



The PeacePointe Offer

PeacePointe is a learning system for young people who wish to deepen their experience and understanding of conflict dynamics, and advance their competency in peace practice. PeacePointe will assemble in the heart of Stavanger, Norway from September 1-17, 2008. Participants will attend the Peace Summit and apply the principles, processes and practices of peace dialogue to solve challenges posed during the Summit and the Dialogues of Professor Johan Galtung.

Peace Summit 2008

The heart of PeacePointe is the Peace Summit Sept. 10-12. Core themes of this year's summit are:

- 1) Facing the Climate Challenge
- 2) 9-11: What Has Been Done Since and What Still Has to Be Done?
- 3) Media's Dual Role: Conflict Solver and Conflict Driver

Laureates active in this year's summit include:

- Mohammad Yunus, Nobel Peace Laureate 2006
- Jajendra Pachauri, Nobel Peace Prize Laureates 2007, IPCC Chair
- Wangari Maathai, Nobel Peace Laureate 2004
- Mairead Corrigan Maguire, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 1977
- Kim Dae-Jung, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2000, Former President of South Korea
- In addition, a range of top leaders from Norway and around the world (www.pointofpeace.org)

The design of the summit includes interaction between youth and Nobel Peace Laureates, and PeacePointe will have an inside opportunity to connect with Laureates and other global visitors.

The Galtung Dialogues

Johan Galtung, planetary peace professor and founder of Transcend, (<http://www.transcend-nordic.org>) will present a (one-time only) month-long series of insights gained during his first 50 years of peace development, and invite the audience to invent creative, constructive, and concrete solutions to the challenges he poses. These will be video taped for later distribution. PeacePointe participants will explore 9 of these in-depth. Each unit begins with the evening lecture and interaction with Johan, followed by facilitated workshops the following morning. Topics include:

- Six World Conflicts: how far are we from solution?
- Solution perspectives for Korea, Myanmar, Tibet
- Solution perspectives for Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Iraq
- The Fall of Imperial U.S.—and what next?
- Conflict, Religious Experience, and Deep Structure
- Reactions to Mega-evils like Slavery, Colonialism and Global Warming. Multi-lateral or Unilateral

10 - 12 September Summit 2008;

- Day 1 – Facing the Climate Challenge
- Day 2 – 9/11 – And Then What?
- Day 3 – Media’s Dual Role: Conflict Solver and Conflict Driver
- Women, Men, Young, Old – Where are the Best Roots of Peace?
- NATO – from Defence – to Attack – to Destruction?
- Norway as a Nation of War and Peace

NOTE; For those who wish more time with the Galtung Dialogues, there will be a post-programme available Sept. 18-19, 22-26.

Learning System

a) Participant Learning Goals

We expect each participant to enter PeacePointe with a desire to increase their personal and professional competence in solving and facilitating the solution of conflicts.

Participants also will have a sponsor motivated to support them in applying their learning.

Learning teams, based on participant goals and sponsor contexts, will be formed at the end of the opening week. At the close of PeacePointe, each

team will communicate their discoveries and 'points of peace' in a form usable by all participants.¹

b) Content and Process Dynamics

We will join 9 evening lectures with Professor Johan Galtung. Next morning, at PeacePointe, an inter-generational facilitation team will offer a variety of sorting mats and 2 x 2's² as frameworks to stimulate the search for solutions to the challenges posed by Professor Galtung. These frameworks are part of the Sabona dialogue repertoire, and are being field-tested for use with young people.

We will encourage the matching of topic inputs with participant learning goals and application opportunities back home.

PeacePointe 2008 Tools

We will start with an incoming learning structure for the various Sabona mats, and during the work of the 2 weeks extend and deepen the core kit.

Each participant will leave with a framework for action, and dialogue tools to support their back-home application.

Over the year, the PeacePointe 2008 community may share their experiences, lessons-learned, and best practices on the Point of Peace website or other option. (The PeaceChannel is being launched at the Summit.)

