

Global Reconciliation: Congress April 23rd 2005

Foundation for Subjective Experience and Research, S.E.R., Switzerland

Reconciliation as a way towards peace, order and justice

Federal school of sports, Magglingen, Switzerland, Time: 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Welcome to the Congress

„You must be the change, you wish to see in the world“. This summons by Mahatma Gandhi who, as a wandering itinerant, realised lasting change, is the guideline of the Reconciliation Congress.

Global Change

Today the creation of globalisation for a democratic and just world is a central challenge. The Foundation for Subjective Experience and Research, S.E.R., Switzerland, Germany and the Netherlands support UNO's suggestions for the worldwide reduction of poverty: the eight millennium development goals, MDGs. The S.E.R. Foundation suggests ways of reconciliation to pursue personal change as Gandhi proclaimed.

Who is the Congress for?

The speakers will show that the MDGs are not only a matter of politics, but start as reconciliation work in daily life, e.g. at school. The Congress is aimed equally at the general public, teachers and politicians. Children from the age of ten years are invited to the workshop in the afternoon.

Speakers

Peter Niggli / Zurich

Director of Swiss Coalition of Development Organisations Swissaid, Catholic Lenten Fund, Bread for All, Helvetas, Caritas, Interchurch Aid. Author of the book „After Globalisation“.

Christiane Daepf, Biel

Teacher and founder of the „Office of ideas, children advise children“ which won at the Unicef-Day 2004 the Orange Award for the promotion of intercultural dialogue. She will present her project with the aid of a film on reconciliation.

Hans Stöckli, Biel

Member of parliament and mayor of Biel speaks as a private person and politician about reconciliation and the MDGs.

Programme

- 09.30 Coffee, tea, water
- 10.00 Opening of the Congress, with music
- 10.05 Welcome and introduction to the theme „Reconciliation“
- 10.15 Music
- 10.20 Report by Peter Niggli: „After Globalisation“
Questions from the floor
- 11.00 Music and break
- 11.20 Report by Christiane Daepf: film about „Office of ideas“
Questions from the floor
- 12.40 Speech by Hans Stöckli
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.15 Music
- 14.20 Workshops for children and adults
Solutions and suggestions to realise the MDGs
- 15.20 Presentation of the results
- 15.45 Summary and Music

Description „Office for ideas“

The office for ideas is an important communication source at school or in the neighbourhood. The aim is to help children who have difficulties with integration, regardless of their origin, language, gender or religion. The Office is managed by the children themselves, with the older ones advising the younger ones. Because they accept responsibility for the wellbeing of the whole school, the social climate can be noticeably improved (as three years' experience has shown). Children are able to develop a differential consciousness and their competence in the search for solutions increases.

Patron

The Foundation for Subjective Experience and Research was founded in 1997 in Basle. It supports children's and peace projects worldwide and is a non-governmental organisation recognised by UNO.

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Organisation

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8 Millennium Development Goals, MDG

By the year 2015, all 191 United Nations Members States have pledged to meet these goals:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability
8. Develop a global partnership for development