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The General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, meeting in Paris from 21 October to 12 November 1997 at its 29th session

**PREAMBLE**

Mindful of the will of the peoples, set out solemnly in the Charter of the United Nations, to 'save succeeding generations from the scourge of war' and to safeguard the values and principles enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and all other relevant instruments of international law,

Considering the provisions of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, both adopted on 16 December 1966, and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted on 20 November 1989,

Bearing in mind that the fate of future generations depends to a great extent on decisions and actions taken today, and that present-day problems, including poverty, technological and material underdevelopment, unemployment, exclusion, discrimination and threats to the environment, must be solved in the interests of both present and future generations,

*Convinced that there is a moral obligation to formulate behavioural guidelines for the present generations within a broad, future-oriented perspective,*

Solemnly proclaims on this twelfth day of November 1997 this  
Declaration on the Responsibilities of the Present Generations Towards Future Generations

**Welcome to the  
Training for Trusteeship Workshop 2010  
'Harnessing Youth Idealism for Social Advancement'**

at the MAS Institute for Management & Technology,  
Thulhiriya, Sri Lanka

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# WEERAMANTRY INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR PEACE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (WICPER)

Founded by Judge C.G. Weeramantry in 2001, the Centre rests on the three pillars of Peace Studies, Intercultural Understanding and International Law. Its philosophy is that each of these is an indispensable instrument of peace. The view it takes of peace is that it depends not merely on the absence of conflict, but on the presence of justice, as Martin Luther King (Jr.) and other peace activists have stressed. The work of the Centre therefore aims at spreading understanding in these areas, each of which entails a historical and conceptual minimum of information which unfortunately is lacking in the vast majority of the citizens even of the most advanced countries. The filling of this void in public awareness is one of the most urgent tasks of our time. Yet it is one of the most neglected. The Centre aims at imparting this information at all levels, from the school room upwards.

In pursuit of these ideals the Centre has held camps for school children, workshops for undergraduates, seminars for law students, conferences for young lawyers, judicial awareness programmes and symposiums with international organisations such as the International Red Cross, the International Association of Lawyers against Nuclear Arms and the World Future Council. It has also conducted research for the Law Reform Commission of Sri Lanka on topics such as “Victims of Crime” and “Protection of Witnesses”, which is leading to national legislation on these topics.

The work of the Centre has received mention from UNESCO, when Judge Weeramantry, the Founder-Chairman, received the UNESCO Prize for Peace Education, 2006. At the award ceremony in Paris the Secretary-General of UNESCO referred to the Centre’s work in “the promotion of peace education, human rights, intercultural education, social integration, interfaith understanding, environmental protection, international law, disarmament and sustainable development.

A similar reference was made to the work of WICPER when Judge Weeramantry was awarded the Right Livelihood Award in the Swedish Parliament in 2007.

The Centre also publishes research studies on such topics as cross cultural education, inter-religious understanding, international law and duties towards future generations, on which work has been done in collaboration with the World Future Council in Hamburg, Germany.

The present workshop carries forward the themes which underlie the Centre’s work and aims at translating some of them into practical ongoing projects through which participants can make a continuing contribution to community welfare, well-being and advancement.







# TRAINING FOR TRUSTEESHIP (TFT)

## INTRODUCTION TO THE TRAINING FOR TRUSTEESHIP WORKSHOPS

One of the most vital needs of Sri Lanka today is a set of ongoing programmes enabling future leaders from all sections of the country and all regions to meet together in a spirit of harmony and reconciliation and to work together on common projects towards this end.

The Weeramantry International Centre for Peace Education and Research aims at achieving this through a series of annual workshops which have been very successful and have produced many significant results.

An important initiative which the Centre has taken towards the achievement of its objectives is the institution of Training for Trusteeship Workshops which are held to train future leaders in the concept that they have duties to the community, to the environment and to future generations. In the words of Judge C.G. Weeramantry, the word 'Trusteeship' "brings home to them (participants) the notion of responsible management of our inherited culture and resources for the benefit of those who are to come after us".

The trainees selected for this purpose are students from all the Universities in the country, as well as numerous youth organizations such as Rotary, Lions, Scouts, Sri Lanka Youth Parliament, Beyond Borders, etc. Thus the programme brings together students from all disciplines, all regions, all cultural groups and all backgrounds so that they can spend a week together, coming to understand each other and working out how to participate in common projects aimed at the future betterment of Sri Lanka and its people.

The workshops held in the years 2008 & 2009 were concluded with much success and this year's workshop is scheduled for September 23 – 30, 2010.

