

Ballycastle/Utrecht, 2 September 2016

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. Both Corrymeela (based in Ballycastle, No. Ireland – see <http://www.corrymeela.org/>) and Oikos (based in Utrecht, Netherlands – see <http://www.stichtingoikos.nl>) have cooperated for my years in the project 'Dialogue for Peaceful Change – DPC'. It was developed in 2004; under this programme more than 1.100 people went through the five day training. There have been about 75 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. A recent example comes from Ghana where we started our cooperation with the National Peace Council as well as with the Presbyterian Church of Ghana. Initiatives were taken for a 3-years programme.

We are proud to announce a next DPC-training. We have the following information:

Dates: Mo 28 November – Fri 2 December 2016

Arrival: 27 November, before dinner

Departure: 3 December, after breakfast

Place: Corrymeela, Ballycastle, No. Ireland

Trainers: Colin Craig and Shona Bell (both Corrymeela) and Jaap van der Sar (Oikos) – all are experienced international DPC-trainers

Participation fee: **Euro 1.150, VAT included.** This also includes travel costs from and to the airports for international guest, where there will be only one bus on the arrival and departure day. For some participants from No. Ireland we have a subsidy available.

Additional fee for single rooms in case a participants want this – as long as rooms are available: Euro 175, ex VAT (€ 212 VAT included)

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 15 October 2016 to both Shona and Jaap (see below).

The DPC-training in a bird's eye view

After the general introduction of the participants and trainers, the focus is on 'Understanding Conflict'. What do we know, what is our experience with it and which mechanisms do we recognise. As part of it DPC offers a different view on causes and on ways out of conflict. How is biology involved? Which patterns are repeated, 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.

We hope to meet you there!

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APPLICATION FORM FOR THE DPC-TRAINING IN CORRYMEELA

Name:

Address:

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Country:

Telephone:

Email address:

will participate in the DPC-training, which takes place from 28 November to 2 December 2016 in Corrymeela, Ballycastle, No. Ireland.

I **will / will not**¹ make use of the single room possibility, thus paying an additional amount of € 212 (VAT incl.)

I will arrive at the 27th of November in Belfast and will communicate arrival time at the railway station, the City Airport or the International Airport at the latest on 1 November 2016 to Shona (shonabell@corrymeela.org). A bus will collect passengers from Belfast City Airport at 5pm, Belfast City Centre at 5.30pm and Belfast International Airport at 6.00pm. It will be the responsibility of the participant to be available for collection at one of these points.

For Dutch participants:

I will pay the fee after having received the bill from Oikos at the latest on 1 November 2016.

For participants from other countries:

I will pay the fee after having received the bill from Corrymeela at the latest on 1 November 2016.

I have 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.

Important notice: Don't book any flight unless we have confirmed that the training will take place, due to the required minimum number of participants.

Name and Place

Date

Signature of the participant

- Please print this page and send a signed copy as your registration per e-mail to Shona and Jaap

¹ Please indicate what is relevant
