



**THE COMMUNITY FOR HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT**



WORLD NEWSLETTER

2024

Dear friends,

We warmly welcome all those who promote the culture of active non-violence and who have now joined the community as full members.

Below, we present the activities that are being carried out in various neighborhoods and cities around the world, as expressions of the methodology of non-violence. These initiatives, carried out in neighborhoods, squares, parks and educational centers, are developed in a playful and joyful way, making the neighborhood the epicenter of what really matters: people. Through conferences, workshops, campaigns and weekly meetings, we strengthen ourselves internally while we study and work together in the use of different tools that allow us to advance in coherence, understanding and personal growth, promoting both social and personal transformation.

In this context, we support various organizations that denounce situations of violence and actively promote non-violence. We do so by debating at round tables, organizing campaigns, creating murals and exploring different artistic expressions. From the grassroots teams, these constructions are forged in the immediate environment, working with other people who seek new answers and who sense that another reality is possible.

The permanent and committed work of the grassroots teams is very valuable, who, through the different activities, are referents, giving a signal to whoever wants to listen. Promoting a sensitivity that captures the world as a whole and that understands that the difficulties of people anywhere end up involving others, even if they are far away.

These initiatives weave relationships, improve the environments where we live and offer a different response to conflicts, based on the methodology of active non-violence. Through direct communication, affection and understanding, generating spaces for meeting, exchange, study and reflection, pointing out a clear direction, in these times of so much confusion.



Core Team: Ahimsa, Nova

Nonviolence in the Universalist Humanist sense

Round table within the EireneFest

In Silo's speech, known as A propos of the human, the Argentine philosopher clarifies two key aspects of Universalist Humanism: the concept of the human phenomenon and that of the experience of the humanity of others.

It is not possible to give a definition of nonviolence, both internal and external, without starting from these two basic concepts.

With the first, in fact, we recognize intentionality and the ability to move in a temporal horizon much broader than its perception as the main characteristics of human consciousness: each human being is his historical and social environment; it is also a reflection on this environment and a contribution to its transformation or maintenance.

The human being in its deepest and most universal sense is fundamentally a free evolutionary process and therefore we will speak of violence in the face of any form of limitation of intentionality and human freedom, one's own or that of another, that causes suffering.

On the other hand, we must recognize how often the experience I have of the other (be it a human being, an animal, nature or the universe) is still limited to the satisfaction of my needs, it is rather limited to a for-me.

This attitude is at the root of the system of violent relationships in which we live:



Books discussed:

Silo, Psychology Notes, Multimage, Florence 2023;

Federica Fratini, Let's Learn Nonviolence, Multimage, Florence 2024;
Silo, Speeches, Multimage, Florence 2016.

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As long as a kind of anesthesia prevents me from perceiving the temporal horizon of the other, the other will have no meaning except as a for-me.

The nature of the other will be a for-me.

But by constructing the other as a for-me, I constitute and alienate myself in my own for-me. In other words: to say “I am for-me” means to close my horizon of transformation. Whoever transforms the other into a thing, transforms himself into a thing, thus closing his own horizon.

It is from the internal experience of humanity itself and that of others that we can understand non-violence and how it, to date, represents the only possible path in the unstoppable process towards the first planetary civilization in history. We believe that human consciousness is today on the verge of being able and necessary to make this evolutionary leap towards non-violence, as the only valid path for convergence in diversity.

Speakers include Federica Fratini, Roberta Consilvio and Giorgio Mancuso.



Base team: Cocs Bazar Base Team.
Humanist School



In January 2024, we received 20 students for admission to primary level and 20 for class I in our regular activities at the Humanist School in Nazirertek, Cocs Bazar district. You know that they are from a fishermen family in that area. This is the half-day school. From 2 pm to 6 pm we provide them with basic education. This year we have provided them with books, notebooks and other educational materials. We also provide them with some food at half-time.

Link:

<https://www.pressenza.com/2017/10/fisher-folk-children-get-free-education-humanist-school-coxs-bazar-bangladesh/>

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MUMBAI - INDIA

Andheri Community Centre for Human Development regularly organizes weekly and monthly webinars/seminars on self-development topics based on humanistic themes of peace and non-violence.

