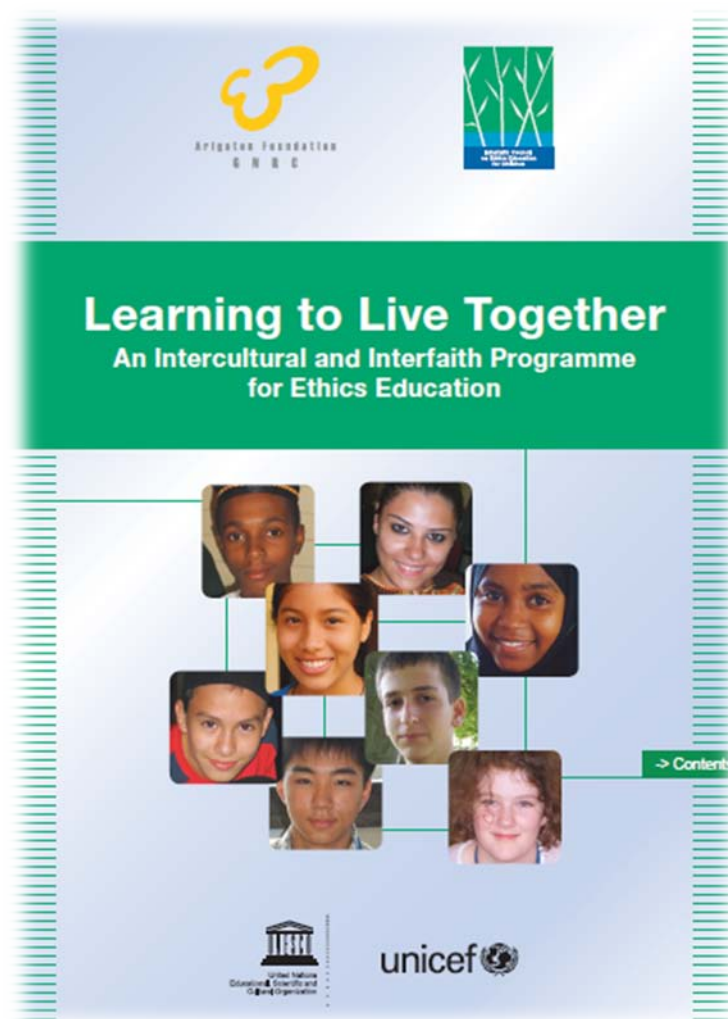




Regional Training of Trainers Course on the use of the 'Learning To Live Together' manual for Ethics Education for Children



13th – 18th August, 2011

***Vishva Nikethan International Peace Centre
Moratuwa, Sri Lanka***

Organized by: The GNRC South Asia Secretariat



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Introduction:

The GNRC South Asia Secretariat invites you to apply for taking part in the Regional Training of Trainers on the Learning To Live Together manual on Ethics Education for Children.

This course aims to build a regional pool of trainers who will support the implementation of 'Learning To Live Together' - Ethics Education programme for Children in each of the countries. This is the first regional training of trainers organized by GNRC South Asia and builds on the work carried out under the Ethics Education programme over the past 5 years within the region.

Global Network of Religions for Children (GNRC):



The Global Network of Religions for Children (GNRC), is a worldwide interfaith network exclusively devoted to working for child rights and other children's issues. The GNRC was inaugurated in May 2000 by the Arigatou Foundation, a NGO holding special consultative status with ECOSOC of the United Nations, and the Foundation continues to support its work today.

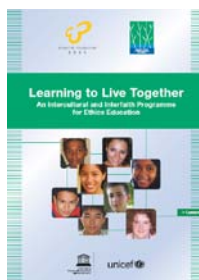
A diverse group of Regional Coordinators facilitates the ongoing work of the GNRC in six major world regions. They work together with the GNRC members of their regions -- children, young people and adults -- to ensure that GNRC initiatives directly address the most difficult challenges that children face in each location.

GNRC members share a set of common priorities in their worldwide work for children. Their initiatives and programs are often designed to integrate more than one these key themes, which are: poverty eradication, child rights, ethics education, peace education, reducing urban violence, protecting the natural environment, and empowering children and young people.

To get to know more about GNRC visit : www.gnrc.net

Ethics Education Programme for Children:

The 'Learning To Live Together' Ethics Education program is an initiative to promote value-based and quality education for children and young people within the framework of the child's right to education, as stated in the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child.



The 'Learning To Live Together' (LTLT) manual is a resource material for teachers and youth leaders to nurture ethical values that children need in order to learn to live together in plural societies developed by Arigatou International in coordination with UNICEF and UNESCO. To download the full LTLT manual, please click [here](#)

Since the Second Forum of the GNRC in 2004, GNRC members have organized projects related to ethics education in their countries. Various initiatives and actions have been recently taken at regional, national and local levels in order to respond to the ethical challenges that children face. Not only adults but also children and youth are important actors in moving ahead with these initiatives in each region.

