



THE INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE PEACE

AUGUST 2008 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

The Institute for Sustainable Peace is busy planning its second annual Leadership Development Workshop, entitled "Leading to a Sustainable Future," to be held at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado, from August 14-21, 2008. We have lined up 8 speakers, including former government officials, business leaders, and leaders of nonprofit organizations who will also serve as mentors to our participants. At the workshop, participants will learn skills for communicating with people from diverse backgrounds and competing interests. They will learn how to break down barriers, and how to collectively redefine problems in order to design creative solutions that, when undertaken collaboratively, stand a real chance of being successful. At the workshop, participants will not simply listen to a series of speakers. Rather, they will actively engage in dialogue with one another, thereby practicing the skills they are there to learn.

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The workshop is open to people of all ages from all sectors of society. Only by bringing together a diverse group of people can our strategy truly be successful.

One of the participants from last year's conference had this to say:

"The timing of my first experience with the Institute for Sustainable Peace could not have been more perfect as I prepared to embark on my first year teaching at a middle school on the outskirts of Houston. I was invited to attend ISP's first conference for young leaders in Colorado last summer, and I had no idea how much I would learn about peacemaking during those two weeks. ... It has now become my hope and goal to begin to incorporate these skills into the curriculum that I teach." -Laura Davis

For more on her testimony, and to hear how she has incorporated the skills she learned at last year's conference into her middle school curriculum, visit www.2peace.org/events and click on the link at the bottom of the page.

ROM REUNION

The Institute for Sustainable Peace and ROM, in conjunction with the Balkan Task Force of the University Presbyterian Church in Seattle held the first ever USA ROM Reunion from March 28-30 in Seattle. Over 40 participants of all ages came together for an innovative weekend of dialogue and co-visioning new initiatives to build sustainable peace in their own "backyards" in the USA and other parts of the world. One of the unique features of the weekend was that instead of sitting and listening to speakers download ideas and information we spent the entire weekend talking to each other at a deep level. Both individually and as a group, we moved through "open mind" to "open heart" to "open will" – a process that connected us as a community and opened the potential for a collective intelligence greater than the sum of the parts.

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In order to continue our work of equipping and connecting leaders in order to foster collaborative peace-building initiatives, the Institute for Sustainable Peace needs your donations!

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PLEASE JOIN US IN SUPPORTING ROM!

The leadership of the Institute for Sustainable Peace and its predecessor organization, One International, have had a long-standing relationship with ROM, whose work developing leaders from extremely diverse backgrounds in the Balkans has transformed lives and communities. Over 450 people (exclusive of speakers) from 30 countries have participated in the ROM Leadership Development & Peace Gatherings (which began in 1999) and Economic Diplomacy Seminars (which began in 2006). Of those previous participants, over 100 now hold leadership positions in all sectors of society and 10 hold positions of senior political leadership. ROM has inspired new initiatives in seven countries, including our own Institute for Sustainable Peace.

“...I started believing I can contribute to the positive changes in my country...”
2007 ROM participant

This year, ROM will host a 10-year anniversary conference for prior year participants to once again come together for dialogue and mutual empowerment, searching for ways in which participants can expand their service to their own constituencies, towns, countries and regions.

The 10-year anniversary is a crucial one for ROM, as it seeks to strengthen its existing projects, such as the Leadership Development and Peace Gathering and EDS, and to create new projects in cities of influence throughout Southeast Europe. ROM has had a major impact in the region. With your support, we can build on the solid foundation of the past 10 years. Please use the form provided to make an investment in a future generation of leaders committed to building sustainable peace in Southeast Europe.

MAY 7 BOOK-SIGNING AT OUISIE’S TABLE

Many of you attended an amazing event hosted by the Institute for Sustainable Peace at Ouisie’s Table on the evening of May 7th. Over 100 people turned out to hear Senator Bob Krueger tell the inspirational story of his own family’s courageous efforts to draw attention to and stop the genocide that took place during his years as Ambassador to Burundi. Senator Krueger’s work is an example of how one individual answering the call can truly make a difference.

The Senator was introduced by Houston Mayor Bill White, who himself underscored the importance of individual leaders reaching out and collaborating with their neighbors. The Institute’s own Randy Butler also had an opportunity to speak and share with guests the vision of the Institute.

Thank you Elouise Jones of Ouisie’s Table for donating the event and the staff of Ouisie’s Table for making it a great evening.

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“We must be the change we want to see in the world.” - Gandhi