



Ballycastle/Wageningen, 17 September 2018

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Dealing with tensions, preventing conflicts to get (too) hot, working on reconciliation: all realities in our lives. We experience it as an individual and as a professional. And we see the potential damage, which can come with it. As we see the advantages, which can accompany conflicts when people deal properly with them: it provides chances for improvement, for creativity, for inventions and for new ways to deal with challenges. Very good side effect: it saves a lot of money when we are able to deal properly with conflicts.

The above mentioned effects is the great feedback after many trainings, which are offered within the concept 'Dialogue for Peaceful Change (DPC). Started in the Netherlands, developed in an international context, we now have several places with a strong history in this conflict management concept. One of the 'headquarters' is Corrymeela (based in Ballycastle, No. Ireland – see http://www.corrymeela.org/). There we will organise the next DPC-basic-training. For more information about DPC – see attachments.

More than 1.200 participants have followed this five-days training, while many more people followed short DPC-workshops (mostly one day). There have been about 85 full trainings all over the world, with significant effects on the personal levels as well as for the communities where participants are living. One example deals with the youth and gang-violence in the Californian City of Antioch, which was reduced significantly, among others through the fact that \pm 300 volunteers were trained in the DPC-approach. One year ago the newly elected City-Council of Antioch decided to integrate this work and the training into the normal activities of the schools. Many personal examples are told from all over the world, be it in the personal lives of individuals or in their professional settings in companies, NGO's and churches.

We are proud to announce the next DPC-training. We have the following information:

<u>Dates</u>: Sunday 24 March 17.30 hrs – Friday 29 March 2019, 13.30 hrs.

Arrival: 24 March, before dinner Departure: 29 March, after lunch

Place: Corrymeela, Ballycastle, No. Ireland

<u>Trainers</u>: Colin Craig and Jaap van der Sar - both directors of Different Tracks Global and experienced

international DPC-trainers.

Participation fee: Euro 1.250/ GBP 1.100.

Working language: English only (passive and active use of that language is required)

Application: through the attached application form before 15 February 2018. See Application form.

<u>Additional information</u> about this DPC-training: see Attachments.

<u>Very special information</u>: our training finishes at the Brexit-day. We are there in the middle of the storm!

We hope to meet you there!

Trainer Colin Craig Jaap van der Sar

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