

# One Humanity Institute - a City of Hope Initiative LEADERSHIP TEAM



Dr. Nina Meyerhof (Co-founder)

Nina Meyerhof has dedicated her life to working for the betterment of children's lives through developing empowerment processes with a focus on self-esteem, democratic living skills, understanding one's spiritual nature and furthering a local to global perspective. As President and Founder of Children of the Earth, she is a visionary thought leader recognized for a life of advocating for children and youth.

The co-author of "Conscious Education: The Bridge to Freedom", and "Pioneering Spiritual Activism" she has been an innovative force in Authentic Education and Holistic Education. Nina was for 20 years — Director of ten public schools Special Education programs as well as Interim Director of other school districts.

Nina has received many awards for her work from The Mother Theresa Award to the Citizens Department of Peace Award to The International Educators Award for Peace as well as the State of Vermont passed a Resolution honoring her for her life's work in PEACE, the Sage Award and one of twelve recipients for the Public Peace Prize and is recognized as one of the world's known Evolutionary Leaders.

Nina designed an educational model of learning – Reflect, Connect, Act, which constitutes a process designed to consolidate personal growth and societal actions for positive activism. Nina is recognized among educators for having developed two major constructs called Conflict-Transcendence, which goes beyond conflict resolution and conflict transformation and Lateral Leadership Governance Structure for potential of working in a collaborative group model.

Nina has a Doctorate in Education as well as two Masters and a C.A.G.S. in related fields. she was an official public servant serving her communities and meeting the needs of all the local, state, and federal legal requirements..

COE sent out an online bi-monthly newsletter detailing the organization's activities and individual youth stories to over 10,000 people. COE youth projects have reached over 15,000 individuals and COE chapter and hub members are active on social media sites. COE's goal was to support and link a network of young leaders as a global family committed to actualizing their personal intention, becoming inspired to altruism and weaving a web that bridges all personal, cultural, national and religious divides.

Nina believes it is necessary to put words into action. Nina has worked in South Africa, Israel, Russia, Thailand, Ghana, Switzerland, Japan, Australia, total working in approximately 100 countries.

After meeting Domen Kocevar of Slovenia, and with his inspired to action understanding, they began many visits, meetings, planning and visioning to bring OHI into form. They are actively in the process of designing a complex of a variety of programs as learning opportunities for those interested in resolving conflict and inspiring alternative possibilities for a better future.

The One Humanity Institute will offer structured learning opportunities in a variety of forms for young people and adults through formal and non-formal education.

"Meyerhof energizes people – not just kids, but whole communities. She is completely convinced that empowering young people to become aware of what is going on in the world and address it by becoming a part of a local network, then knitting that into a global network is the way to heal the world. She has a total commitment to her vision." Ron Miller, author and activist in the field of holistic education.



Domen Kocevar (Co-founder)

Studied Sociology and Theology at the University of Maribor, Slovenia. After years of active and practical social and spiritual exploration and activism Domen came to focus on the concept/fact of One Humanity. This now has become his life's work.

In recent years Domen has established a medical clinic in Slovenia to serve local people. This clinic has the highest quality of new needed procedures as is focused on health and well being of the individual

He co started a social impact hub called 2030 in Slovenia focused on accelerating solutions for 17 Sustainable Development Goals - SDG's.

Domen is also founder and director of THEOSOPHICAL LIBRARY OF ALMA.M.KARLIN in Slovenia with more than 11.000 monographs on all religions, spiritual paths, philosophy, sociology, new science, economy, and community living approaches. They organize mini symposiums on different subjects, furthering offering the space for explorations towards recognizing the fact of oneness of humanity. Some of the titles of symposiums: World Ethos – base for world peace; Living in the multicultural world; Role of women in religion: in the past, today and in the future; New paradigms in science.

Domen is for many years researching perennial wisdom, encouraging comparative studies on religions/spiritual traditions with science and philosophy. He serves as a bishop in liberal and adogmatic Catholic tradition. This leads Domen to focus on multi-culturalism and interfaith activities in service to co-joining all humanity.

Since attending and presenting at the Parliament of World's Religions his work became much more focused on the practical. Domen is doing much of the visioning, planning, outreach, and strategizing for our One Humanity Institute initiative' success.



Sally Ann Ranney (Senior Advisor)

As our Senior Advisor for OHI, acting as a strategist knowing political structures as well as in contact with many high level officials, renown corporate and creative individuals, helps OHI with many introductions for our success. Sally is also a prestigious environmental activist and visionary with four decades of experience in environmental management, renewable energy, water, biodiversity, sustainability, and the climate change sectors, working at the local, national and international levels. Sally has worked with three US Presidents, including Carter, the Clinton transition team, and was a Presidential Appointee of President Reagan's to serve on the Presidential Commission on American Outdoors.

Ms. Ranney was a fellow at the Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and the School of Organization and Management (SOM) and appointed to Project 88, Harvard Kennedy School of Government. She holds a Master's Degree in Education and a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts from Western State College of Colorado

<u>Current Service</u> – Ranney is President/Co-Founder of the American Renewable Energy Institute (AREI), Chairwoman & President of Global Choices, Co-Founder of the Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN) and CEO of Stillwater Preservation, LLC, a wetlands mitigation banking company. Sally is a member of the National Board of Directors of the National Wildlife Federation (USA), the Climate Accountability Institute, and the Bonobo Conservation Initiative as well as a Founding Benefactor of Artemis, a sportswoman's group mobilizing the voice and engagement of women in defense of America's public lands estate and heritage. She is a member of the Global Advisory Committee of Women and the Green Economy (WAGE), a Managing Partner of S & C, LLC, and Chairperson of the Advisory Council for Nature Needs Half, as well as Senior Advisor for both the MAPS (Marine Arctic Peace Sanctuary) UN Treaty Initiative (Canada), and the One Humanity Institute (Poland).

**Past Service** – Ranney was a founding Board member of the Grand Canyon Trust, and served as a Patron of Nature for IUCN, and on the Board of the Galmann Nature Conservancy (Kenya). She served as a Resource Policy Analyst for The Wilderness Society for several years, after which she co-founded American Wildlands, serving as its President and orchestrating the development of *Corridors of Life*, the largest GIS mapping and land management project ever undertaken by an NGO at the time.

<u>Recognitions and Awards</u> - Horace Albright Award, International Conservation Award, Earth Guardians' Earth Stewardship Award, American Riviera Woman Entrepreneur of the Year (ARWEY) Award, and the Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation (CELF) Lifetime Achievement Award. Ranney was recently named one of thirty-five women to be included in the international Women in Wildlife. She is a published author and skilled public speaker.



Ku (Advisor)

was born on the Island of Oahu, in the City of Honolulu, Hawaii. Ku, is credited as being the keeper of the secret of balance. Ku's parents influenced his thinking, the father by his rational mind and the mother by her religious temperament. From his childhood, he showed inclination towards spirituality and God realization. Lingering in his mind were learnings from his Grandmother and Hawaiian elders in his life path.

Ku ventured into the way of life in business and the normal belief in achieving material gains to become a successful and good abiding citizen. This did not resonate comfortably with Ku. He had this nagging thought, there is something missing in his life.

In the year 2000 Ku had a realization in life that acquiring material possession was not what life is all about. He later went back to the Big Island of Hawaii, in a rural community. His quest, was to answer the following questions through discovering his Ancient roots:

Where did I come from?

Who am I?

Why am I here?

Where am I going?

What is my purpose?

Today Ku is facilitating the Ancient "Ceremony of Opening the Heart".

"The World need now to become Love-centered from within, and from that center to see Love everywhere, in everything because all is One and Sacred". This is the Hawaiian Ancient's belief. In practical matters:

Think with your Heart

Feel with your Heart

Imagine with your Heart

Act with your Heart

Do with your Heart

Ku is a strong believer, "we are all Brothers and Sisters on this Planet Earth."



Rev. Patrick McCollum (Advisor)

President of The Patrick McCollum Foundation for Peace, Vice President of Children of the Earth, Chaplaincy Liaison and also Founder and Co-Chair of the "G" Card program at the American Academy of Religion, and the Minority Faith Chair for the American Correctional Chaplains Association.