To read more about 'Learning To Live Together' ethics education programme and of activities in carried out by the GNRC in six world regions over the last year visit: www.ethicseducationforchildren.org



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Workshop Details:

Dates : **13th – 18th August, 2011**

(Residential Workshop. All participants must take residence at the venue by 08:00pm on Friday 12th August, 2011 and can depart only on completing the course at 05:00pm on 18th August, 2011)

Venue : **Vishva Nikethan International Peace Centre
Rawatawatte Road, Moratuwa,
Sri Lanka**

About the Participation:

Selected applicants are expected to commit themselves to:

- Pre-training assignment: To maximise the benefits of the course, selected participants will be asked to complete a short preparatory pre-training assignment. Further details will be given to selected participants.
- Full-time participation: Participate full-time in all sessions for the whole duration of the course. Therefore, you must be able to participate in the full period of the course for your application to be considered. If a participant finds he/she must leave early or arrive late after acceptance, their place will be given to another person on the waiting list.
- Costs: All on-site costs related to tuition fees, accommodation and boarding during the duration of the course are covered by the GNRC South Asia.

Participant Profile:

We are very selective on the participants for this workshop and are looking at individuals with strong experience of working with children in a formal or non-formal educational context and preferably with prior exposure to working with the LTLT manual. They should have the capacity to be a trainer, who goes on to train others on the use of the manual and not merely be limited to working directly with children. Participants also should have confirmed support from an organization/institution for implementation of the ethics education programme for Children.

This workshop is not targeting participants who wish merely to equip themselves in facilitating Ethics Education for children or gaining exposure.

Whilst the programme mainly targets participants from the South Asia region we are also looking at opening the opportunity to participants from other parts of Asia and elsewhere.

As a participant you would be...

- Interested in being a trainer on Ethics Education for Children (required)
- Available and committed to support the implementation of the Ethics Education programme with GNRC partner organizations in your country over the next two years. (required)



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- Having experience of working with children as an educator in a formal and/or non-formal setting (required)
- Confirmed support from an organization/institution ready to support you with the future implementation of the ethics education programme for children. (required)
- Previous experience of having worked with the LTLT manual (preferred)
- Background in training others (preferred)
- Supported by an organization/institution on carrying forward ethics education programme in your country (required)
- Fluency in English language (required)

Workshop Agenda (draft):

Below is the latest draft of the workshop agenda, please note that changes are likely to be made during the preparations and final agenda will be released a week ahead of the workshop.

The programme is built in such a way that initially the participants familiarize themselves with concepts related to ethics education and then move on to the area of practical application. There is a special focus on training others on the LTLT manual with a full-day allocated for practice and feedback.

	Saturday 13	Sunday 14	Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17	Thursday 18
07:30	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
08:00	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
08:30	Welcome	Morning Reflection	Morning Reflection	Morning Reflection	Morning Reflection	Morning Reflection
08:45		Recap	Recap	Recap	Recap	Recap
09:00	Getting to Know Each Other	Ethics and Values	Participatory Learning	Training Cycle - Training Needs Analysis	Training in Practice	Training Evaluation
10:00		Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:30	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11:00	Reality Check and Sharing	Children our Collective Responsibility	Participatory Learning	Designing a Training Course	Training in Practice	Training Evaluation
12:00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:30	Arigatou International and the LTLT	Interfaith Learning and Spirituality	Participatory Methodologies	Designing a Training Course	Training in Practice	Profile of the LTLT Trainer
14:00		Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
14:30	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
15:00	LTLT Educational Approach	Interfaith Learning and Spirituality	Participatory Methodologies	Preparation for Training in Practice	Training in Practice	Next Steps and Closing
15:30		Reflection and Action Plan	Reflection and Action Plan	Reflection and Action Plan		
16:00		Free time	Dinner	Dinner		Dinner
16:30	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Farewell Evening
17:00		Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		
17:30	Welcome Evening	Outing	Interfaith Café	Free Evening	Family Gathering	Farewell Evening
18:00		Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		
18:30	Welcome Evening	Outing	Interfaith Café	Free Evening	Family Gathering	Farewell Evening
19:00		Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		
19:30	Welcome Evening	Outing	Interfaith Café	Free Evening	Family Gathering	Farewell Evening
20:00		Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		
20:30	Welcome Evening	Outing	Interfaith Café	Free Evening	Family Gathering	Farewell Evening
21:00		Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		



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Trainers Team:

The trainers team for the workshop will be made up of four persons with in depth experience on the development and the use of the LTLT manual.

