A different approach to Human Security

Initiatives of Change International

Initiatives of Change International (IofC International) is a non-government organization (NGO) working for peace, reconciliation and human security worldwide. It has Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and Participatory Status at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. It stresses the importance of personal responsibility, ethical leadership and building trust across the world’s divides.

Based in Caux, Switzerland, IofC International was founded in 2002 as an association bringing together the autonomous national bodies of the Initiatives of Change movement which are active in 39 countries, many of them over several decades.

IofC International represents the universality and multifaceted character of the movement, and facilitates its relationships with the United Nations and other international organizations through its Geneva office. Its Office of Training Services in Geneva connects the training capacities of the worldwide movement with needs identified by the UN and other international agencies.

IofC International has operational responsibility for Initiatives of Change’s global communications and facilitates collaboration between IofC national bodies. Certain trans-national programmes of the Initiatives of Change movement also function under its auspices.

In 2008 IofC International launched the new Caux Forum for Human Security at the movement’s international conference centre in Caux. The Forum is expected to become a global resource for those working for peace and human security at all levels.

**Aims**

As a diverse global network, IofC initiates programmes aimed at:

- Shaking the habits of history that sustain cycles of revenge, especially where cultures and civilizations meet.
- Strengthening the moral and spiritual dimensions of democracy so challenging within interests and corruption.
- Helping individuals and families to counter the climate of blame and self-interest with a culture of care and personal responsibility.
- Strengthening the motivation of care and moral commitment in economic life and thinking in order to create jobs, correct economic and environmental imbalance, and tackle the root causes of peace.
- Rebuilding a sense of community and hope in crises and tackling the causes of racial and communal discrimination.
- Forging networks among people from different cultures and faiths based on a shared commitment to work for reconciliation, justice, and peace.

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In 2007, the Norwegian Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to IofC Côte d’Ivoire for its work towards national reconciliation. The prize was given in recognition of a process initiated by IofC and led by local leaders trained by H. St through Moral Foundations for Peace. This process was designed as a领取 the ‘Prix du Merite’ for its work towards national reconciliation. The prize was given in recognition of a process initiated by IofC and led by local leaders trained by H. St through Moral Foundations for Peace. This process was designed as a...