

WELCOME TO THE CAMPUS FOR PEACE AND SOLIDARITY

WHAT IS THE CAMPUS FOR PEACE AND SOLIDARITY?

The Campus for Peace and Solidarity is an initiative of the Open University of Catalonia (*Universitat Oberta de Catalunya*, commonly called the *UOC*). It is a virtual university campus which uses information technology in international cooperation and development. Our aim is to contribute, in terms of knowledge, to a fairer, more peaceful and sustainable world. The Campus for Peace and Solidarity is run by a motivated team of professionals based at the headquarters of the Open University of Catalonia, in Barcelona.

For more info, check out our new website (www.campusforpeace.org)

WHAT IS THE UOC?

The Open University of Catalonia (*Universitat Oberta de Catalunya*, commonly called the *UOC*) was created in 1994 and has developed as an online university with the mission to provide people with training throughout their lives. The Open University of Catalonia is an innovative institution, which aims to lead new initiatives in education, research and dissemination of knowledge.

For more info, check out the UOC website (www.uoc.edu/web/eng)

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON CONFLICT, CONFLICTOLOGY AND PEACE

INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS FOR LIVING TOGETHER IN PEACE

The Campus for Peace and Solidarity organises an International Congress on Conflict, Conflictology and Peace at the Caixa Forum, in the city centre of Barcelona on 22-23 October, 2007. The Congress is designed to address the deficit of professional training and research in the area of conflict resolution, and to provide a meeting point for professionals working on conflict resolution in different organisations. Projects dealing with the resolution of specific conflicts will be launched, along with recently set up knowledge networks focusing on the practical application of conflict resolution in different areas.

Among the numerous speakers, Federico Mayor Zaragoza, former Director general of the UNESCO is worth a special mention, as is Nelsa Curbelo, Director of the organisation Ser-PAZ in Ecuador, who will speak on the re-integration of armed gangs in Central America. For more info or to register for the Congress (www.uoc.edu/symposia/pau/eng/index.html)

TRAINING COURSES

At the Campus for Peace and Solidarity we offer on-line training courses for NGO professionals; Dreamweaver, Flash, courses on how to teach on-line, or how to learn on-line, etc. We also run training courses in cooperation with our partners, customising the content to their specific needs. Currently we provide courses for Amnesty International, the Red Cross, Engineers without Borders and Barcelona Provincial Council (Diputació de Barcelona). If your organisation would be interested in cooperating with the Campus for Peace and Solidarity in the area of training, please contact us at cooperacion@uoc.edu, or on +34 93 253 5764.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OUR PARTNERS



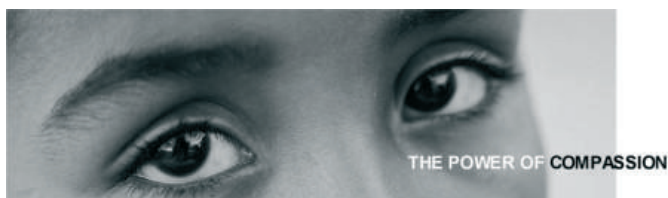
BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITY FOR PEACE BUILDING WORLDWIDE

Global Peace Builders is seeking organisations, researchers and individual practitioners working around peace building, conflict resolution, conflict transformation and peace and reconciliation worldwide to join the Global Peace builders project.

If you are interested in joining the database of peace building and conflict resolution organisations, or simply learning more about the Global Peace builders project, contact Sarah Maitland, the Global Peace builders Project Coordinator on tel. +44 (0)28 9031 5111, or email sarah@springboard-ops.org or check out www.globalpeacebuilders.org

AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE POWER OF COMPASSION

An international, multi-cultural, multi-disciplinary conference, examining concepts of "the Other" from a universal, cross-cultural perspective to promote wider public dialogue about concepts of "Us and Them".



The Common Bond Institute is sponsoring a conference on the theme **Engaging the Other: the Power of Compassion**, on October 25-28, 2007, in Dearborn, Michigan, USA. The conference aims to address the roots of negative stereotypes, prejudice, and artificial barriers of misunderstanding and distrust that separate us, and to promote public dialogue and awareness on these issues.

Full program and registration at: www.cbiworld.org, or contact the Common Bond Institute; Steve Olweean, Director, Conference Coordinator, at solweean@aol.com, or on +1 269 665 9393.

INTERVIEW



José Vicente Mestre, Barcelona, secondary school teacher of Philosophy, and an active member of Amnesty International (AI), played a key role in setting up a course on Citizenship and Human Rights, a joint venture by the Campus for Peace and Solidarity and AI in Catalonia. He describes the experience as very positive, and admits that the demand for the course exceeded his most optimistic expectations.

The Campus for Peace and Solidarity provided the pedagogic methodology for the course, whereas AI facilitated rich information material, along with suggestions on how to develop the content. José Vicente coordinated the whole process, and also managed to have his book on Human Rights published by the Open University of Catalonia editorial. An example of successful cooperation!

COOPERATE WITH THE CAMPUS FOR PEACE AND SOLIDARITY

Are you, your organisation or an organisation that you know, interested in cooperating with the Campus for Peace and Solidarity? Would you like us to provide your training courses? Or do you have a specific development project in mind? Contact us! We are looking forward to hearing from you.

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