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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Dealing with tensions, preventing conflict to get too hot, working on reconciliation - these are realities in our lives, both as an individual and as a professional within the work we do. For a long time Oikosnet Europe was informed about the project 'Dialogue for Peaceful Change' (DPC). It was developed in 2004 under the umbrella of Oikosnet International and has trained more than 1.100 persons during a five day training. There have been about 65 all over the world, with significant effects for those who participated as well as for the communities where they are living. One example deals with the youth and gang-violence in the Californian city of Antioch, which was reduced significantly, among others through the fact that 220 volunteers were trained in the DPC-approach. Many more personal examples are told from all over the world, be it in the personal lives of individuals or in the work of members of Oikosnet.

We are proud to announce that we are able to have full DPC-training, just before our next AC takes place. The Board of Oikosnet Europe has decided to support this training financially. This has led to the following:

Dates of the training: 5 September - 9 September (in the late afternoon)

Place: Corrymeela, Ballycastle, no. Ireland

Trainers: Colin Craig (Corrymeela) and Ingeberte Uitslag (Oikos) - both are experienced international DPC-trainers

Arrival day participants: Friday 4 September 2015, just before dinner

Departure day (unless participants stay for the Annual Conference): 10 September after breakfast

Participation fee: **Euro 675.**

Working language: English only (*passive and active use of that language is required, especially since in the second half of the training full communication is mandatory for each participant*)

Minimum number of participants: 12.

Application: see attached form, to send in before **15th of August.**

There will be an opportunity for people from members of Oikosnet Europe, coming from less-resourced members and/or countries, to get some additional financial support. Contact through Rüdiger Noll (rudiger@rudigernoll.eu)

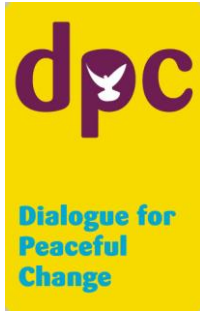
On behalf of the Board of Oikosnet Europe

Jaap van der Sar
president

The DPC-training in a bird's eye view

After the general introduction of the participants and trainers, the focus is on 'Understanding Conflict'. We do we know, what is our experience with it and which mechanisms do we recognise. As part of it DPC offers different view on causes and on ways out. How is biology involved? Which patterns are distinguished, which guiding principles and tools help us to find ways out of conflict.

In the second part we concentrate on practical tools and on the application in different scenario's of real conflicts, gathered from all over the world. This practice is crucial for DPC - and highly appreciated by our participants so far.



APPLICATION FORM FOR THE DPC-TRAINING IN CORRYMEELA

Return to: Belfast@corrymeela.org before 15 August 2015

Name:

Associated with Oikosnet Europe member:

Address:
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Country:

Telephone:

Email address:

will participate in the DPC-training, which takes place from 5 to 9 September 2015 in Corrymeela, Ballycastle, No. Ireland.

He/she will arrive at the 4th of September in Belfast and will communicate arrival time at the railway station, the City Airport or the International Airport at the latest on 15 August to **belfast@corrymeela.org**. Only then adequate transport can be provided to Corrymeela.

He/she will pay the fee of Euro 675 at the latest on 15 August on the account of Oikosnet Europe.

He/she will contact Rüdiger Noll (rudiger@rudigernoll.eu) in case there are arguments to apply for financial support from Oikosnet Europe for the participation in this training.

He/she has fully access to the English language, both active and passive since no translation is available nor possible, due to the way the training is developed.

Name and Place Date

Signature of the participant

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