The weekly webinar is of one hour duration while the monthly webinar is of one and a half hours duration. During the year 2024 till 14.07.24, 100 weekly webinars and 6 monthly webinars/seminars were organized with an average of 10-15 humanistic participants. Participation is free of cost and from any nationality. The topics covered during this period are Growth Vs Peace, Awakening, Quality of Life, Liberation and Freedom, Seeking and Discovering, Religion and Spirituality, Struggle, Mindfulness and Accident, Simplicity, Struggle Vs Surrender, Inner Record, Point of View, Learning, Settling. , poverty, inner discipline, problem and solution, life lessons, illusions, inner voice, strength, righteousness, repentance, influence, admiration, dreaming of the future, conquering violence, etc.

The text material of the seminar was distributed among all the participants along with posters with daily good morning messages in English and Hindi on each topic which were shared on social media like Facebook, Whatsapp, Anchor, Linkedin with an audience of thousands of thousands.

It is to be added that this activity was started in the year 2014, and till date more than 430 seminars are conducted.

The centre also published books on humanistic themes of non-violence and peace in many Indian languages. We have books in Urdu, Kannada, English, Gujarati, Hindi Marathi, Tamil, etc. Till date more than 10000 copies are distributed.

During the year our volunteers attended many professional meetings in their professional work but always ended up meeting with a brief profile of the Humanist Movement and Silo covering the higher levels of Authorities.

The centre also participates in humanitarian activities of women's empowerment by donating sewing machines to needy women's associations for their members. Four such machines were distributed among NGOs.

Base Team: Nonviolent Action

Huaico moves towards a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence



We worked between May and October 2023 with Directors of School No. 4845 Bicentennial of Argentine Independence, Community Operators of the Huaico Neighborhood Police in workshops for children, parents and teachers. Topics: "Violence is learned, Nonviolence too" and "The Golden Rule". 3 face-to-face meetings and 4 virtual meetings were held with Directors, teachers and interns who were trained in Nonviolence Methodology. The Cycle of workshops was closed with the Cultural Meeting "Huaico Walks towards a Solidarity and Nonviolent Culture" where students and teachers from EFETA No. 7044 "Bilingual School for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children" and ISPA "Higher Institute of Art Teachers No. 6004" participated. We will continue working this year in relation to the 3rd World March for Peace and Nonviolence.

Nonviolence Workshops in Rodeo Colorado Iruya, in the north of the Province of Salta, Argentina, at an altitude of approximately 3,000 meters. Professors Laura Romano and Alejandra Vittar gave workshops on the "Formation of Nonviolent Communities", with the support of UNSa (National University of Salta), Secondary School No. 5155 and Primary School No. 4424 in the town of Rodeo Colorado.

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ITALY - MILAN

THE FIRST LIBRARY OF NONVIOLENCE OPENS IN MILAN

On March 9th, with great enthusiasm, we inaugurated the first Library of Nonviolence in Milan. A library that wants to become a point of reference for the community. It is available especially to schools, families, children and young people. Located in the Active Nonviolence Center in Via Mazzali, 5, it was created in collaboration with Mondo senza Guerre e senza violenza. This library was dedicated to our friend Cristina Mastrotto. She was a great volunteer and together with her we had dreamed of this project.



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MUMBAI- INDIA

ACTIVITIES OF DAHISAR AND BORIVALI HUMANIST CENTER



Maintenance of Green Park Garden, IC Colony.

We collected signatures to submit to BMC authorities on 16th April 2024 to resolve the issue of watchmen not present for 24 hours, worn out benches and some non-functioning gym instruments.

We did maintenance of foot bridge near St Louis Church, Dahisar West

The bridge was painted, fencing repaired and floor tiles laid. Circuit breaker at Jai Santoshi Mata Road, Navagaon, Dahisar West.

A memorandum of signatures from neighbours was submitted to BMC on 29th April 2024 to have a circuit breaker near the foot bridge at "Tone Paradise".

We have our weekly meetings every Saturday at Casa Marina, Borivali West.

JUNE 2, 2024: - ISSUE 100 OF THE "HUMANISTA" NEWSLETTER WAS PUBLISHED.

The 100th issue of the "HUMANISTA" newsletter was published, 10,000 copies were distributed in the Dahisar and Borivali neighbourhoods, the cost being covered by advertising. On 2 June an event was organised at St Louis High School, which was attended by 74 people from the neighbourhood.



ACTIVITIES OF THE GROUPS HELP BETWEEN CULTURES

In two very populated neighbourhoods in Madrid, the El Pilar neighbourhood and the Fuencarral neighbourhood, we develop very diverse workshops based on Silo's Message, The Book of the Community, Self-Liberation, Training Manuals, etc., etc. We learn and show topics for human development in the continuous weekly meetings, expanding our action as much as possible. The ages are very diverse from very young to very old people. A very good atmosphere.