Rev. McCollum received the Mahatma Gandhi Award in 2010, and the Ralph Bunche International Peace Award in 2016, and is the creator of the World Peace Violin. Rev. McCollum was Knighted in 2017. Rev. McCollum serves on the Boards of Children of the Earth, the Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya University, and the Peace Service Center/ Shanti Sewa Ashram – Nepal, and was honored in 2017 with the name Unci Maka Wokianka (He Who Speaks With The Mother) at Standing Rock, for his decades of work for Indigenous Peoples, in a ceremony performed by Guy Dullknife JR.

As a dedicated peacemaker, Patrick brings forth a well-timed meta-narrative of universal magnitude that is alerting the world of the sacredness of all beings. As humans, we all share the same essential needs: to be seen, heard and appreciated. The wisdom of this new universal vision asks you to look past your cultural upbringing and to accept a willingness to understand each other's cultural beliefs. Rather than seeing differences, we are asked to focus on what we have in common and to appreciate the underlying similarities in cultural and spiritual practices. We are asked to acknowledge the divine spark that exists in each of us. In doing so, we connect as members of one large universal family, each receiving our essential needs. As we look at life through this new lens, we are lead to improved understanding, which brings us closer to universal peace.

Venerable Reverend Patrick McCollum is an internationally recognized spiritual leader whose work toward human rights, social justice, the environment and equality for all religions and spiritual traditions transcends cultural, religious and political barriers. He is the 2010 recipient of the Mahatma Gandhi Award for the Advancement of Religious Pluralism and was named a World Inner Peace Ambassador by Thai Buddhists who titled him Venerable. He also served as an advisor for the United States Commission on Civil rights.

Ven. Rev. McCollum serves as Vice President for the United Nations NGO, Children of the Earth, through which he oversees youth leadership projects around the world. He is currently working with Children of the Earth to create The World Peace Center at the historic Auschwitz Concentration Camp in Poland. Recently, the Nobel Committee acknowledged this endeavor and their peace center ideas will be presented to the committee and to the Nobel Prize Laureates in 2017.

Ven. Rev. McCollum has been working continuously with the indigenous elders at Standing Rock to bring a peaceful end to the pipeline disputes. For the past 40 years, McCollum, who has both Ponca Sioux and Blackfoot blood, has fought with the Native Americans for their rights. At

Standing Rock, the elders officially gave him the Lakota name "Unci maka wokianka," which means, "He Who Speaks With The Mother."

The Patrick McCollum Foundation for Peace, a non-profit organization founded by Ven. Rev. McCollum, is guided by a meta-narrative that promotes the sacredness of all beings and the idea that we all share the same essential needs: to be seen, heard and appreciated. With this universal vision in mind, we are led to improved understanding through acknowledging the divine spark that exists in each of us, which brings us closer to universal peace.



Inge Relph (Advisor)

Inge Relph is a strategist, peacebuilder and innovator focussed on putting a human face to security and sustainability. She led the Sustainability practice of Swiss Fintech Lykke Corp, and advises on strategic digital finance innovations like blockchain and tokenisation for social and natural capital markets. Currently she works closely with Sally Ranney, founder of Global Choices on how responsible finance can be mobilized to achieve the Environmental and Social Development Goals.

A member of the G20 Sustainable Finance Innovation Inquiry, she has held executive positions in strategy, restructuring, marketing and regulatory affairs with blue chip international companies. After co- founding the London Chamber of Commerce Women in Business group, she went on to co-found the Arab International Women's Forum, a platform to build business and understanding in the Middle East and GAPS (Gender action for peace and security) advising the UK foreign office. After a move into international development and peacebuilding, she was appointed Senior Policy Advisor to 'The Elders', a group that included President Carter, Mary Robinson, Kofi Annan and Gro Brundtland, during the landmark SDG and COP21 negotiations. A stint in Egypt establishing a Regional peace movement training women as peacemakers and as mentor and trainer to women leaders through conflicts in Iraq, Libya and Syria, she remains motivated by the importance of the transformative capacity of people to shift from violence to peace and stability. Facilitator to numerous interfaith dialogues including the annual high level Global Foundation meeting at the Vatican and the Way of Peace dialogues with H.H. The Dalai Lama, Inge is convinced that the world needs more leaders who are nurtured from within and organisations like the OHI to hold the vision of our common ground.

A Respected thought leader who has worked extensively in both Business and International development and is known for policy innovation and building partnerships that create social value and meaningful change. Inge was Senior Policy Advisor to The Elders during the landmark COP 21 and SDG agreements and also advised on private sector engagement, women, peace and security and the Elders/Youngers program. With 20+ years of experience as Exec Director, Board Member and as co-founder of the London Chamber of Commerce Women in Business

network and numerous INGO's, she knows how critical joined - up thinking, smart process and women are to effective outcomes.

Portfolio expertise: policy making and regulation and opportunities for the private sector and public sector to harness technology in context of sustainable development and stability. We'll versed in leading teams and managing change, she believes in nurturing leaders who can lead 'from the inside out ' with authority and authenticity coming from greater consciousness and self awareness.



Alan Briskin (Advisor)

My interest in archetypal psychology, wisdom traditions, and the unconscious life of groups has led me on a unique journey, personally and professionally. Having studied depth psychology and the history of social institutions such as prisons, mental asylums, and public schools, I turned my attention to the workplace as a consultant, focusing especially on health care and education. On a 1-1 basis I work with leaders to cultivate a stance of attention that uses their own experience and imagination joined with a sophisticated understanding of the system they are operating in. On a group basis, I convene or facilitate work teams bridging reflection and inquiry with effective execution. In all my work, there is an affirmation of the principle of genuine human encounter, a belief mirrored in the words of Martin Buber – that all real living is meeting. Alan Briskin, Ph.D., co-founder of the Collective Wisdom Initiative is a consultant, artist, and researcher. His co-authored book, The Power of Collective Wisdom, won the 2010 Nautilus Award in the category of Business and Leadership. Another recent book, Daily Miracles: Stories and Practices of Humanity and Excellence in Health Care, written with Jan Boller, was chosen as the 2007 Book of the Year by the American Journal of Nursing in the area of Public Interest and Creative Works. Briskin, honored by Saybrook University as the 1997 Noted Humanist Scholar, is a leading voice in the field of organizational learning and development.



# One Humanity Institute - a City of Hope Initiative TEAM OF EXPERTS



Ora Setter (PhD)

Owner of Window to the Spirit; Lecturer at Tel Aviv university. A teacher, a consultant, a writer and an artist. She is a pioneer in bringing spirituality and mindfulness into the business world in Israel. She has a Ph.D. in management sciences, and a practice as a management consultant. She joined boards of directors in the private, public and NGOs sectors. She founded a startup high tech company, and was the CEO and Academic Director of Lahav, the Executive Education Center in Tel Aviv University in Israel until some years ago.

Her current mission is to bring more spirit, more humanity, more compassion into the business world. She writes about mindfulness and compassion. She developed and taught numerous programs for executives, consultants and managers, both in the academia and in the Buddhist psychology school where she served as a chairwoman.

Specialties: Building training programs, Organizational Development, Management Development, consulting, coaching, knowledge management specialist, spirituality and business, general management.

Developing programs for bringing spirituality into organizations and managerial practices. Lectures about spirituality, justice, KM and organizational politics. Coaching senior managers. Supervision of OD consultants.

Psycho-Dharma is a school for using buddhist principles and wisdom into everyday life. There are courses for psychologists, consultants and coaches, for managers, and for the general public. Ora is a teacher there.



Kristín Vala Ragnarsdóttir (PhD)

Professor at the Institutes of Earth Sciences and Sustainable Development Studies at the University of Iceland.

Kristín Vala Ragnarsdóttir studied geochemistry at the University of Iceland and at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois (USA). She was a faculty member at the Department of Earth Sciences, University of Bristol for 20 years. While there she served on the Boards of the Geological Society of London, the Geochemical Society, the European Association of Geochemistry and the Schumacher Society, which she Chaired. After undertaking research in environmental geochemistry for more than 15 year, Vala switched to sustainable development research.

From 2008 to 2012 Vala was Dean of the School of Engineering and Natural Sciences at the University of Iceland. She is member of the Icelandic Academy, the Norwegian Academy of Science of Letters, Academia Europaea, and the Royal Society of Arts.

Up to 2008, Vala was Professor of Environmental Sustainability at the University of Bristol (UK). From 2005-2008 she organized public discussions, that were known as Sustainability Cafés, aimed at creating ideas for urban sustainability. These discussion led to many changes in the city of Bristol, increased connectivity of environmental thinkers and number of green projects. In 2015 Bristol was the Green Capital of Europe.