An important feature of the workshop will be the projects which the participants will be encouraged to formulate and develop. Assistance for the implementation of the best projects formulated will be provided, so that the participants will be able to interact meaningfully with a view to continuance of these projects, subsequent to the conclusion of the residential workshop.





# TRAINING FOR TRUSTEESHIP (TFT)

## CONCEPTUAL BACKGROUND

The concept of Trusteeship for the future is fundamental to human welfare, yet scarcely receives attention in today's educational curricula. This concept, which is stressed alike by religion, philosophy and law, underlines the fact that every generation, far from being in a position of ownership or overlordship, is in a position of trusteeship for generations yet to come. Unfortunately it is the concept of dominion rather than trusteeship which is prevalent throughout the world.

Ownership rather than Trusteeship, rights rather than duties, individual interests rather than community welfare – these are the notions that cause so many conflicts throughout the world and the corrective to this is the concept of trusteeship.

The concept of Trusteeship is far reaching, for it covers trusteeship of the environment, trusteeship of earth resources, trusteeship of power, trusteeship of archaeological, cultural and historical resources and trusteeship for future generations.

Trusteeship is an integral part of peace and social studies, not only because its neglect is a major cause of conflict but also because it is an important key to the better world of the future which we all desire. The concept is of special importance to youth, for they are entitled to their rightful inheritance and at the same time obliged to preserve it for future generations.

The concept of Trusteeship is of special importance to today's context when there are numerous wars taking place all over the world. Thus a culture of peace, reconciliation, healing, harmony and togetherness needs to be generated.

This workshop has been designed to this end so that future leaders can carry the torch of harmony into every corner of society, and to whichever part of the world they may come from.

Experts in different fields related to this concept will convey an inspirational message to all participants, showing how each one of them can make a meaningful contribution through practical means in building a better future for themselves and for those who are yet to come.







# TRAINING FOR TRUSTEESHIP (TFT)

## Objectives

When more people realize with what struggle and sacrifice the world has achieved even such concepts and institutions as we now have, they will strive harder to protect and develop them. Youth in particular need to be instructed regarding the protection of the environment and the rights of future generations. This camp seeks to correct this imbalance in our educational system and to spread these concepts as widely as possible, as part of a national and international campaign towards this end.

It is hoped to inspire participants with a desire to be of maximum service to the community by working actively towards this end, strengthened by the requisite background knowledge.

All participants will be expected to carry to their respective groups the knowledge that they acquire during the workshop and stimulate others in their groups towards greater concern and activity.

The cross cultural instructions students will receive in the camp will bridge all cultural differences. Our experiences of previous camps, which we have held both for school children and for undergraduates, are that the students emerging from them express the view that they have made friends for life with those from other cultural groups. This is sorely needed in our country today.

Previous workshops have resulted in a continuing linkage between participants through alumni groupings which exchange information and interact in constructive projects.

As the series of workshops continues, these groups will become more numerous and influential, making a great difference to the social landscape of Sri Lanka, especially at this crucial time when bonding and interaction between all elements of the population is a vital need.







# TRAINING FOR TRUSTEESHIP (TFT)

## The TFT Vision

The vision of this workshop is,

- To communicate to concerned participants a sense of the importance of the concept of Trusteeship and the responsibilities & duties this imposes on them.
- To give them the necessary conceptual background – historical, philosophical, cultural, religious and legal.
- To evoke from the participants ideas regarding what each one of them can do to spread this information throughout the community, individually and in groups or teams.
- To work out practical programmes which can be undertaken in their areas for projects aimed at restoring harmony, spreading a spirit of forgiveness, promoting togetherness and unity, preserving our environmental and cultural heritage, generating rural prosperity and spreading community awareness of these themes.
- To work towards educational programmes in their communities directed towards leadership training, civic education, environmental education, and cross cultural understanding.
- To bridge all cultural divisions by showing the commonality of the teachings of all cultures on these fundamental matters and increasing awareness and understanding amongst the participants.





# TRAINING FOR TRUSTEESHIP 2010

## LINKAGE WITH INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

UN International Year of Youth 2010, UN Year on Biodiversity 2010, UNESCO Decade on Education for Sustainable Development 2006-2015, and the UNESCO Decade on a Culture of Peace 2000-2010 are all international events which have direct relevance to the organizing of this workshop.