In Basauri there is permanence in the weekly meetings, the environment is being strengthened and we continue to seek to improve the place. The Fire Workshops continue as a means of participation.

Both the Summer Season and the continuous trips to Toledo Park are creating a very good group and openness. Also near the Park we continue a small group involved in ecology.

The Clay Workshops and Fire Workshops are very useful to us also in Madrid, we continue learning and there is a very good atmosphere. We have been in several demonstrations and neighbourhood events.



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Prometheus grassroots group

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PEACE EDUCATION PROJECT WITH A HUMANISTIC APPROACH

Weekly virtual meetings have been held with members from both Lima and Arequipa.

GOOD TREATMENT BRIGADE

Student volunteers who promote good treatment at school. At the Villa el Golf Educational Institution 40172. Based on the principle "Treat others as you want to be treated."

ITALY - ROME

THE SHELF OF BOOKS ON NON-VIOLENCE

In the Roman district of Tor bella Monaca, the march of "The bookshelf of non-violence" continues. On May 17, 2024, we will inaugurate another one in the neighborhood library "Cubo Libro". A library that is also a cultural and social center full of educational and recreational activities for children living in one of the disadvantaged neighborhoods of Rome. In this case, the bookshelf becomes a symbol and a defense against all types of violence in everyday life. Now, with the presence of the bookshelf, we have created the possibility of other options and outlets. Meanwhile, on the shelves already installed in schools, activities are taking place with the theme of non-violence, such as the reading of Nelson Mandela's autobiography and the screening of the film "Invictus".



ESPAÑA - MADRID

MEETINGS OF THE MAGAZINE VENTANAS ABIERTAS

Four years ago we started a digital magazine of poetry and reflections, where we try to connect the existential with social changes. To go deeper into the topics covered in the magazine, we organize quarterly meetings where we read the magazine, along with readings of "Humanizing the Earth" and an exchange of points of view and experiences. We hold these meetings both at our premises and at the municipal library, being the activity that has had the greatest participation this semester and the most new people have joined. The dissemination has been through social networks (instagram, facebook), WhatsApp groups, posters and word of mouth.



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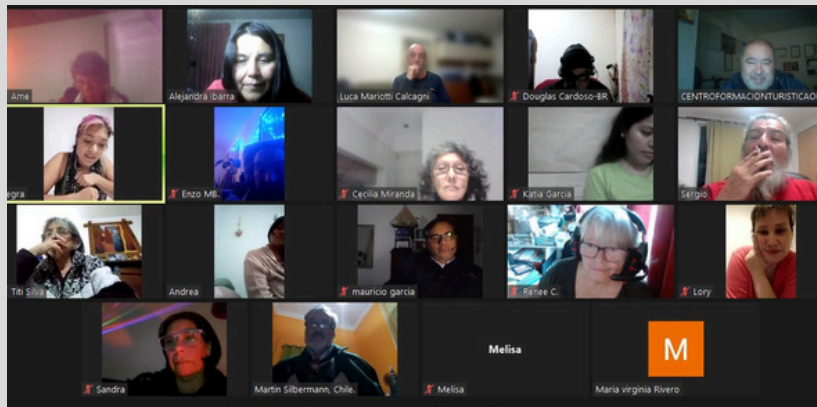
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CYCLE OF WORKSHOPS CONTACT

Contact workshops cycle. Virtual, experiential training workshops for personal and social transformation with a humanizing direction. They are a path to getting to know oneself, a space to clarify and strengthen the meaning of our life and awaken the inner strength we need to face each day; it is the environment for exchange, dialogue, shared reflection about the difficulties and advances in one's own development. The contact workshops are designed as a first approach to the work of the Community. In them, contact is made with some knot of conflict and a group exchange is carried out. The modifications are produced by the change of point of view of who looks at themselves, at others and at the world. workshops.lacomunidad@gmail.com



WE DON'T WANT WEAPONS WE WANT PEACE

On August 6th we commemorate the tragedy and genocide of Hiroshima and demand a ceasefire at a global level.

It is urgent to ensure the defense of human rights and demand a new policy for conflict resolution. As activists we will gather on Saturday, August 10th at 11 in the morning at the corner of Paseo Ahumada and Compañía, Santiago de Chile, to begin our campaign to change the name of the Plaza de Armas to Plaza de la Paz. Sowing the seeds of a new culture, the culture of nonviolence, because...nWe don't want more weapons, we want peace!

