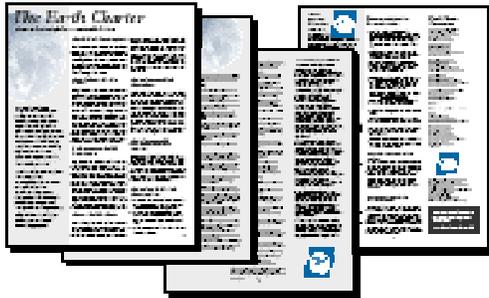




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1. PRINTER FRIENDLY VERSIONS OF THE EARTH CHARTER BROCHURES AVAILABLE ON-LINE

The Earth Charter Initiative is pleased to announce the availability on-line of the printer friendly brochures in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese. They can be located at the Resources section of www.earthcharter.org. While the Secretariat will continue to send brochures as usual when needed, we encourage our partners to download and print this version when small quantities are needed.

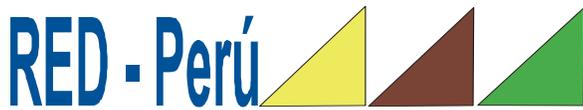
2. SGI EXHIBITION ON THE EARTH CHARTER WILL TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD

As part of its preparatory efforts toward the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, Soka Gakkai International, a Buddhist association with 12 million members in over 185 countries and territories, launched a traveling exhibition designed to promote public awareness of the Earth Charter and stimulate discussion about the Charter's educational potential.

Joan Anderson, international coordinator for the exhibition, notes that "the exhibition is relatively small, and is being produced in different languages, so it can be mounted in regional venues where there is the greatest need for grass roots education and information activities." For more information on this please visit www.sgi.org



3. TWENTY FOUR CITIES OF PERU ENDORSE THE CHARTER



Iniciativas de Concertación para el Desarrollo Local

Last April, the Foro Ecologico Región Lima, great promoter of the Earth Charter Initiative, called upon the Municipalities of their country to support the Earth Charter (NEWS section at www.cartadelatierra.org). As a result of this and in the context of the Sixth National Encounter of the Peruvian Network celebrated in Lima on April 22-25, twenty four cities of this country freely and formally endorsed the Earth Charter. Their purpose is to create consensus about the values and principles on which the reconstruction of harmonic relations between our society and our planet should be built on. For more information on this at carlos.franco@foroecologico.org

4. EARTH CHARTER-BASED WORKSHOP FOR THE GUIDANCE OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Building Bridges Consulting (www.island.net/~bridges/), a Canada and USA based organization has developed a two hour workshop that introduces people to the urgency of guiding children and youth to explore, share and celebrate differences. The Earth Charter sets the context (the big picture) and gives people ideas for linking what they are doing to a larger context. More information on this initiative please contact bridges@island.net.



brings different people together to make a difference...

5. THE EARTH CHARTER INSPIRED "MY WORLD IN A FRISBEE" EVENT IN BELGIUM

This activity took place in Overijse, Belgium on May 10th, 100 children, guided by the Academy of Arts of Overijse, painted giant Frisbees made with recycled materials. The Earth Charter was an inspirational guide for the activity promoting values of friendship, love, tolerance, peace and care for nature. See www.bko.be. An artistic competition will follow this event with major dissemination of the Earth Charter. Patricia Morales from Terra Curanda (www.terracuranda.org) and BKO (www.bko.be) coordinated the event.



6. EARTH CHARTER CONCERTS SEASON IN COSTA RICA BEGINS

The Earth Charter Concerts Season, organized by the Costa Rican Earth Charter Committee and celebrated at the Children's Museum, started in May with their first successful concert. The season will continue with a once-a-month concert for the next three months. The purpose is to provide community spaces for sensitization and to promote the contribution of the arts to education for sustainability. These concerts are educational projects with the mission of offering a nice experience to live and share the Earth Charter principles, generate hope and participate in the search of a more just, peaceful and sustainable society. Further information at the NEWS section of www.cartadelatierra.org

7. NEW ZEALAND CELEBRATED THE "EARTH CHARTER: PUBLIC FORUM ON SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE"

The "Earth Charter : Public Forum on Social and Economic Justice" was held at the SGINZ South Island Activity Centre in Christchurch, New Zealand on May 22nd. The event had the participation of the following speakers: Bevan Tipene from the Matua - Maori Department, Julie Wuthnow from the Gender Studies Department of the University of Canterbury and Bruce Coleman from the Human Rights Commission.