Vala is a member of the Prime Minister's of Iceland working group on indicators for prosperity and wellbeing, with the Sustainable Development Goals in mind, as well as being a member of the Minister of Employment, Industry and Tourism's committee on future Iceland energy policy. After returning to Iceland in 2008 she supported the grassroots group "Idea Ministry" in finding innovative solutions in the aftermath of the economic crisis and supported the Prime Minister of Iceland in setting 2020 vision.

Vala's research engagement, publications and teaching focus on evaluating natural resources and their link with the economy and developing structure and indicators for the wellbeing economy. She has also been working on determining soil sustainability indicators, finding fabric for sustainable communities with focus on food security, and imagining sustainable futures with steps towards them through back-casting. Her most recent interests are linking new economic thinking with the Sustainable Development Goals, casting light on corruption in natural resource management and developing groundwork for the circular- and bioeconomies. Vala has also been working on integrating horticulture and aquaculture by developing aquaponic systems.

Today Vala focuses on finding methods and approaches to encourage a new enlightenment so that people's solidarity horizons are lifted to care for humanity, the planet and future generations. Vala is one of the associate editors of The Solutions (for a sustainable and desirable future) magazine and the Journal of Bio-physical Economics. She is a member of the sustainability think tanks the Balaton Group and the Club of Rome. She is a Distinguished Fellow at the Schumacher Institute, which studies the sustainability of complex systems.



Igor Janke

President of Freedom Institute. Began his career as a journalist in 1989 in 'Po Prostu' where he focused on topics related to the culture and politics. In 1990 for few years worked in 'Życie Warszawy', where firstly was a political reporter, than directed the cultural section. From 1997 to 1998 deputy chief editor of the 'Ekspres Wieczorny'. For the next five years a chief editor of the Polish Press Agency. Later political editor and commentator of 'Rzeczpospolita', Polish quality daily newspaper. In 2006 established an Independent Bloggers Platform – Salon24.pl (politics, economy, social issues). As the only European Journalist he interviewed President Barack Obama during his 2011 trip to Great Britain, France, Ireland and Poland. Anchor of a few television and radio political talk shows. Author of three books.

In 2012 he quit journalism and launched an independent think tank Freedom Institute. He works also in communication business.



Diane De Terra

Diane de Terra is the founder of DeTerra Firma, a collaborative that for 30 years specialized in sustainable International education, microenterprise and small business development. She began her career as United Nations cross-cultural consultant and conference interpreter and as a social anthropologist for Chinese diaspora in Southeast Asia. Fulbright scholar, graduate of U of London LSE and SOAS, Wharton and Barnard College she explores the legacy of cultural DNA in Scrolls of Culture (www.scrollsofculture.com) and proposes further exploration of its import for sustainable peace.



Paula Garb

Paula Garb is co-director and co-founder of the Center for Citizen Peacebuilding at the University of California, Irvine (UCI). For 25 years she taught courses in mediation, conflict resolution, civic and community engagement at UC Irvine, and gang mediation and negotiation at UCI, and at California State University, Los Angeles for 8 years. She directed several academic programs at UCI, including the Mediation Certificate Program, Minor in Conflict Resolution, and Minor in Civic and Community Engagement.

Since 1995, she has facilitated citizen dialogues and taught peaceful problem solving skills in conflict zones in the Middle East and former Soviet territories. Her work as a peace practitioner and researcher has led to a number of publications in books and journals, and to a commitment to promoting the mainstreaming of peace literacy K-16 worldwide. This is her focus in Education for Global Peace, a program within the Center for Citizen Peacebuilding that she co-founded and co-directs.



Ayo Ayoola-Amale

Mediating and Peace making fills Ayo Ayoola-Amale with optimism – she has been working professionally in the field of Law, Conflict Resolution, and Peace building. She is passionate about the power of education for peace, nonviolence and constructive conflict resolution, especially in its practical applications in early childhood education. Ayo has lectured graduate and undergraduate students in Law, Mediation, Conflict theory and Effective communication, and was a module leader and head of Law at the Kings University London Metropolitan Law programme and other law faculties in Nigeria Senegal and Ghana. She has taught peace education, a culture of peace and non-violence in basic, secondary and tertiary institutions locally

A certified International Mediator, Facilitator and Ombudsman, she currently works as Lead, First Conflict Resolution Services, with an emphasis on workplace, interpersonal relations, and conflict management, working with clients of all ages and backgrounds. As a skilled conflict resolution practitioner, Ayo's services include among others facilitation of workshops, trainings on mediation, conflict resolution, conflict sensitivity, conflict management,

conflict transformation, community dialogue, effective communication, and intercultural communication. She uses her unique skills and expertise in the areas of communication, culture and conflict to expand perspectives on the importance of culture in designing systems and processes for peace management and conflict resolution in multinational and multi-ethnic settings. Her contributions improve and enhance relationships within families, communities, human rights in workplaces, services, and in all areas of human interaction She is an Ombudsman of Mediators beyond Borders International and member of a team of Women Mediation trainers for in and the International Training Ayo is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK and an Accredited Member of Femwise Africa for the AU. A Peace and Social Change Fellow of Columbia University, she values contemplative dialogue that engages our full humanity and sees creative communication as a means to activate our highest potential. Her mission is to bring transformative approaches to leadership, and change Ayo is constantly focused on mediation and peace-building and believes that Peace is a Human Right and culture that we build by educating young people. She is the author of many literary books and scholarly works.



Shamima Amin

CEO of the Leadership Needed Foundation

She served as a university administrator for many years and recently served as the Chief of Staff of Tuskegee University. Prior to joining Tuskegee University she served in administrative leadership positions as Director of Library, Archives, Media Center, & Coordinator of Distance Learning and faculty positions at the University of Florida, Savannah State University and Tuskegee University. She also served as an executive at Sunrise International, Inc.

She attended University of Dhaka, University of Florida, Atlanta University and Harvard University and received her MLIS, undergraduate, and educational and leadership training. She was one of the pioneers in developing Georgia's statewide premier and nationally recognized digital library, Georgia Library Learning Online (GALILEO).

Currently, she is serving as a founding member of "One Humanity Institute" an international project to promote world peace. She was the chief coordinator of the Opportunity Funding Corporation's Innovation and Entrepreneurship conference. This nationally renowned higher education event has served as a catalyst to spur entrepreneurship programs at HBCU across America. Drawing on Amin's management prowess, OFC Innovation and Entrepreneurship has grown consistently year-to-year and has emerged as a nexus of activity and networking for university presidents, faculty members, business leaders, and students alike. Shamima served on

numerous national committees and non-profit boards as members and chairs, which includes America's Second Harvest Food Bank of Coastal Georgia, Better Business Bureau, etc. She can read, write and speak in Bengali, French and German. She traveled extensively in 49 countries in five different continents. She has been included in Who's Who in America (Millennium edition), Who's Who in the South and Southwest, and International Who's Who of Professional Management.



Oran Cohen

He dedicated his life to mapping and understanding Transformational Systemic change in social systems. As MD of Genius Works Consulting, Oran has worked with organisations such as Google (Across Africa), Johnson & Johnson (US), UNICEF, UNHCR, FNB, Standard Bank, Nedbank, Nestle (Brands including Cremora, Nestle Chocolate, Nescafe, Ricoffy etc), The Innovation Agency of South Africa and many more.

Oran is a faculty member of the Center for Creative Leadership as well as Duke Executive Education and serves as an advisor to different organizations. He is a strategist and systems intervener, he focuses not only on the methodologies of innovation but the psychosocial dimensions of systemic problems. He looks at how systemic problems can be (dis)solved rather than just solved. He educates individuals around the world on how to do this and has designed processes and frameworks that allow deep systemic transformation to take place.

Oran holds a Masters in Leading Innovation and Change and has been studying Psychoanalysis for the past 6 years. He is currently embarking on his second Masters in Biomimicry to learn more disciplines to help him crack the code of shifting complex adaptive systems. For more than 15 years in over 20 countries, he has guided communities, non-profits, and large multinationals through complex questions and challenges to help them find unique solutions to the problems they face. In 2012 Oran was chosen as one of the Evolutionary Leaders by The Source of Synergy Foundation. In 2009 Oran was selected as one of the most interesting young South Africans by the Mail and Guardian and has been called an emerging young global leader by different international organizations.