Activity full of art and commitment to a new horizon for humanity.

Active nonviolence is the force that will change the world.

We thank all the organizations that join this action and conspire in activism.



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ARGENTINA - BUENOS AIRES

HUMAN REVOLUTION

Ongoing activities

1. Weekly dissemination in squares and parks in Buenos Aires
2. Virtual Weekly Meeting via Meet
3. Recontact and invitation via email and WhatsApp
4. Production of material for social networks. Publications on Instagram, Facebook, Youtube and TikTok

During the last quarter of 2023:

we organized festivals in squares and parks of the city among several friends to spread our proposal with live music, workshops and meditation

We gave workshops in an NGO in San Miguel and in a popular high school in Chacarita

We carried out activities and meetings in Gerli, San Miguel and San Martín, in addition to Buenos Aires

The first half of this year

was marked by the political situation

We actively participated in marches and mobilizations to Congress and the Plaza de Mayo in defense of Democracy and the validity of human rights.

We got involved in a popular assembly in the Colegiales neighborhood.

We also gave workshops in a cultural space of SUTERH in Buenos Aires

We were prepared to activate together. In mobilizations, participation in the World Coordination Team and through the dissemination of the World March for Peace and Nonviolence, among other activities and initiatives.



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FUNDRAISING AT THE AGRO ROMANO FARMERS' MARKET

A great fundraising activity was carried out by organizing a "polentata" in the setting of the Agro Romano Farmers' Market in the Tor Pignattara neighborhood. It was also a moment of spreading knowledge of the Community for Human Development.



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BANGLADESH

PREPARATORY MEETING FOR 3 WORLD MARCH FOR PEACE & NONVIOLENCE

The core team of the Third World March for Peace and Non-Violence is organizing a preparatory meeting in Bangladesh. On 6 February 2024, the core team of the Third World March in Bangladesh (Shahed Ullah, G Mawla Hiron, Nazrul Islam Jashim, Reaz Uddin, Shamim, Mizanur Rahman Pasha, Biren, Rabiul Awal, Sheikh Arif, Ayub Ansary) invited Pressenza and some foreign observers to a virtual meeting where they discussed their plans for the Third World March for Peace and Non-Violence in Bangladesh.

It was a virtual meeting, but it was very inspiring to see and meet the core team of Bangladeshi humanists who are preparing plans and actively working, organizing activities to hear what they have been doing to welcome the core team of the Third World March in the country.



To send a strong and clear signal that a world without war and violence is not only possible but essential, crucial, necessary and important for humanity to move towards a truly humanized world, Bangladeshi humanists have been passionately preparing for the Third World March that will come to their country on its journey around the world, starting in San Jose, Costa Rica on October 2, 2024.

The plans that the Bangladesh team is envisioning and working on are truly something to look forward to. The overall plan is to organize events before the World March team arrives, while the World March team is in the country and even after they pass through, after they leave for the next country on their route.

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Link <https://www.pressenza.com/2024/02/humanists-in-bangladesh-get-the-3rd-world-march-for-peace-and-non-violence-moving-forward/>

CHILE

PEACE AS A DESTINY, PERFORMANCE MEETING DOCUMENTARY PRESENTATION ENGRUDO

Through art and activism we take to the streets to transform everyday life into new registers of the future and denounce all forms of violence.

A documentary that inspires territories in resistance, a sample of active nonviolence in creativity and conviction.



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PEACE AS A DESTINY - PERFORMANCE MEETING

ITALY - ROME

THE SHELF OF BOOKS ON NON-VIOLENCE

In this first semester of 2024 we are inaugurating 3 shelves, one in the municipal library of the III Municipality of Rome and 2 in the primary and lower secondary schools of the I.C. Piaget-Majorana in Rome, the inauguration is also associated with a workshop on the practice of the golden rule, inspired by the book LET'S LEARN NON-VIOLENCE - the practice of the golden rule for all ages, by Federica Fratini and Roberto Kohanoff and . Multiage.



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CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE HUMANIST PARTY CAMPAIGN



On June 7th, the Community for Human Development participated in the Public Act for the closing of the Humanist Party campaign for the European Elections, together with the rest of the humanist organizations.