Facilitators

We have invited an inter-generational coaching team to facilitate our community building, learning and generation of results.

The 'elder' facilitators in PeacePointe have years of experience in designing and facilitating learning events. We are newcomers to our 'Real Sixties'.³ With young peace professionals from the Sabona and Transcend community

¹ At the moment, plans are to present a 'u-tube' 'pechachuka' usable by all participants in home setting. See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pecha_Kucha#Overview. This may be 'backed-up' by a knowledge-base, scholarly paper, or business plan, by participants, depending on their learning goals.

² The 2 x 2 is a framework that highlights dilemmas, contradictions, tension points, and polarity dynamics. The appropriate 2 x 2 emerges as a shared focus for communication, and closes with a transcendent 'break-through' that includes and transcends the starting 2 x 2 dynamics. See Alex Lowy and Phil Hood: *The Power of the 2 x 2*, Jossey-Bass, 2003. The 2 x 2 is also at the core of the Sabona sorting mats used by Transcend and Point of Peace. (www.pointofpeace.org)

³ Those of us who were young leaders in the 1960's are now ending forty years of life experience. We are fortunate enough to have health, resources, and discretionary time. We also realize that the future approaching our children and grand-children will be in a radically different Nature than the one we built our civilization on. There is an urgent need for generations to agree and implement creative, constructive, and concrete acts for peaceful futures on a climate-changing planet. Facilitators will receive no stipend.

in Norway, we see our selves as anchors of a learning community of 50 people. Faculty bios will be on www.pointofpeace.org by May 1.

Beyond PeacePointe 2008

The learning gathering will end with a Syntegration⁴ to create the focus and connection for the coming year. Participants will stay web-linked through the learning-in-action choices chosen at the end of the learning journey in Stavanger as departure points for the coming year.

The 'learning-in-action' approach will continue in participant home settings, in connection with the sponsor (organisation). You can align your activities with shared focus and with other PeacePointers during the year (e.g. joint projects; research; business services, etc.).

PeacePointe is designed to inspire and accelerate action to create newness and we-ness at ever higher levels of positive peace.

Participants who wish to receive credit for PeacePointe will receive a Recognition of Accomplishment document.⁵

Benefits of Participation

1. Inside access and contact with some of the most knowledgeable peace practitioners on the planet;
2. Competency to work with effective tools for facilitating dialogue between people/groups stressed by differences;
3. Integrated knowledge from the month of inputs and the structured conversations/feedback with 40 peer learners;
4. Personal self-reflection and understanding of your own insight and energy for peace and conflict. (Click to Voices of Peace and Protest);
5. Membership in a network of fellow 'peace-travellers' to support you and learn with you as you advance in your life plans;
6. A lot of fun, surprise, and widening of your peace perspectives in the beautiful Open Port of Stavanger, full of action for the month;
7. Pride in having tested and developed a peace tool for use by others around the world;
8. Educational experience (120 hours contact time) suitable for credit at graduate level.

⁴ A Syntegration enables 24-36 participants to locate the core agreements and aligned actions that enable them to 'break-through' to a shared consciousness. This nexus of agreement inspires flexible, effective, aligned action for the following 9-18 months. (see www.team-syntegrity.com)

⁵ There will be an entry learning contract; there will be written and video inputs from morning workshops. Each learning group will produce a 'pechachuka', and each participant will be part of 2 learning groups. Participants can fulfill specific additional requirements with their home university. (e.g. event report; theory paper; skill demonstration, etc.).

We have designed a rhythm into PeacePointe that recognises that there is a lot of youthful energy that needs room to ‘do its own thing’. There will be concerts and music as part of the Summit celebration. There will be open afternoons for conversation, swimming, walking, meeting etc. We’ll be camping and eating together, and inventing ways to enjoy our informal time together.

How do I join?

