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OF THE EARTH**

INSPIRES & UNITES  
YOUNG PEOPLE  
for PEACE  
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## APPLICATION TO OPEN CHILDREN OF THE EARTH CHAPTERS

Dear Applicant,

Please read the following questions carefully and answer each question in your own words, to the best of your abilities and based on your own experiences. Please feel free to include photographs, or documentation about previous projects that support your answers. We look forward to getting to know you.

In a heading at the top of the document or e-mail message, please include: Your Name, Date of Birth, Name of the Organization (if any), Address and Date. All answers should be in text format, e.g., Word or an equivalent text editor.

**Please e-mail answers and supplemental files to:  
nina@coeworld.org**

- 1) What projects have you volunteered for in your community? What was your role?
- 2) How have these projects impacted your community?
- 3) Have you taken a leadership role in community projects?
- 4) What difference would it make to you and your community if you began a COE Chapter?
- 5) What issues would you like your COE Chapter to address in your community?
- 6) COE uses *sociocracy* in making group decisions. Are you familiar with this process, do you have any experience using it and would you be willing to learn to use this process to make decisions within your Chapter?
- 7) What kind of support do you expect from COE?
- 8) Would you be committed to serve and promote the Children's Declaration for Peace (attached) of COE in your community? If so, what would you do practically to promote this declaration and bring peace to your community?

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9) Please write a paragraph testifying that you will follow and teach the values taken from the Children of the Earth's Code of Ethics. Feel free to include other values that you cherish.

## CODE OF ETHICS – ACTIONS BASED ON SELFLESSNESS & LOVE

LOVE - for the form, voice, thoughts and spirit of each person

RESPECT - for differences

HONESTY - of our feelings, thoughts and behaviors to be transparent

TRUTH - in feelings and thoughts

COURAGE - to take a stand

HUMILITY - to reflect inner peace

WISDOM - to be a seeker

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns as you are working through the application process.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nina Meyerhof  
Executive Director  
Children of the Earth  
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## OUR HISTORY

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The essence of Children of the Earth began in 1989 as a group of young people from around the world gathered at a beautiful farm in Newfane, Vermont to explore how we as humanity must live together if we are to have a life that is equitable and just and offers harmony for all. In one week these young people met and developed the “Children’s Declaration” which became the foundation of our organization and continues to provide the guiding principles for all our programs.

### **Children’s Declaration of Peace, Newfane, Vermont 1990**

In the name of love, unity and harmony, we, the children of the world, declare that now is the time for peace. As creators of a better tomorrow, we envision social and environmental equilibrium, individual and international cooperation and the fulfillment of human potential as global goals.

To achieve equilibrium, education must be available to all. This education should not only include academic, but also personal, moral and spiritual development. With this education, we can increase our awareness of global problems and develop our ability to solve them.

The freedom accorded to all people through education shall be accompanied by the responsibility that will serve to bridge the gaps between economic, religious, material, political and cultural extremes.

As part of the earth’s living system, our harmonious co-existence with nature is essential for the sustainability of humanity.

We pledge our support to the United Nations. However, we also stress the need for a more equitable distribution of power to all countries to encourage the evolution of peace. We desire self-determination for all people and hope that the emerging leaders guide rather than govern.

We, the children, as one of the world’s greatest untapped resources, accept the responsibility to further the love, unity and harmony, which exist in peace.

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