

Servant Community – Values, Responsibility and Leadership

Thursday 5 July (16.45) to Wednesday 11 July (noon) 2007

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Introduction

Family, clubs, associations, church, town, country – in the modern world each of us belongs to a number of communities. Why do we establish community? What are the calling and values of communities? You are invited to take part in a journey to explore how individuals can grow in a community and how this community can become a catalyst for positive change in the world. Participants will examine the questions of leadership in communities as well as their attitudes to 'the other', to those that do not belong to their own communities. Together we can discover the challenges of democracy in our communities and societies.

A typical conference day

08.00 Breakfast
09.30 Community discussion groups
11.00 Main plenary meeting
12.30 Launch
14.00 Open time for ad hoc arranged activities
15.45 Refreshments
16.45 Workshops, Presentations, Interviews
18.30 Supper
20.15 Evening programme

Process

5-6 July: Starting with Introduction to the Theme participants will explore the

Reasons and Needs for Communities.

7 July: will be dedicated to searching the **Community's Essence.**

8 July: We will try to find out what different communities mean for us - **Controlling power or space for growth?**

9 July: We will explore **Values and Fears** which are empowering or discouraging us.

10 July: **Communities' response to World Challenges** will be discussed.

11 July: We will conclude the conference by a **Send-off Session.**

Questionnaire:

The conference organizers would like to invite you on a journey to explore and study the concept of community. As organizers we understand that we do not have *all* the answers to the questions you may have. We hope to find answers together with you during the conference, as we get to know each other and share experiences through the week together. To help start this process and get to know you better, we would like to ask you to answer the following questions:

- 1) Please write in 50 words or less what means community for you. How do you understand community?
- 2) What would you like to do with the experience you hope to gain in Caux after the conference?
- 3) What aspect of IofC would you like to learn/study/talk about during the conference?

Kindly send your reply to srl@caux.ch

Applications, Costs and Visas:

Please consult the main conference programme for the costs of participation and the application form. This can be obtained at the address below, or on-line at www.caux.ch/en/centre/programme/.

A limited amount of **Funding** has been found to assist well motivated applicants cover the cost of their stay at the conference, and if really needed, also help with part of their travel expenses. **Funding applicants** please send your answers to the above questions latest by 15 April to srl-assist@caux.ch **before** filling in the application form.

For those needing **Swiss visas**, please remember to apply at least ten weeks prior to the conference, i.e. before the end of April. For those travelling overland and needing visas, please remember to apply for a double-entry Schengen visas from one of the Schengen country embassies.

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