

World Values Day Oct.20th, 2022 - Introduction

(F) We welcome you warmly to our session “From Hardship to Hope” on World Values Day - wherever you are.

(F) We are (N) *Nora*, and (F) *Fritz*, addressing you in the name of our team of dedicated people from different parts of the world.

(N) And this is our team: / **please insert: graph of our group** /



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(F) We do of course want to know what brought **YOU** here today. Please go along and drop your answers in the chat room. Do not forget to add who you are, where you are from and why you have joined us today.

(N) Our meeting's main purpose is to further **Peace**,

(F) and our chosen methodology is **Partnership**.

(N) We have realised that simply talking about values in an abstract way often results in superficial agreement. More often than not their real meaning becomes uncertain when individual values are applied to concrete situations.

(F) Too many times people have been confused by talk of compassion and neighbourly help. Consider: when applying these core values in a “national”, essentially old tribal context, fellow humans of different culture, ethnicity, gender, religion or social class, are – and have been - effectively excluded from being shown due compassion.

(N) Worse: by appealing to basic instincts, people's minds have again and again been manipulated, even brainwashed, bringing hardship, misery and death. We all know who we are talking about: a misguided use of core values has been at the root of wars, bringing hardship, misery and costing human lives at the worst.

(F) We are almost there once again.

We are therefore inviting you to join us today in our effort to look at how opposing values around optimism and pessimism, positivity and negativity, and peace and war, are effectively playing out in critical parts of the world.

(N) We will be exploring the current environment in our world and how the **desire for peace** needs to be an important element of our journey.

(F) Our panel of *Mihail Krikonov in Ukraine (we sincerely hope he can join us today)*, *Halyna Yarmolenko*, and *Natalie Lottersberger*, will discuss their very personal journeys from Hardship to Hope, and how, by navigating through these opposite sets of values, hope can slowly emerge.

(N) We will then have small-group discussions, in which you will bring in those parts of your own personal experience that we are all comfortable sharing.

(F) We do hope to share our and your own concerns and opinions. Isn't this what we all want to be?:

(N) compassionate humans in the true sense of the word.

Please note:

- (F) **This event** will be recorded.

If you would not like to appear on the recording then please turn off your camera. For those who do not want to show as attending the event, just disconnect.

- **(N) This recording** will also be edited and be on our public website and some content may appear on CMCCF's social media feed.

(F + N) It's time to start our session. Enjoy!!

About this event On Thursday 20th October from 19.00 to 20.30 BST (UTC/ GMT+1) or 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. CDT (Canada) on Zoom, join the Wisdom of Hardship team in a 90-minute interactive session.

We will be exploring the current environment in our world and how the desire for peace needs to be an important element of our journey. We will look at how the opposing values around optimism and pessimism, positivity and negativity, and peace and war are actually playing out in parts of the world like Ukraine, Russia and China.

Our panel of Mihail Krikonov, Halyna Yarmolenko and Natalie Lottersberger will discuss their very personal journeys from hardship to hope, and how, by navigating through these opposite sets of values, hope can slowly emerge.

We will then have small-group discussions, bringing in those parts of our own personal experiences that we are comfortable sharing.

Peace is our context. Partnership is our methodology. Well-being is our personal outcome and results.

We will have additional opportunities to engage with each other. Your voices will be encouraged to connect your values to how you are now, as well as how you will be as you live these three goals in your life and within your community.

We always end our sessions by asking for your "CALL TO ACTION", as a way to focus your attention on what matters the most to you.

Please come prepared to identify your personal values within the engagement. If you wish to identify your values, please go to the following link: [https:// www.valuescentre.com/tools-assessments/pva/](https://www.valuescentre.com/tools-assessments/pva/)

