less everything in this 'Beta' version has been given a new shape,

placement or colour scheme. We want to highlight the following:

- On the start page, there are 'carrousels' with random selections of high-quality material which offer you different 'entry points' into all the fascinating material of the website.
- When browsing 'landing pages' or 'result pages', you can choose to view the results in either a condensed 'grid' view, which focuses on the visuals and basics of the content or in an expanded 'list' view, with more details about each item.
- On these landing pages we have also added a range of new 'filters' to help you find the material you want to view.
- The whole website has been reworked to function well on mobile devices (tablets, mobile phones).
- Giving feedback, reporting an error or offering help is now done using the 'Feedback' button at the bottom of every page.

As you might notice, we're very eager to showcase all that's been added and improved and we could go on for hours... but we had better let you visit the site for yourself now...

Happy browsing!

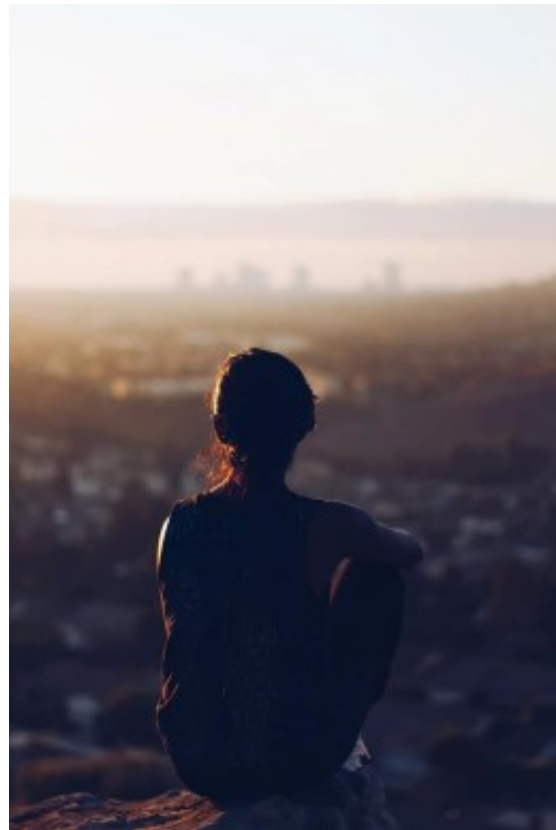
Leif Söderlund, Edward Peters and Sylviane Borel

2020-11-06

Content updates

In this section, we would like to invite you to look at a select part of the new content that has been added to the web platform since our last 'Update'. Click the links below to view the content on the website.

(Remember to use **foraneworld** both as username and password, if prompted)



New World News and MRA Information Service

Since last issue, Andrew Stallybrass has tenaciously been scanning no less than **842** full issues of these two historic periodicals.

They are now available to view or download in full via these links:

[New World News, MRA Information Service.](#)

New Guided Journey: 'Listening & Silence'

Michael Smith has created the 'script' for a new 'Guided Journey' on the Essence theme 'Listening & Silence'.

View the [Guided Journey on Listening & Silence](#)

Financial updates

One foundation, with a double mission and in need of finance.

The mission statement of the foundation "For a new world" has crystallised into two distinct purposes:

- One is the creation and upkeep of the 'internet platform' to make available as much as we can of the history of this heritage in music, books, film etc.

- The second is the encouragement of and assistance to properly archive the physical material, wherever it is in the world. Much has already been done, mainly through some archives of Initiatives of Change, but there is still a long way to go!

As an independent foundation, charged with including all the branches of the above-mentioned heritage, we do not expect the one movement or the other to finance it but rely on gifts. Institutional and personal. So far this has split approximately 50/50.

The basic capital of the foundation is now € 280 000, where the interest is hoped to carry the "running costs" in the decades ahead. The development of the internet platform, however, needs extra money, on top of the many voluntary hours that have already been put in. (Well over 10 000 hours at this point!)

Through the many gifts received so far, we can nearly cover the development costs for the rest of this year, except for the additional costs due to our multilingual approach, for which we need approximately a further € 5 000.

In order to continue adding material and develop the various functions next year, though, we will need some more. Quite how much is not absolutely clear, but based on this past year's experience as a basis, we are talking between us of around estimate € 50 000.

So, all ideas, gifts of voluntary work and money are welcome!

Contribute financially

We are in constant need of both monetary gifts and gifts of time and skill from volunteers. If you wish to make a monetary contribution, please click below:

MAKE A MONETARY CONTRIBUTION

Contribute time & skill

If you wish to donate your time and skills, we ask you for the following, specific support this time around:

Reviewing computer-generated translations

As mentioned above, we have started using computer-generated translations to help us reach our multi-lingual goals. These are often quite accurate. However, even computers make errors, so we always let a pair of human eyes scour the

texts for errors and then press an 'approve' button to publish the text on the platform.

Proofreading pages

As with basic reviewing of translated pages, there is always a need to proofread (mostly English) pages.

Correcting 'Person' page titles

There are, as you might have seen, some places where a person's page title has honorary titles, middle names and/or initials in them. For example 'Frank ND Buchman', or 'Dr. Frank Nathaniel D. Buchman'. This *should* read only 'Frank Buchman' in the title. We need help going through and correcting these on the platform. (A few special cases exist, of course, where a person is/was always known by initials or a nickname, and should therefore not be changed, but more on that later..).

Do you wish to help with any of the above, or anything else? Click the button below:

CONTRIBUTE TIME & SKILL

And finally: thank you again for showing an interest in our endeavour!

The team:

Sylviane Borel (Switzerland), Vitalie Craacan (Romania), Anthony Duigan (South Africa), Alison Dodds (UK), Kenneth Dodds (UK), Meryl Horn (South Africa), Pieter Horn (South Africa), Rosmarie Lilliehöök (Sweden), Edward Peters (Sweden), Eliane Stallybrass (Switzerland), Andrew Stallybrass (Switzerland), Leif Söderlund (Sweden), Gunnar Söderlund (Sweden) and Sylvie Söderlund (Sweden).

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