Dr.Kezanivo Aram (Vinu) - India



Dr.Aram is a member of the Interfaith Council on Ethics Education for Children and has been involved in the process of the conceptualization and development of the Ethics Education manual of GNRC. She is the Director of Shanthi Ashram, a NGO based in Coimbatore – India, where she has made the Learning To Live Together manual a tool for reaching out to underprivileged children and youth in an integrated approach all over Coimbatore.

Ms. Maria Lucia Uribe (Malu) – Colombia/France



Maria Lucia was one of the key persons involved in coordinating the development of the Learning To Live Together manual as then the Programme Coordinator for Ethics Education at Argatou International – Geneva. During her tenure with Arigatou International she coordinated a series of trail workshops in different parts of the world to support the manual's development and later following the development of the manual she was involved in building country level understanding and capacity through trainings. Maria Lucia just completed her Masters in Peace and Conflict Transformation at the World Peace Academy (WPA) in Basel, Switzerland.

Mr. Vijayragavan Gopal (Vijay) - India



Vijay is the Youth Coordinator at Shanthi Ashram, Coimbatore. There he has been coordinating the Ethics Education programme for the last few years gaining practical experience on the use of the manual in working with children from various backgrounds. Vijay has been involved in many regional workshop of the GNRC and was a participant at the first Training of Trainers on the Learning To Live Together manual in December 2010 in Caux, Switzerland.

Mr. Suchith Abeyewickreme (Suchith) – Sri Lanka



Suchith is the Secretariat Coordinator of the GNRC South Asia Secretariat where he is responsible for the coordination of the Ethics Education programme across the region. He also lead the implementation of the Ethics Education programme in Sri Lanka over the last 2 years working with over 35 children's groups from all parts of the island .. Suchith was also a participant at the first Training of Trainers on the Learning To Live Together manual in December 2010 in Caux, Switzerland.

Accommodation, Food and Local Transport:

Accommodation, food and local transport expenses of participants throughout the workshop will be covered by the GNRC South Asia Secretariat.

Local transportation:

All international participants coming in from outside Sri Lanka will be picked up at the Airport unless otherwise requested and transport to the airport will be provided after the workshop. Local participants are invited to

Accommodation:

The venue of the workshop is the Vishva Niketan International Peace Centre situated at N0. 72/30, Rawatawatte Road, Moratuwa, Sri Lanka.



Vishva Niketan is a peace centre: a place for all nations to pursue the ideal of inner and outer peace. The name Vishva Niketan in Sanskrit means "Universal Abode" and is symbolic of the Centre's desire to include all nations, religions, and ethnicities in its vision of world peace. Vishva Niketan has been established in the firm belief that enduring peace can only be attained when individuals achieve inner peace – cessation of conflict within themselves. In creating an atmosphere of tranquility and serenity close to

nature, Vishva Niketan aims to awaken people to their inner spirituality so that they may return to the world beyond to create constructive change.





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Participants will be accommodated at the residential facilities of the centre on a sharing basis. Whilst some rooms are for two persons the others are for 3 persons. These rooms are located in four 'Kuti' (houses) with each having 3 to 4 rooms. Each of the rooms has a attached wash room. The sessions of the workshop will be conducted at the auditorium located at the centre. Alcohol, smoking and even consumption of non-vegetarian food is prohibited at the facility.

All participants should arrive and take residence at the centre by 08:00pm on Friday, 12th August 2011 and can only depart on completion of the workshop on the eve of 18th August, 2011.

Meals and Refreshments:

Throughout the workshop participants will be provided with simple vegetarian meals prepared at the Vishva Nikethan Centre starting from dinner on the 12th August, 2011 up to the breakfast on 19th August, 2011.

Meals will vary from traditional Sri Lankan cuisine to some western cuisine to cater for the tastes of the participants. One of the evenings that the participants will have opportunity to visit the Mt.Lavinia beach, dinner will be taken at a restaurant on the beach front. If you have special dietary requirements please make sure to indicate so on your application.

Travel Support:

Limited number of scholarships for travel support are available for applicants with financial difficulties and applications will be considered on a case by case basis. Whilst international local/flight costs and visa costs are eligible for under this support local transportation costs to/from the airport will not be eligible. If you require support for your visa costs and flights, please fill in the travel support section of the application.

Application Process:

Please find the application for the workshop attached here with.

The filled in applications along with supporting documents should be submitted to suchith@gnrc.net and suchith@sarvodaya.org before 0900Hrs Sri Lankan time on 12th July, 2011

- Application Deadline: 12th July, 2011
- Announcement of Selected Participants: 15th July, 2011

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