**UN Resolution A/RES/64/134 sets out the year 2010 as the International Year of Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding**, where it emphasizes the need to disseminate among young people of the world, the ideals of peace, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, solidarity and dedication to the objectives of progress and development. Hence, the essence of the trusteeship workshop falls directly in line with the objectives set out for the UN Year of Youth. These objectives are taken further by the Training for Trusteeship Workshop which focuses on practical projects through which youth may contribute toward the advancement of various sectors of society.

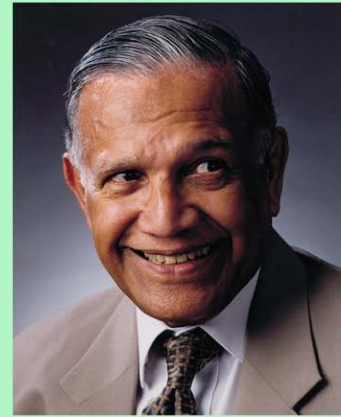
**UN Resolution A/RES/61/203 adopted 2010 as the International Year of Biodiversity, focuses on the concern for the continued loss of biological diversity**, and the economic, social, environmental and cultural implications of such loss of biodiversity and the need for an unprecedented effort, if a reduction in the rate of loss of biodiversity is to be achieved. The concept of trusteeship holds much importance here as well, as it points out that every person is a trustee of our common natural, cultural and historical heritage. Thus they must protect and preserve this inheritances of the Earth for generations yet to come.



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Message from Judge C.G. Weeramantry  
Chairman  
Weeramantry International Centre for  
Peace Education and Research



The Training for Trusteeship workshop now in its 3rd year aims at inspiring future leaders of the country with a spirit of dedicated service to our culture and the environment and to future generations. What we seek to instil in the minds of participants is that all that we enjoy is not for present consumption to the detriment of the future but on the basis of trusteeship for all who are entitled to its benefits both now and in the years to come.

We see our activities as a corrective against modern tendencies to emphasise short term gain at the expense of long term sustainability, ownership rather than trusteeship, rights rather than duties and the individual rather than the community. Most of the problems of the modern world are due to the pursuit of these wrong values to the exclusion of abiding principles which are part of the global cultural inheritance we have received from generations past.

We are glad to note that these workshops are generating an increasing interest in Sri Lanka and have attracted attention abroad.

Another source of great encouragement is that participants in previous workshops have been able to carry out a series of significant projects for the betterment of society in diverse areas ranging from health and legal aid to environmental protection. The results they have achieved are significant and will be an inspiration to future participants to contribute what they can to the betterment of society.

Alumni from previous workshops are also joining together in a fraternity dedicated to the upliftment of conditions in their different areas and working groups.

We are deeply grateful to the sponsors who have made this workshop possible and we look forward to its being productive of significant results which could make a real contribution to the benefit of Sri Lanka.



Message from Jakob von Uexkull  
founder  
Right Livelihood Award and  
World Future Council



I send you my best wishes for your discussions and for a positive, constructive and practical outcome. The commitment to projects of hope as well as their continuation and follow-up is trusteeship in action. It requires continual caring support and mentoring of a project, individual or society in need of guidance and leadership.

Training for Trusteeship workshops are an important step in developing a cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary notion of trusteeship. We need to adopt this concept into all aspects of our daily lives; in our relationship with others, our relationship with nature and in the way we conduct our business. We are integral parts of a larger meaningful whole, created and entrusted to protect and improve life on earth.

We are currently facing a very inconvenient truth because some have assumed a right to greed and wealth accumulation much beyond what they require, leaving others with nothing and parts of our precious planet a barren and exhausted shadow of itself. Our global commons cannot continue to be exploited until we reach “global peak everything”. We were entrusted as the most gifted and technologically advanced creatures on this planet to co-operate to guard, protect and improve life on earth. In this we have not yet succeeded.

Our leaders from left to right continue to worship GDPism (i.e. growth fetishism) as the magic answer to all problems and protector from all evil. More perceptive thinkers are now asking how well-being and life quality can be secured in the years A.G. (After Growth). What reforms are required to ease the transition to a steady-state economy and ensure that the sectors which continue to grow (while others shrink) protect our common future?

So far responses to this Earth Emergency from politics, business and civil society have been un-coordinated and declamatory. An ever-growing number of international “summits” and “fora” endorse strong declarations, but achieve very little except revealing the growing gap between words and action.

The rehabilitation of strong, impassioned and effective leadership is now required. Passing on a healthy eco-system to future generations requires not just effective management but first and foremost mutual trust, defining common values and directing change.