Michael Stoeger

Independent Producer – Film & Media Production

Director & author, cinematographer, photographer, filmmaker. Physicist

born 1955 in Vienna, father of three

PhD in physics and astronomy, University of Vienna

Art Photography

Project Manager of "Design in Central Europe"

## **ORF** (Austrian Broadcasting Corporation)

Various different positions held within the company:

Director and editor of "Science and Education" department

Creation and editorial support for various magazines and TV documentaries

Journalistic work for print media (magazines and newspapers) since 1992

Freelance producer, writer and director, filmmaker, media design focus:

Film and Media Projects in education

Documentaries

International Awards for Film & Media Design

## FILMOGRAPHY (selection)

## A Vision for Humanity, 2017

Documentary and introductory film for the foundation of a Global Peace Center / Institute in Oswiecim (Auschwitz). With Dr. Nina Meyerhof, founder and pres. of "Children of the Earth". Cinematography & directed by: Michael Stoeger. Production: aquamarin doc.films

## Augenblicke ("Moments"), 2015

Historical review about Social Security issues in Europe and abroad – the history of the Workers' Compensation Board and Insurance in Austria (125th anniversary of social insurance in Austria). Script: Anna Maria Sigmund & Michael Stoeger. Directed by: Michael Stoeger. Production: aquamarin doc.films

## Ganga Ma, 2014

Music video for Snatam Kaur, Deva Premal, Krisna Das, Manose

inspiring restoration of the waters and environmental situation of river Ganges in the plains of
India. Cinematography & directed by: Michael Stoeger. Production: aquamarin doc.films

## **Damals ("Then"),** 2013

Historical film for a ceremonial act in the Austrian Parliament (125th anniversary of social insurance in Austria). Written, directed and designed by: Michael Stoeger. Production: aquamarin doc.films

## Women Awakened, 2012

Series in 2 parts about spiritual women in the Himalayas

1. "Flowing with Ganga's Love" portrait of Nani Ma, a renunciate in the Himalayas

2. "From Hollywood to the Holy Woods" portrait of Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati of Parmarth Niketan in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand (Himalayas). Cinematography: Michael Stoeger. Directed and produced by Mahiema Anand. Production: Zonsta Creation, New Delhi (India).



Erik Jacquemyn

Erik Jacquemyn is a leading expert in science and interactive museums, in science communication and science centres and in setting up impactful projects. Having organized several major events and having cooperated and consulted with and reviewed several science centres and museums all over the globe and having visited and experienced hundreds of them, he has acquired an excellent expertise.

## Currently he provides consulting internationally on:

- \* Strategies in developing, renewing, rethinking science centres, museums, experience centres and public events
- \* Start-up and development of new science centres and museums
- \* Communication and science communication policies for governments worldwide
- \* Feasibility studies & business plans
- \* Evaluation of science centres and museums
- \* Operation of science centres and museums
- \* Interactive learning experiences
- \* Project development & project management
- \* Governance
- \* Development of Outreach
- \* Program development
- \* Creative science communication projects

#### **Expertise:**

Erik Jacquemyn has a proven expertise when it comes to setting up, coordinating and organizing major projects and events:

In the 80s and 90s he was responsible for the overall coordination of Flanders Technology International, the international technology trade fair that he organized 7 times (together with a small team). Each event was a real challenging and complex undertaking. With 800 exhibitors from all over the world, it had a truly international dimension and each edition attracted well over 100 000 in one week. The 1989 fair even welcomed 200 000 visitors during 8 days. The

trade fair itself was complemented with a high level programme containing numerous side events (concerts, award ceremonies, an international conference attended by King Baudouin, the then Prince Albert, Prince Philippe ...)

In 1996 he launched the idea of Technopolis, the Flemish Science Centre which he founded in 1997. The centre opened its doors in 2000 and he was the CEO until 2016.

This centre was a success from day one and soon became one of the leading science centres in the world.

Thanks to the strong and continuous renewal projects, Technopolis did not experience the honeymoon effect that science centres often do after a couple of years.

He expanded the science centre three times. Today it is 2,5 times bigger than it was when it opened.

In 2002 he created the Science Center Academy, an intensive 3-day seminar for new science centre projects. Since then, more than 100 colleagues and future colleagues from all over the globe benefitted from the advice that Erik Jacquemyn provided them with. Several of them called upon Jacquemyn's expertise at the start and/or in the further course of the development of their science centre project. A number of the new projects later on actually became successful science centres and museums such as Le Vaisseau (Strasbourg, France), Svět techniky Science Center (Ostrava, Czech Republic), MUSE (Trieste, Italy) and Copernicus Center (Warsaw, Poland).

As an expert in setting up and renewing science centres, he was member of the Board of Directors of the science centre Danfoss Universe in Nordborg (Denmark) from the start of the preparation of the project until several years after its opening.

At the request of the Association Science-Technology Centres (ASTC, Washington DC, USA) he did peer reviews of science centres/science museums who applied for the governing membership of ASTC or whose membership had to be renewed f.i. Teknikens Hus, the science centre in Luleå in the North of Sweden.

Erik Jacquemyn is member of the Scientific Committee of the science centre Le Vaisseau in Strasbourg (France) and the Luxembourg Science Centre (Differdange, Luxembourg).

Since 2010 Erik Jacquemyn is chair of the jury of the Queen Paola Prize for education.

He led several national and international cooperation projects.

Erik Jacquemyn participated in dozens of conferences within the science centre field as well as the science communication field at large, most of the time as session leader or speaker.



Bartolomiej Pawlak

Vice President of Polish Development Fund, in charge of Finance and Development A manager with experience in the financial, consulting, and public sectors. Deputy President and CFO of Polish Development Fund in charge of Municipality Fund as well as Flagship Programs of the Government coordinated by PFR. Previously, as the Deputy President of the Real Estate Fund he was responsible for business development for affordable housing program of the government. As the President of BOŚ Eko Profit S.A., investment company, operating in renewables, he created tools of complex investment support for clients based on one-stop-shop principles. In mid 2010s, he cooperated with the PKO BP S.A. Group, being in charge of restructuring and creating a new operational management model, and with PGNiG S.A., where he implemented a strategy in the area of commercial activity consolidation and foreign upstream ventures. He has also been a manager in international consulting companies (Arthur Andersen and Ernst & Young), where he was responsible for providing services for Polish entrepreneurs. A graduate of the University of Warsaw, Executive Studies in Finance and Postgraduate Studies of Foreign Service, Mr. Pawlak is the recipient of scholarships from the Herbert Hoover Institute and the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars.



**Robin Eschler** 

Specializing in support for startups and entrepreneurs, small business and global corporations with an emphasis on the Triple Bottom Line (People, Planet, Profit) adding the fourth P of Perspective/ Progress/ Sustainable-Prosperity leading to a new paradigm for business and the World community.

Her career started in Silicon Valley where she worked for Hewlett Packard and then moved into consulting. She helped several start-ups spawned from HP to develop and implement comprehensive, international campaigns including PLX Technology and Oak Technology which are now international corporations. During this time, she also helped introduce early consumer

technologies for Motorola, Casio, Ford Industries and others into mass marketers including Macy's, Radio Shack, Gottschalks and Service Merchandise.

Her value for her clients is in providing the top-down view of the marketing landscape together with actionable, bite-sized tactics to achieve marketing and business goals. Her toolbox includes online marketing, website development and SEO, membership site and ecommerce development, social media marketing, PR (online, print and broadcast), advertising (online, print and broadcast), publications, email or direct mail, conferences and trade shows, video production and editing, and high impact market discovery research.

Her client list includes for-profit businesses and nonprofits around the world including Afghanistan, Kenya, Poland, USA, Canada, and Europe across diverse industries from entertainment to education to health and bio-technology, software, IoT and techno-gadgets, hospitality and real estate. As an example of her success, within 7 months of work for a start-up biotech firm, she led them from no website or branding identity to being one of only 27 companies nationwide, the bulk of which were global corporations, invited to present to the US Congress in DC.

As owner and founder of Social Impact Marketing, Robin Eschler's work reflects her passion for helping people make a positive impact on the world while enjoying sustainable business success. Her online radio show, Socially Conscious Investing, contains interviews with international social entrepreneurs, scientists, authors and artists.