We recommend that first you **find a sponsor**. We do this for 3 reasons:

1. We believe that if there is someone ‘at home’ who cares about your learning and who will be an ally in what you would like to do next, the more value you will get from your investment in this learning adventure;
2. The seeking of sponsorship and the sharpness of your vision of what you want to bring back/take forward, strengthens the value of what you bring to the event. We are most interested in participants who feel ready to ‘learn-in-action’;
3. We wish to encourage inter-generational partnerships in building futures we care for together;
4. We need the tuition fees to build the learning system worthy of the Summit and the Galtung Dialogues.⁶

Who is the right sponsor for me?

1. There are many world citizens in their ‘real sixties’ who are stepping out of a life-long career and have time, motivation, and resources to invest in co-creating a future that works for the next generations. Tell them why you want to come to PeacePointe and what when you come on. Ask them if they are interested in being a learning partner. You are going to invest 3 weeks of your talent and time
2. You will be returning with tools and competences that you can contribute to a local organisation. (e.g. a Rotary club; or a Chamber of Commerce; or a multi-cultural agency; or a university). Their investment in you will be paid back by the value of the information and the inspiration you bring back to them
3. Sponsors will be welcome to participate in the PeacePointe community through the web-site and associated digital communication channels. In particular, we hope you will build a inter-generational partnership upon your return, and invite them to sign in to the ongoing PeacePointe learning community.

⁶ O.K. You’re right. There are 4 reasons!

Sponsors

PeacePointe seeks sponsors for participants in order to strengthen inter-generational relationships peace work in organizations and communities around the world.

We believe in offering young people the opportunity to be equal partners now in the futures emerging in our climate-changing world of 8 billion humans. We would like each participant to have an 'elder' partner to share the 'what next?' beyond the Summit.

The sponsor is an active partner in PeacePointe. Access to the Summit and to the PeacePointe process will be available on-line, and you can join in the follow-through learning community.⁷

Sponsors will benefit by:

- Gaining access to the most recent news and frameworks about peace patterns emerging on the planet.
- Partnership with young person(s) with motivation and competency to address the challenges of difference in their organization or community.
- A chance to participate in an ongoing action-learning ventures with top young talent from around the world in the period following the summit
- The satisfaction of making new peace connections possible in your community within a global network of youth leaders.

There are two kinds of sponsors:

Organisation Sponsor

We request organizations to send 3 participants - and to send them with 1-3 core conflict issues relevant to your organization. These will be part of the learning focus at PeacePointe Three participants is the best number to harvest the learning opportunities and return as an effective team for follow-up. This offers an opportunity for an elder in the organization to share his/her learning and co-create a relevant programme with the returning 'PeacePointers'.

Tuition fee for each organization participant is 2000 Euros. Per Diem costs for accommodation (4 people to a cabin) and meals is between 300-400 Euros. Site location is: www.mosvangencamping.no

⁷ Sponsors who wish to attend PeacePointe to contact Dr. David Beatty at david@reflection-action.nl

'Free Elder' Sponsor

There are many individuals entering their 'real sixties' who have time, experience, resources to invest in ensuring the best future possible with the next generations. This time of their life is one where they have freedom to invent and partner in ways that were not possible in their first career(s).

This Peace Summit - with its core themes of energy, climate change, security, youth, and the media - provides a rich environment in which to stimulate new possibilities with young people.

Invitation: Find 1-3 young persons with whom you would like to co-create a future using frameworks and processes of peace practice, and make a learning contract with them.

You will act as their 'return-home' coach, and together build on the ideas and opportunities they return with.

The tuition fee for a 'free elder' sponsored young person is 1000 Euros. Per Diem costs for accommodation are additional, estimated 400 Euros.

Enrolment

There are a limited number of places in PeacePointe. Please assure yourself of a chance to participate by completing the application form as soon as possible. The web-site will be open for registration in mid-April. We will follow up with a phone-call as soon as we receive your application.

If you wish further information and/or to register before web registration at www.pointofpeace.org is available (May 1) please contact:

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