When challenged, the so-called average person is capable of great dedication and heroism. We are all potential leaders and planetary trustees. We need to empower ourselves as global citizens to take responsibility and to participate in public life. The UN International Year of Youth is about “advancing the full and effective participation of youth in all aspects of society”. You are leaders of tomorrow and recipients of a most sacred trust: our common future.

Every civilisatory advance – the abolition of slavery, female suffrage, civil rights etc. - depended on both a large number of active supporters as well as on a minority willing to take greater personal risks. Such risk-taking as well as inspirational leadership is what our current crises demand of us.



Message from Her Excellency  
Patricia A. Butenis  
Ambassador of the United States to  
Sri Lanka and the Maldives



It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the third segment of the annual “Training for Trusteeship” workshop. The U.S. Embassy is proud to sponsor the event again this year. This program is very timely as the United Nations proclaimed 2010 to be both the International Year of Biodiversity and the Year of Youth.

This year provides a unique opportunity to increase understanding of the vital role that biodiversity plays in sustaining life on Earth. People all over the world are working to safeguard our irreplaceable natural resources and reduce the loss of biodiversity. As proven leaders in your communities and universities, your efforts to raise awareness and promote individual responsibility on this issue plays an important role in addressing a global challenge.

The International Year of Youth is also an opportunity to pay tribute to all of you engaged in efforts to improve your communities, your nation, or the world in which we live. You are examples of the tremendous impact young adults can make when they join forces to promote the ideals of peace, human rights and democracy. It is through your work and dedication that Sri Lanka will realize its great potential in working toward a culture of peace and healing.

I offer my congratulations to Judge Weeramantry and his staff at the Weeramantry International Center for Peace Education and Research for organizing this event. Judge Weeramantry and his team are at the forefront of promoting and advancing the belief that each individual is a caretaker and trustee of the environment. The actions we take today, both positive and negative, will affect generations to come.

I wish you the best of success in the days ahead as you meet people from around the country who share your goals and ambitions. I look forward to learning about the outcomes of this workshop and the projects you will undertake, and I will be watching your success as leaders in the global effort to preserve wildlife and in the local context of peace and reconciliation.



Message from G.É. Chitty  
Former Assistant Secretary-General of the  
United Nations



It gives me great pleasure to welcome every one of you to the Training for Trusteeship Workshop, which is being organized for the 3rd consecutive year.

At a time where the world is faced with new and unusual challenges, the United Nations has dedicated this year to both the protection of biodiversity and dialogue amongst youth, which makes more significant, the importance of this workshop as it attempts to bridge the goals and objectives set out by the UN through the respective General Assembly Resolutions. It is a time when a concerted effort is needed and all those who are concerned of the welfare of all species of life on Earth need to work together in order to preserve and conserve its natural heritage.

The staff of the Weeramantry International Centre has been working tirelessly over the last few months to ensure that all of you are given an opportunity to meet, to interact, to discuss and to learn from various experts from diverse backgrounds covering topics both in the theoretical and practical realm.

Whilst congratulating all of you for being selected, I sincerely hope that you will take this learning and training and put it to sound practical use through projects that you implement at the level of your own localities or institutions.

I wish all of you, the staff of the Weeramantry International Centre and the many who are supporting this endeavour the very best and hope that through educational initiative such as this you will all be able to contribute toward a sustainable world order.



Message from Marian Vilela  
Executive Director  
Earth Charter International Secretariat



According to the Earth Charter vision, the path to ensure enduring peace requires our societies to achieve social and economic justice, ecological integrity and respect and care for one another in an integrated way. The principle 15f of the Earth Charter states: *“Recognize that peace is the wholeness created by right relationships with oneself, other persons, other cultures, other life, Earth, and the larger whole of which all are a part”*.

This is a vision that can be reflected in the concepts presented and practiced at the Training of Trusteeship workshops organized by Weeramantry International Centre for Peace Education and Research (WICPER).

For the Earth Charter International Secretariat it is a pleasure to start a solid collaboration with WICPER, to help disseminate and generate awareness of the importance of promoting a culture of peace.

I wish this year’s participants a very enriching and life changing experience during TtT, where the skills and knowledge gained will help you promote a more just, sustainable and peaceful world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Vilela'.