Late in 2012, crowdfunding caught Robin's eye as a great way for companies to market test while enjoying pre-production funding. Since then she has consulted with new crowdfunding platforms, helped campaigners and taught crowdfunding through presentations to Rotary, SCORE, SABER, Santa Barbara Business Expo, NAWBO and other groups. Her expertise is expanding into equity crowdfunding with the latest SEC Title III rulings, and recently, cryptocurrency.

Robin's nonprofit work includes fund raising as well as developing and managing several programs reaching underserved populations including differently-abled people, foster children and at-risk youth, people with physical disabilities, veterans, and for the arts and music as well.



Piotr Reich

After working in journalism and finishing his MBA in New York created and listed on Warsaw Stock Exchange one of the most successful polish media companies Kino Polska SA.

Over 20 years experience in European film industry as producer, distributor and script consultant. Produced or co-produced over 20 feature films working with such directors as Wojtek Smarzowski, Pawel Pawlikowski, Ken Loach or Roman Polanski. Producer of most

popular polish theatrical animation "Lorts of the Flys", currently runs most popular animated Youtube channel with over 20 M views monthly.

Co-owner of Salon24.pl - most popular blogging site in Poland, owner of Spinka Film Studio, creator of TV channels, expert of Polish Film Institute, coach, start-up mentor, Europen Film Academy member, PFA founding member.



**Bonnie Mansdorf Cowper** 

Bonnie Mansdorf is a renowned humanitarian leader, speaker, and international peacekeeper with a passion to draw forth the beauty and unique God expression of her fellow man and woman. Her endeavors have brought resources, education and hope to women and children in need, awakening the hearts and minds of thousands at local, national and international levels for more than twelve years. She speaks internationally, teaches seminars and creates spiritually based projects that unite and bring understanding to diverse women and peoples of the world from war torn and conflict ridden areas, bridging differences, creating common ground and initiating healing.

Bonnie is also the founder and executive director of The Foundation for a Healing Among Nations, a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating "cultures of peace" around the world. In April 2005, after receiving a call for assistance from the Honorary Counsel of Sri Lanka, Bonnie and a team of professionals traveled to Sri Lanka to research how people were doing post-tsunami and to educate officials in the US about the need to rebuild. With the success of her initial trip, she directed the 2005 mini film, Mothers of Matara, Rising from the Tsunami. In July 2005, she was honored and commended by US Senator Barbara Boxer for her work in Sri Lanka with the women of the tsunami, creating a model women's collective (cottage industry) for women in over 10 refugee camps.

In 2004, Bonnie developed "The Women's tour for Global Understanding," a global project in which women of Iraq, Afghanistan, Israel and Palestine participated in forums, conferences, radio interviews, town hall meetings, and high school educational dialogues with diverse women in San Francisco. During 1995-1998, Bonnie was honored to serve as one of filmmaker Steven Spielberg's interviewers for the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation.

She has helped launch women's projects by linking marketing and media to create maximum visibility and funding of a project. Notables who have collaborated with her to bring forward her projects include: the Dalai Lama; Vice President Al Gore, Mrs. Rosa Parks and Arun Gandhi.

Bonnie has a unique capacity to inspire and bring together hundreds of people, volunteers and experts with just a few phone calls and create collaboration and partnership from the depth of her love for humanity. Inspired by the wisdom and forgiveness her father portrayed after surviving numerous concentration camps in WWII and her mother who served as a nurse in the Russian

Army and called 'the angel on the front lines.' Bonnie was born in Manhattan right off the ship from Germany with a mission.

Bonnie's work began at age ten she was told she was an angel who came to earth to help bring love awareness in humanity. At nineteen she was living in India with some of the greatest saints of our time and making internal peace with death and the suffering of humanity, already an adept in meditation and devotion. Sh has been highlighted in major US newspapers, national magazines, radio shows, television interviews on prime time news such as: The Union Tribune, Ms. Magazine, Channel 4 News, NPR and DM Times.

She is mother of two grown sons, is a dancer, brings awareness of the divine feminine for planetary awakening and has a PhD.E in Divinity and Philosophy.



Rodica Silvia Pop

Is a Romanian teacher, museum educator and president of Children For Children –Children For Peace Foundation since 1995. The foundation has as main goal to promote and defend children's rights and has a humanitarian, educational and cultural character, having children in its midst, as direct participants. Rodica has a Phd in Humanities Science- Museums Education, and a Master Degree in Public Policies and Public Administration. She was awarded as Best Teacher of the Year in 2010. And got ICOM CECA AWARD in Brazil, Rio de Janeiro 2013. She has been made Honorary Citizen of Dallas, Texas in 1983 and of her hometown Seini, in 2011.

Dr. Rodica Silvia Pop will address the importance of forgiveness as means of Human Rights to build a culture of peace. Only forgiveness, given and received, can lay lasting foundations for reconciliation and universal peace. "Hate the crime, but not the criminal"! Studies show that people who forgive are happier and healthier than those who hold resentments.



Sylwia Leandowska-Akhviediani

Managing Partner, Business Psychologist, Trainer, Coach and Facilitator. For more than 15 years I have been inspiring and supporting the changes in organizations, teams and people. My mission is to elevate the value of people and organizations, so the idea of accountability was not a nice-sounding slogan, but a daily and natural practice for leaders and teams. This will definitely built up the value of the organization.

Strong influence on my approach today had the idea of CSR I met working in the Responsible Business Forum, where mindfulness of relationships refer to any context – also private one. I'm fascinated by the psychology of sport and victory, everyday forming a crew with such an attitude.

I love the diversity of cultures, and the fact that I work in Poland as well as in other countries gives me the opportunity to experience both the differences and similarities in their approach to leadership, team building, working with talents and leaders, or simply going outside the rules and regulations! I care also about my personal energy, constantly developing in the international business environment, trainers, coaches, dancers.



Edi Pyrek

Trained 2 Prime Ministers, ministers, members of parliament, bosses and owners of biggest companies (including the ones of "WPROST" list of the richest). Used to be a coach of the Parliament Speaker and the candidate for President - Prof. Zbigniew Religa. Organized elections for Seym as well as local elections. After 9.11 worked as a peace negotiator among Afghan tribes. Created brand names for companies and individuals (politics, business, media).

Author of 8 books (last three were published by National Geographic), producer and scriptwriter of series of documentaries (for Polish Public Television TVP and Discovery Channel) and for theatre. Permanently cooperating with National Geographic, Nowe Media,... University lecturer (eg. SWPS). One of the most popular speakers of TEDx (TEDx Warsaw 2012, TEDx Women

Poznan 2012). Also gave lectures in Russia, United Arab Emirates. Trained the Opposition of one of the old Russian Republics.



Mr. Carlos Dario Palma Lema

He has studied Philosophy (Uruguay), Theology (Jerusalem), Sociology (Italy) Biblical Archaeology (Jerusalem). He has spent his last 30 years in the formation of children and youth to a new culture of brotherhood and unity, organizing conferences and festivals nationally and internationally in several countries worldwide (Italy, France, U.K., Portugal, Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey and the last 11 years in Egypt).

From 2006 to 2015 he worked as Director of International Activities for some American and International Schools in Cairo. Since 2011 he has organized three major international Peace Festivals that involved more than 50,000 young people from many countries, presenting to hundreds of schools his various projects of peace education.

In 2012 he was named "Ambassador of Peace" by the Universal Circle of Peace Ambassadors based in Geneva, Switzerland, in recognition of his important activity and international prestige in favor of a culture of peace. Since 2011 he has participated every year in the World Peace Forum in Schengen (Luxembourg) and has actively contributed each time with a group of Egyptian students who have presented several workshops, testimonies and seminars on various lecurrent issues in the pursuit of peace in a so committed and suffered area. From 2012 he began to work on a new educational project for peace "Living Peace International" now present in over 1500 schools, associations and groups in 153 countries, involving more than 650,000 children, teens and youth.

Living Peace International is today working with 65 important International Peace Organizations from all over the world

In May 2012 Mr. Palma was nominated by the World Peace Forum as Coordinator of all activities for Youth Peace Education.

In April 2014 Mr. Palma received at the headquarters of the European Parliament of Luxembourg the Peace Prize of Luxembourg by hands of Mr. Dominicus Rohde, President of the Schengen Peace Foundation and actual President of the WPF, in recognition of his last Education Peace Project "Living Peace" that has been implemented all around the world.