At the event, we expressed our joy that the PH was presenting itself once again. We also conveyed that for us this event is the opportunity to celebrate that the New Humanism is making its way beyond the determinisms and abuses of this system. In this way, we also celebrate the beautiful construction that we are doing from each local and each neighborhood, convinced as we are that the only valid way out is non-violence... and that in this gesture of rebuilding the social fabric lies its strength... The strength of non-violence.

We also point out that, just as the PH has been running for elections for a long time, we at the Community for Human Development have been warning of the need to produce personal and social change simultaneously... Using as a reference coherent behaviour and that golden rule that reminds us to treat others the way we want to be treated... Finally, we testify about the importance of human relations and that the people around us... are basic for our personal and social growth... since they influence us and we also have a great influence on them... And starting from there, from that immediate means, we can reach the whole society and the transformation of the world...

We close our intervention by encouraging people to vote for the Humanist Party. Afterwards, we listened to the rest of the interventions and shared a delicious snack with friends and supporters.





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PORTUGAL

A FUTURE WITHOUT VIOLENCE



We want to increase the number of people participating and we have been working on spreading the word about the Community by putting up different posters. We have also created the Community's Instagram and we are working on creating a website and a Facebook page.

We have also collaborated with other groups: anti-racist; LGBTQIA+ march in Porto and MUBI (association for urban mobility by bicycle). And with other organizations and initiatives of the humanist movement such as the Portuguese Center for Humanist Studies and the Peace Initiative "A future without violence".

We also collaborate in the organization of activities in the Minho/Miño Study and Reflection Park, such as the camp and with a Fire Craft session on clay, as well as activities to care for the Park.



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We were in charge of the program dedicated to schools, involving 10 classes from 2nd grade to upper 4th grade of the festival who participated and made the opening special and then divided by age into the different workshops dedicated to them.



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WORKSHOPS IN SCHOOLS

We held education workshops on non-violence in two comprehensive schools in the third municipality in which more than 200 girls between 10 and 12 years old participated. The topics covered are inspired by the bibliography of Silo, Joah Galtung, Pat Patfort, Marshall Rosenberg, Carl Rogers, while the methodological approach is inspired by the experiential methodology of the Pedagogy of Intentionality, the Montessori method and the maieutics of Danilo Dolci. .





In weekly meetings we work on tools proposed by the Community organization to advance, internally and in the world, towards non-violence. One of the objectives of these meetings is to generate a network of promoters of non-violence, who try to implement the tools that we learn in the meetings, in the different personal and relationship areas in which we are acting.

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I MEET WOMEN WHO TRANSFORM



MOBILIZATION TO COURTS AGAINST THE DNU AND FOR THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS



ARGENTINA SALTA NONVIOLENT ACTION

On July 21, members of the Organizations of the Humanist Movement and the Message of Silo from different provinces of Argentina, held the XIII Pilgrimage to Yala (Province of Jujuy).

In the Yungas ecoregion, pilgrims from all over the country gather every year on the banks of the Yala River, next to the Big Stone, to remember "The Forbidden Arenga", a harangue that Silo was going to say in 1969 before 2,000 people (Quebradeños, Semilantes).

with typical and mining costumes and instruments) but which was prohibited by the de facto government of Onganía. In those places are the ruins of stone where Silo together with study groups They reflected on personal internal change and nonviolent social transformation.



IN SEARCH OF THE INNER TRUTH



THE METHODOLOGY OF NONVIOLENCE WORKS ONLINE

On August 8, The Community for Human Development presented the Workshop "Methodology of Non-Violence" at the Women's Integral Pole.

It was held before members of different community organizations that make up REDUSALTA and who work in a network and with which the Training for the formation of "Promoters of Nonviolence" and the organization of the 3rd World March for Peace and Nonviolence in Salta capital will be promoted.

The Golden Rule and Valid Principles of Action in Salta schools.

On August 23, a workshop is held for 6th and 7th grade children at Primary School No. 4730, "Our Lady del Milagro", at the request of the management of the establishment and through Community Operators of the Police of B° San Carlos, Limache.

Videos were presented with some of the principles of valid action, in relation to the changes that were They are producing in children as future adolescents by encouraging the application of The Golden Rule, respect for oneself and for one's partner. Brief relaxation and breathing techniques were carried out and with the chest of orders. Finally, they were invited to participate with actions in support of the 3rd World March for Peace and Nonviolence.

THE GOLDEN RULE AND THE PRINCIPLES OF VALID ACTION IN SALTA SCHOOLS





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