# The Earth Charter Initiative

Values and Principles for a Sustainable Future

We stand at a critical moment in Earth's history, a time when humanity must choose its future. As the world becomes increasingly interdependent and fragile, the future at once holds great peril and great promise. To move forward we must recognize that in the midst of a magnificent diversity of cultures and life forms we are one human family and one Earth community with a common destiny. We must join together to bring forth a sustainable global society founded on respect for nature, universal human rights, economic justice, and a culture of peace. Towards this end, it is imperative that we, the peoples of Earth, declare our responsibility to one another, to the greater community of life, and to future generations. - Preamble, Earth Charter

**The TFT Workshop 2010 gladly announces the collaboration of TFT with the Earth Charter Initiative (ECI) which fits entirely within the framework of the above Earth Charter and seeks to carry it forward at a conceptual, educational and practical level.**



Message from Professor Mohan  
Munasinghe\*  
Founder/Chairman  
Munasinghe Institute for Development



It is with much pleasure that I send this message to the 3rd segment of the Training of Trusteeship Workshop 2010. Youth leaders are a positively energized group of individuals with a passion to create meaningful change in their communities. It is through this commitment that all of you have gathered here to share a multitude of perspectives. This workshop is indeed dedicated to training each one of you to be trustees of the world.

Ordinary citizens are often ahead of political leaders in terms of willingness to address sustainable development issues. The Sustainomics framework shows the many practical ways in which we could make development more sustainable. Current problems like poverty, inequity, hunger, environmental harm and resource shortages, as well as new issues like climate change, need to be addressed together within an integrated and comprehensive national sustainable development strategy.

Given the many existing best practice examples, it is not necessary to wait for new technologies, laws, or infrastructure. Affluent consumers have an obligation to lead by behaving more sustainably, and this can be done without lowering their quality of life. Young leaders can act responsibly by learning the practical tools through which they can chart the course of our common future in a sustainable manner.

All human beings are stakeholders when it comes to the many problems of sustainable development. Governments alone are increasingly finding it difficult to address the multiple problems they face. Therefore, consumers and producers must rise to the challenge and work with governments. They can and must strive to make development more sustainable -- economically, socially, and environmentally. By acting together now, we will make the planet a better and safer place for our children and grandchildren.

Judge Weeramantry and his staff deserve our congratulations for so ably putting together this training workshop, which addresses the key issues. I wish your deliberations all success.

*\*Sharer of the 2007 Nobel Prize for Peace, as Vice Chair of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.*





Message from R.P. Perera  
Secretary General  
Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO



Given the dedication and commitment of the Weeramantry International Center for Peace Education and Research (WICPER) towards training of our future generations with respect for the environment and their duties and responsibilities to one another, it is UNESCO's great privilege to be associated with the workshop on Trusteeship for the third consecutive year.

2010 being the International Year of Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding, as also, the International Year of Biodiversity, which falls within the mid year of the UNESCO Decade on Education for Sustainable Development, it is most appropriate that related activities are carried out to promote these initiatives.

We wish both WICPER and the participants the very best in their deliberations and in their continued efforts towards the promotion of the noble paradigms of responsibilities to one another, greater community of life and to future generations.

Message from Mr. Kushil Gunasekera  
Founder/Trustee (Voluntary)  
Foundation of Goodness



The goal of everyone at the end is to be happy and not miserable. Whoever you are and however learned one can be, if you are not happy it is a waste of one's life. So how does one tread that path which is not rocket science but a simple formula of avoiding unwholesome action and cultivating that which is truly good?

When one is committed to engage and practise goodness and kindness in their daily life, such a person begins to experience real happiness, the joy that arise from your inner self especially when your work and words are of benefit to yourself and others. Whatever you are be a good one and whatever we put into the world is what we get back. At the very end you are judged by how well we lived but not by possessions, power, prestige or positions rather in goodness, humility, service and character. When each day comes to an end one must rejoice by the acts of kindness displayed for the good of others. It is not through poor behavior one can be happy and satisfied rather in performing your duty to the best of your ability at all times no matter how others perform their duty towards us.

The true measure of a person is how he treats someone who can do absolutely no good to him in return. Demonstrating goodness coupled with kindness bring fruitful results not only to others but to your own life. Mysterious occurrences take place when one acts with purity of intentions without any expectations most compassionately particularly in a world full of unkind, selfish, destructive and unwholesome deeds.

How do we make the change, not by trying to change the world rather by trying to change ourselves individually for the better inculcating superior qualities and practicing them in our daily life as we encounter the many opportunities that arise from the time we wake up until we retire to bed at night. It is to learn the ways and means through which one could contribute toward the betterment of another or the increased happiness of another that is encapsulated within the concept of trusteeship and to be trained thereof is what is in order today.