In November of the same year he received a Honorification by the Universal Circle of Peace Ambassadors in merit to his work for peace in the youth's world. Also in 2014 Mr. Palma was one of the candidates for the "Education for Peace", Prize Award in Washington and "A culture

of nonviolence" of UNESCO. In May 2015 Mr. Palma organized the first Youth World Peace Forum in Cairo, with the participation of 1,300 students from 28 countries. In the context of this great event he received the Awards of Augsburg (Germany) "Angel of culture" for his efforts to create a culture of peace for the future generations.

In January 2016 he was nominated President of the Youth World Peace Forum (Schengen / Luxembourg). Since then, 3 other YWPFs have been organized, in Florianopolis, Brazil (2016), in Madaba, Jordan (2017) and in Manila, Philippines (2018), involving 10,000 young people from all over the world.

In June 2016, he was awarded with the "Harmony among Peoples" Prize by the Municipality of Montecatini (Florence, Italy) and in November of the same year he was invited to present his international project Living Peace at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris (France).

In 2018 he received four Peace Awards: "United for Peace", by Rotary International in Spain, La Paloma de la Paz (Argentina), Vigor Award (Canada) and Cathay Peace Prize (China).

He is currently the General Coordinator of the Living Peace International, following all the activity from his Central Secretary in the city of Porto, in Portugal.



Margret Rueffler (PhD)

Having had a business carrier, my second life began with Hepatitis B while studying Zen, Martial arts and Kyudo at a Hawaiian Zen monastery. Being forced to look after myself, led me to Santa Fe to study Acupuncture, while having a kidney failure. Choosing the alternative path, acupuncture kept me alive, yet I could not heal fully. That is when I began to learn about the psychological impact of traumata on body and mind. This in turn led me to begin to explore different methods to heal, and while doing a M.A in psychology and counseling I dived deeply into Psychosynthesis for several years. Followed by more exploration of myself with a Ph.D., at Union Institute and University, Cincinnati, Ohio, Ph.D. in Transpersonal Psychology with focus on a Psych Synthetic Approach to Body/Mind/Spirit. Practicing in New York City in private practice I needed to learn in depth the interaction of body mind spirit in order to heal myself and I founded a not for profit organization, the PsychPoliticalPeace Institute.

In the meantime I began to work with collective belief patterns, such as my own German heritage. Can one heal collective traumata? One of my books The dormant potential of a nation

was the result of several years of deep soul searching. Founding a nonprofit in Switzerland and New York, and teaching and training therapists in a transpersonal approach led me to begin to develop the Unfolding the HeartSelf-Intelligence approach. Today these meditations and methodology are applied in the different countries where I train psychotherapists and healers in this approach. I applied the inherent values as the basis for the many projects I initiated in various countries in different continents with different populations. First working with Post trauma groups and then with the prevention of collective violence. Training supervisors, youth in prison population and wardens (Indonesia) as well as being guest lecturer at several Indonesian Universities, project consultant for many years with my colleagues at Ubaya University in Surabaya, Indonesia. Eventually I founded a retreat center in Bali and a social educational foundation, working through different hands on projects to allow for personal and collective growth and increased self esteem. This led to study, teach and design permaculture with an approach from the heart. Having written several books, which were translated in different languages, I focus at the moment on earthship building, combined with permaculture education, through the HeartSelf-Intelligence approach to learn to give love to the earth and integrate this into social outreach projects in Indonesia.

#### Degrees:

Union Institute and University, Cincinnati, Ohio, Ph.D. in Transpersonal Psychology with focus on a Psychosynthetic Approach to Body/Mind/Spirit.

Antioch University, Yellow Springs, Ohio, M.A. in Psychology and Counseling, focus on Eastern Psychology.

National Commission for Certification of Acupuncturists and Oriental Medicine, Washington, D.C., Dipl. Ac.

Universitaet des Saarlandes, West Germany, Undergraduate studies, Major Languages.

Languages: English, French, German. Fluent in reading writing and speaking.

## **Professional Training:**

Concord Institute, Concord, Massachusetts, a one year training in spiritual psychology including group facilitation.

Psychosynthesis Institute of New York, three year professional training in Psychosynthesis psychotherapy and certification.

Intermountain Associates for Psychosynthesis, Albuquerque, New Mexico, one year training in Basic Psychosynthesis principles and techniques.

Kototama Institute, Santa Fe, New Mexico, two year training in traditional Japanese acupuncture, including diet, fasting and acupressure massage.

## **Other Educational Experience:**

Ikenobo School of Ikebana, Kyoto, Japan, Professor in Japanese flower arrangements.

Shorin Ryu Karate Dojo, New York, Second Degree Black Belt.

International Zendo, Hawaii, Studies of Zen and Martial Arts, under the guidance of Tanouye Tenshin Roshi.

Ohashiatsu, Japanese acupressure massage with Wataru Ohashi, New York.

## **Professional Experience:**

Director and founder of the PsychoPolitical Peace Institute Inc, New York, USA (1989), PsychoPolitical Peace Institute AG, Zuerich, Switzerland (1991),

Core trainer at the PsychoPolitical Peace Institute New York and Zuerich, providing a five year professional training for counselors in Transpersonal Psychology and supervision for people in managing and helping professions.



Laj Utreja (PhD)

His professional experience covers a wide range of disciplines related to the U.S. space and defense programs. He has worked in various capacities, as hands-on engineer, as technical leader in people management, and as CEO of a small business in developing corporate vision. In 2001, he received the George M. Low award, NASA's highest honor for quality and technical performance to a small business. He had been involved in technology research in system studies with emphasis on interceptor systems analysis, launch technology, hypervelocity impact analysis and testing, hypervelocity guns, space environment and space debris, IR seekers, computational fluid dynamics, aerodynamics analysis and testing, aerodynamic deceleration and testing.

Laj has taught graduate and undergraduate schools in the Mechanical Engineering and Bhagavad Gita in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. He has also taught courses related to Vedic Philosophy and Wellbeing for the Continuing Education at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Having spent most of his adult life studying Sanatana Dharma, Laj has given talks on its applications as part of cross-cultural understanding to various groups and organizations all over the world.

Laj had been very active in many technical and civic societies. Currently, Laj is very active with the Interfaith Mission Service of the Greater Tennessee Valley where he has talked about Hinduism at the various organizations, arranged interfaith and diversity summits to promote understanding among different faith, race and cultural groups. His reverence for Bhagavad Gita has in part motivated him to write his two books, "Who are we?" and "What is our origin?" He has taken concepts and ideas from Vedic philosophy and integrated them with personal experiences to explain universal precepts in his books.

Over the span of his professional career in engineering Laj has accumulated considerable training and experience in dhyana (meditation), pranayama (breathing), and yoga asana (postures). Laj is founder of the Institute of Spiritual Healing (ISH, www.ishdhaam.com). ISH has developed several programs such as Ayur-Living, Harmony Consciousness. A special program, Seven Weeks to Ayur-Living (SWA) has been developed for total health and rejuvenation. Major health benefits of the practice include relief from stress, anger, anxiety, and depression. The practice of SWA fights fatigue and laziness, restores body's immune system,

and inhibits extraneous thoughts leading to mental peace and happiness.

Laj is founder of the Institute of Global Harmony (IGH, www.ighworld.org). IGH is a human-centric educational system that offers a unique blend of sustainable technologies and human values to transform the impoverished and the neglected communities around the world.

Currently, Laj is working as Director, IGH at Gandhi Vidya Mandir, Sardarshahr, Rajasthan, India, and is responsible for all initiatives, including administrative and management pertaining to the establishment of Institute of Global Harmony at IASE University, Sardarshahr, Rajasthan, India. The emphasis is to create a harmonious civilization through education. In 2013 and 2014, he was invited to Oxford Round Table – Child Education, where he presented Creating Harmonious Civilization – A New Paradigm in Education.

Over the years Laj has been involved in many civic and technical associations and committees. His current affiliations include, International Association of Educators for World Peace (IAEWP), Global Harmony Association (GHA), World Constitution & Parliament Assembly (WCPA), Child Rights and You (CRY), and Interfaith Mission Service (IMS).



David Lisbona

Social and HiTech Entrepreneur, BA, MA University of Cambridge, UK; MBA INSEAD, France. Immigrated to Israel in 1973 at age 24. Served in the Israel Air Force as a staff officer - Budgets and training.

Intelligence Corps - was the IDF's first expert on the Internet in the early 1990's.

