

Creators of Peace is an international women's initiative challenging women everywhere to:

- Engage in the creation of peace at every level of society
- Share responsibility for their part in conflict and in its resolution
- Build networks of forgiveness and friendship across racial and social divides
- Create opportunities for healing ourselves, our relationships and our communities

Launched in 1991, we are active in 40+ countries worldwide and part of Initiatives of Change, a network of people working to build trust across the world's divides.

### Connect with Creators of Peace around the world...

- Join a Creators of Peace Circle near you
- Find out about training & volunteering opportunities
- Support women peace creators

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# What would it mean for you to be a creator of peace?

"I always thought that peace makers had to go to college and have a law degree... but now I've taken part in Creators of Peace I realise that I too am a peace maker."

Papua New Guinea

"I have had many avenues in life to challenge my mind. Creators of Peace gave me the opportunity and permission to go with my heart."

Australia



"We all pretend that someone else is the stumbling block to peace... Could that someone be myself?"

Anna Abdallah Msekwa, Tanzanian leader & politician

## Transform

We offer safe spaces for dialogue across different community divides, based on the sharing of personal experience, in a variety of forums, around conference tables, boardroom tables and kitchen tables.

Our Creators of Peace Circles are small gatherings of women, who work together with trained facilitators to understand their peace creating capabilities.

"I have discovered that I have the capacity to forgive, because I now have the capacity to love. "

Guatemala

## Empower

We encourage the practice of deep reflection as a source of inspiration to facilitate a change of heart, starting with oneself, as a primary tool of peace creation.

The resources we provide skills in listening and ways to explore forgiveness to build bridges of understanding, friendship and trust.

"Through Creators of Peace, we are empowered and united in supporting our people. We were like one heart and many veins."

Syria

## Engage

We identify issues in the community with a potential for conflict, and resolve to take common action to take leadership for peace.

Our programmes increase the peace building skills of women in civil society and address the personal, moral and spiritual values needed for ethical and sustainable action.

"Now each time I'm about to do something, I ask myself: By engaging in this action, am I going to build or destroy peace?"

Romania