Technologist - was involved in the early commercial development of email and online databases (1980's)

Internet technology leader at Comverse Network Systems (1995-2000)

Cellular Industry expert at Polaris/Pitango Venture Capital (2000-2002)

## **Social Entrepreneur:**

Researcher and co-worker at the Institute on Holocaust and Genocide, Jerusalem -found by Prof. Israel Charny.

Founder at Middleway, NGO for Jewish-Arab and Israeli-Palestinian dialogue and aid -in which we used many dialogue circles.

Chairman of the Israeli branch of "Ways of Council" http://waysofcouncil.net/ for peacemaking and dialogue techniques.

Founder at GIsha, NGO for assisting Freedom of Movement for Palestinians from Gaza.

Worldview: Liberal, cosmopolitan, cross-cultural, humanist, peacemaker

Hobbies: Family history, photography, inveterate traveler, learning with my own eyes

Passions: Understanding people, connecting Jews and Arabs, Zionism



Danny Gal

My interest in the concept of dialogue started in the very early days of my career. I realized that the main action I was doing as a consultant was listening: To my partner(s) and to myself. Since then I devoted my career to creating and hosting spaces in which people can listen to each other in ways that go beyond stereotypes, fears and preconceptions towards sharing humanity and acknowledging the right to be unique and different.

As a son of two holocaust survivors, I grew up in a dual atmosphere: on the one hand, we should always be alert and ready because danger is just over the corner. On the other hand, we should treat every human with dignity based on equality. This combination is who I am today. A humanist that is always alert. I believe this is where my tendency towards listening is coming from. To practice my beliefs I conducted a few experiments that became solid structures:

- I was part of the founding team of the Center for Emerging Futures (CEF), an NGO that promotes practical partnerships between Israelis and Palestinians in Israel-Palestine. Our approach was that dialogue should go beyond just meetings. For 10 years, we have convened more than thousand Israelis and Palestinians, forming many projects teams that made a difference on the ground.
- I co-founded Impact Hub Tel Aviv. It was the fifth Hub outside of London. It served as a Launchpad for many social initiatives in Israel and the region, including some very interesting Jewish-Arab projects like this film.
- I co-organized the 1000 round tables dialogue in Israel. It was the largest simultaneous community dialogue, held in Israel during the social demonstrations of 2011. The main impact of this event was that community dialogue became a practical tool that is now being implemented all over Israel and other placed in the world.
- I was part of the strategic team of the Institute for Democratic Education (IDE) that is actively changing the education system in Israel to be more democratic.

The main values of this movement is: Listening to every child's unique gift; and finding ways in which many different and unique individuals can form an inclusive and nurturing community.



Sally Bloom Siddiqi

Sally Siddiqi's artwork grew out of her career as a landscape designer and executive for environmental design organizations, both nationally and internationally. Her work captures the sense of place, from the most representational paintings to the most abstract. She believes that there are a myriad of unseen forces in the landscape, which she captures through a range of techniques and media.

Sally graduated from the University of Washington in landscape architecture, and was honored in 1994 with a Loeb Fellowship from Harvard's Graduate School of Design. She served as Executive Director for the US Green Building Council New York Chapter and as Executive Director of the American Institute of Architects - New York Chapter and the American Institute of Architects Foundation for Architecture - New York Chapter. She also directed global programs for the United Nations Environment Programme.

Sally studied drawing and painting with noted artists Jon DeMartin in New York City and more recently, painting and printmaking at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia. Sally has won several awards for her paintings from the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts.



**Colins Imoh** 

Environmental and conflict transformation scholar with strong facilitation, project management, grant writing, research experience, online teaching design and teaching skills. Facilitated more than 100 peace building, conflict transformation, advocacy and good governance trainings/workshops with more than 1500 persons trained. Raised funds and resources for project totaling more than \$750,000.00 from diverse partners including: National Endowment for Democracy (NED), National Democratic Institute (NDI), United States Institute for Peace (USIP), IFES/EU, Konrad Adenaueur Stiftung (KAS), Nexus Funds, City University of New York, International Centre for Nonviolence Conflict, ...

#### ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

Worked on various State of Energy Report for Towns in South Africa. Data collection and analysis for Environmental Impact Assessment, Household Energy Audit,

Implementation of environmental policies like legislation on the use of 4x4 vehicles in coastal areas in South Africa.

The deployment of solar water heaters in households – worked with SUNTANK in deployment Part of the Enerkey project worked on implementation of sustainable environmental practices in greater Gauteng

MPhil degree was based on a consultancy with Sol Plaatje municipality, Kimberley where an environmental assessment was done for the city to promote sustainability.

## **CONSULTING EXPERIENCE**

Set up the route for a peace caravan of 40 youths who travelled through 7 West African countries. I travelled to each country and established focal coordinators that led to the success of the project.

Developed 'Gender-Sensitive Early Warning and Response Strategies in Northern Nigeria' manual for the UN Women's Programme on 'Promoting Women's Engagement in Peace and Security in Northern Nigeria'. The project is collaborative project of the EU, UNICEF, UNWOMEN, WANEP and IPCR.

Developed training programme for the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Open Minds, Young Voices – Youth Activists Programme in Nigeria.

Review and edit 12000-word chapter on youth and conflict in urban areas of Uganda for Institute of Security Studies. MoMontere

Worked on various State of Energy Report for Towns in South Africa. Data collection and analysis for Environmental Impact Assessment, legislation on the use of 4x4 vehicles in coastal areas in South Africa. The deployment of solar water heaters in households.



Saša Kerkoš

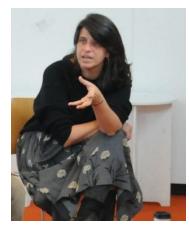
Sasa Kerkos graduated from visual communications at the Ljubljana Academy for Fine Arts, studied also at the Academy of Industrial design and Arts in Helsinki and at the Academy of Fine Arts in Zagreb.

Multi task graphic designer, illustrator and graphic artist, working on a diverse range of creative projects with interests in cross media communication and methods of work that can improve creative and innovative ideas to build more tolerant and sustainable environment.

She is an initiator of independent Biennial platform for new talent in contemporary slovenian illustration production and Design Biotop platform that advocated design mindset for complex problem solving. She is focusing on human-to-human interaction with her main focus in compassion in design that was also her MA thesis she completed at Aalto University in Helsinki. She lives and works between Slovenia, Bali and Perth.

For her work she has gained several awards: Prešern award 2003 (for design project at the Caroussel du Louvre, Paris 2002), Break 21 festival 2000 (section comics), Magdalena 2001 (first award in category of bussiness gifts), Selection for the gift of the City Ljubljana 2002, World biennale of small graphics 2003, France – Honorable mention, Magdalena 2004 - special mention for the Banner DELO, Magdalena 2005 – finalist in the field of internet games.

**Exhibited at home and abroad:** Academy of Fine Arts, Budapest; Design Museum, Helsinki; KUD France Prešeren, Ljubljana; INTO Galleria, Helsinki; Vilnius, Lithuania; Likovni salon, Celje; Magdalena Festival, Maribor; comics festival Raptus, Norway; Salao Lisboa, Portugal; SPX, Stockholm; Caroussel Du Louvre, Paris; Voipaala Art Center, Saksmaki, Finland; Moderna galerija Rotovž, Maribor, Slovenia).



**Trattie Davies** 

Trattie Davies is an Architect and Critic at the Yale School of Architecture. She is founding partner and principal of Davies Toews Architecture, a design firm in New York City. The studio focuses on practice through building with an emphasis on design exploration and scale diversity. Her work with the firm includes residential, commercial, and institutional projects for private, corporate, and nonprofit clients in New York, New Jersey, Maine, Massachusetts, Illinois and California. Prior to forming Davies Toews, Davies worked for Gehry Partners in Los Angeles. She was an artist in residence at the Cité International des Arts in Paris and a teaching fellow at the Fontainebleau Schools of Music and Fine Arts. Her work has been published in ArtNews and Architectural Digest and exhibited as part of the New Museum Festival of Ideas for the New

City. In 2016, Davies was the recipient of the Professor King-lui Wu Teaching Award in 2016. She received a B.A. and an M.Arch. from Yale University.



Claus Schnetzer and Gregor Pils

During his studies at the Technische Universität Wien (Vienna University of Technology), Claus Schnetzer, along with Gregor Pils, developed a passive house made entirely of used pallets. For this they received a number of prizes, including the European GAUDI Prize and an award at the Energy Globe 2010. The palette house was on display at the Architecture Biennale 2008 in Venice, for the 15th anniversary of the Architekturzentrum Wien, at the European Capital of Culture 2009 in Linz, and Overshoot Day 2009 organized by the European Economic and Social Committee in Brussels.

In 2010, they constructed with local residents a similar school building made of recycled materials in Johannesburg, South Africa.

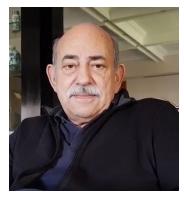
As the program managers of Team Austria, Claus and Gregor spearheaded the creation of the LISI (Living Inspired by Sustainable Innovation) House. From 2011 to 2013, they guided more than 70 students and over 100 companies to victory at the World Championships of Energy Plus Homes, the Solar Decathlon, in California, USA.

Today, both the Pallet House and the LISI House can be visited in Vienna.

In 2014, Claus and Gregor formalized their partnership with the birth of SchnetzerPils ZT GmbH, where they work on sustainable, innovative design that inspires a sense of freedom and purpose.

Their motto is "Think different, Act different." In addition to numerous private clients, they designed FRYRAUM, a modular house designed for maximum freedom.

Houses and buildings are not the only thing SchetzerPils works on. In 2018, they collaborated with Elisabeth Kopf on the Alphabet of Life - From Nature to Design, a biomimicry-inspired exhibit premiered at the Werkraum in Bregenzerwald, Austria. The exhibit comes home to Vienna, where they hope to kick off its world tour later this year. And in 2019 and beyond, expect the birth of multiple large-scale projects that integrate health, wellness, and nature.



**Carlos Fuks** 

He is Senior Consultant specialized in the development of entrepreneurial organizations, the role of the boards and senior management during transformation processes, and the continuous innovation and sustainability of such organizations.

He holds a degree in Business Administration (University of Buenos Aires) and a Master in Organizational Studies (University of San Andrés), where he serves as a professor of Corporate Entrepreneurship in the MBA, he is also visiting professor at the UNICEN.

In the professional field he worked at Citibank in positions of Planning, Finance, Retail Banking, Corporate and Investment. He was country manager in Uruguay and Chile, where in addition to corporate functions was in charge of several investments in the mining, fisheries, and forestry sector. He also served as Director of Division regional and global positions in the United States that allowed him to acquire a deep knowledge of Latin America, Asia and Europe. He was a member of the global technology committee of Citibank.

He led the Banco de Credito Argentino, the Providian Bank, led industrial companies like Fargo, and others like Argencard the issuer of MasterCard, and he also was a director of the Latin American Board of MasterCard International.

Vice President of the Banks' Association in Chile and Uruguay, and Director of several Professional and Nonprofit organizations.

He currently chairs the Argentine Association of the University of Haifa and is Advisor of the Iberoamerican Network of Eco bioethics, and is the President of a company that represents international brands in Argentina.



**Diane Williams** 

Diane Williams is the Founder and President of The Source of Synergy Foundation, which is working for global transformation by helping synergize individuals, efforts and organizations by

helping them tap "into the infinite source of the collective potential." Diane has worked with many organizations and networks that view spirituality as an essential component in helping to create a paradigm shift towards a more peaceful, just and sustainable world. At the United Nations, she served as Cthe first Chairperson of the NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns, was a Co-Founder of the Coalition for One Voice, Co-Creator of the Sacred Place at the UN World Summit on Sustainable Development, and has served on a number of Global Councils of the World Commission on Global Consciousness and Spirituality. She is currently Administrative Director of the Evolutionary Leaders: In Service to Conscious Evolution, and has worked with the Interfaith Center of New York, The New York Open Center, Tribal Link and the Global Dialogue Institute.



Moty Benyakar

He was born on 04/04/1946. Master, Bachelor of Education Sciences, Bachelor of Psychology, Doctor of Medicine, Psychiatrist, Doctor of Psychology, Psychoanalyst didact of APA, Specialist in children. Honorary Member of the World Psychiatric Association (WPA). Professor of Honor at IL3, University of Barcelona and the Department of Psychology at Kennedy University. Member of Honor Emeritus of FAPEDEC (Argentine Foundation for the Development of Education and Culture). Honorary President of the Disaster Intervention Section of WPA. Full Professor of the Universidad del Salvador (USAL). Director of the Research Team in Psychoanalysis and / or Disruptive for the Doctorate in Psychology of USAL. Director of the Master in Psychoanalysis USAL-APA. President of the 'Ibero-American Network of Ecobioethics for Education, Science and Technology. UNESCO Chair in Bioethics. International Director of the IBIS (International Bioethical Informational System).



**Marcel Gasser** 

Marcel has lived in and travelled to over **80** countries across every continent and he's still not finished! From Tibet to Greenland, there's almost nowhere he hasn't visited some time recently. In the process, he's learned a lot about privilege and became very passionate about how we can create a lasting impact. Being a digital nomad since summer 2015 brings him all flexibility to follow his heart & projects everywhere. Marcel currently works on a number of amazing projects. Due to his healing journey for over 4 years, curing himself from a tumour, he learned lots about himself and the beautiful universe we live in.

He was directly involved in the creation of more than 10 companies in the past 5 years. He leads the Swiss chapter of the **Global Entrepreneurship Network**. He is also extremely excited about an amazing concept involving providing **flexible hardware to co-working locations** (www.h-spaces.com), that he is currently working on. Beside of the spaces, he is building up a platform called www.akasha.space, where the mission is to bring a shift from mind towards heart and creating experiences towards the essence of existence.

He holds a Business IT degree, an MBA from University of Southern Queensland as well as an Executive MBA.

Marcel strongly believes that the future belongs to sustainable businesses that create real added value, and one of his favourite mantras is: "the adventure starts when there is no adventure anymore". He is looking forward to sharing from his tools and knowledge of tapping into the unlimited potential each of us has.



**Philippe Bally** 

Philippe Bally is the founder of Innovation Strategies. Trained as an engineer he holds numerous patents ranging from medical devices to bicycle saddles. He is at the forefront of the electrical car movement in France. Philippe is also an artist who devotes himself to art therapy and to

working with the deprived. The most eloquent expression of his view that art is the writing of the soul is found in his own paintings and in those whom he inspires to express their innermost feelings. Philippe has designed the experiential 'The Other Side of the Wall' to bring the individual to perceive that one is nothing alone and only exists with and through others. It is a simulation in 3 stages of denial of freedom, dignity and human rights. That Philippe's picture shows the Statue of Liberty is intentional. It pays tribute to his entrepreneurial venture with prison inmates to commemorate France's bicentennial by raising funds for the Statue's renovation.



Rabbi Ellis

Joshua Ellis is an twelve year veteran in the battle against Jewish assimilation and intermarriage in Poland. Since his beginning as a volunteer for the Joint Distribution Committee in Warszawa Joshua formed a strong bond with the Jews, communities and Rabbis of Poland. Subsequently he returned two to three times a year for the six years he was studying in Israel, volunteering in small communities throughout Poland. Five years ago he returned to live and serve as the Chief Rabbi of Katowice and Upper Silesia. After five years in Katowice Joshua and his family moved to Warszawa where he works in the local and national Jewish community. He continues to serve the community of Katowice and additionally has taken on the position as the Head of Youth Education and Outreach for Poland.

After completing his first year volunteering with the Joint Distribution Committee Joshua felt the need to return and contribute more to the reemerging communities. After much time, contemplation and counsel he decided the greatest need the Jews of Poland had was for teachers and leaders. Joshua decided to pursue rabbinical ordination in order to spread the light of Torah to the reemerging communities of Poland.

Joshua studied at various Yeshivot in Yerushalaim for six years receiving Smicha, rabbinical ordination, from the Shehebar Sephardic Center. While studying there Joshua also became certified as a Shochet and Bodek of cows and chickens. While learning towards Smicha Joshua also trained at the Ohr Torah Stone, Ner Le'ELef Straus-Amiel Institute of advanced training for Rabbis, educators, and spiritual leaders for the Diaspora.

I am the Chief Rabbi of Katowice and Upper Silesia. I am also the national head of education and outreach for the Jewish Communities of Poland. Additionally I fulfill various responsibilities in the Nozyk Synagogue in Warsaw.