In light of what is said above, I congratulate Judge Weeramantry and the staff at the Weeramantry International Centre for Peace Education and Research, for putting together such a unique and purposeful training workshop which concentrates on creating a responsible consciousness amongst some of the best young leaders who can then translate it into practical framework as trustees of the future.



Message from Neshan Gunasekera  
Project Director  
Weeramantry International Centre for  
Peace Education and Research



It is with much pleasure that I welcome all of you to the third Training for Trusteeship Workshop.

We have come together at a time that there are several threats facing not only humans but all species on our planet home. Whether it be global warming, climate chaos, nuclear weapons, loss of biodiversity, or biopiracy we are required as concerned citizens to take necessary measures in order to chart the course of humanity toward a better tomorrow. To do this, we are required to understand our role as trustees of our planet and work toward fulfilling our responsibilities to current and future generations.

During the coming week, you will have the opportunity to meet and interact with some of the most outstanding global leaders of our time from various backgrounds and disciplines and I call upon you to maximize the opportunity thus provided. You will also receive special training on skills such as mediation, negotiation, peacebuilding and development which we hope will give you much confidence in your work in the years ahead.

I take this opportunity to record a special note of appreciation of the WICPER Training For Trusteeship team. Janani



# THE TFT JOURNEY



PARTICIPANTS AT TFT WORKSHOP 2008





# THE TFT JOURNEY



PARTICIPANTS AT TFT WORKSHOP 2009



# FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE...

Previous workshops have stressed the duty of each participant to use his or her particular skills to engage in some practical programme for the benefit of society. This has encouraged and inspired students of all disciplines – medical students, law students, IT students, agricultural students and others to plan and initiate various practical projects in different parts of the country. They are aimed at spreading knowledge and awareness and improving conditions in their fields.

The seed money for these projects is provided to students on the understanding that they will attempt to put them on a sustainable basis. The Centre is grateful to the Asia Foundation for providing funds for this purpose.

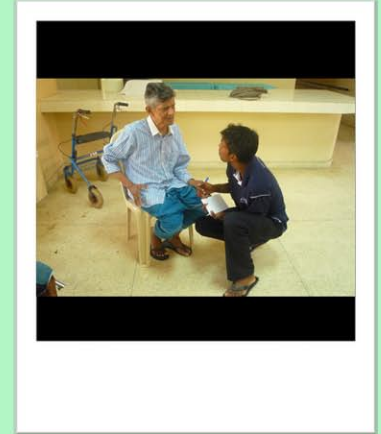
The 2008 Workshop stressed the conceptual aspect underlying this duty of service and the 2009 Workshop attempted to give a practical perspective to these concepts. This year's workshop will attempt to develop further the practical perspectives and cross disciplinary and cross cultural student interaction that will strengthen these projects. The long term perspectives of duties towards future generations will be stressed.

The ensuing pages offer some glimpses of projects planned and put into operation by participants of previous workshops.



# FOLLOW-UP PROJECTS

From Previous TFT Workshops



## **PROJECT I - ASSISTANCE TO THE ELDERLY TO IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE IN BATTICALOA - FEBRUARY 27TH, 2010**

TFT Alumni traveled to Batticaloa to the 'Little Sisters of the Poor' Elders' Home to provide for the increased health and well-being of the elderly by improving their physical, psychological, emotional and social well-being through physiotherapy interventions. TFT Alumni also trained and educated some of the in-house assistants to carry out constant checkups and basic tests necessary for the health and well-being of elders. The elders who received these services showed great appreciation and gratitude for the interest taken in their welfare.

# FOLLOW-UP PROJECTS



## **PROJECT II – INTRODUCTION TO SCHOOL CHILDREN IN GAMPAHA ON PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF MUSCULAR TISSUE INJURIES - MARCH 2010**

TFT Alumni, under the guidance and supervision of the Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon of the Teaching Hospital of Peradeniya, conducted 6 sessions educating around 54 students aged 14 to 17 from the Bulugahagoda Sri Vijaya Maha Vidyalaya, a rural school in Gampaha, Sri Lanka, on the prevention and management of muscular tissue injuries.

On the final day of the project, at the request of the Principal, an additional session was carried out in order to educate students on carrying the benefits of these techniques to persons injured in road traffic accidents.



# FOLLOW-UP PROJECTS



## **PROJECT III: ONE DAY LEGAL AID CLINIC FOR RE-SETTLED PERSONS IN NORTH AND EAST – STAGE 1 & 2 IN VAKARAI CENTRAL - MARCH 15TH - 20TH 2010**

TFT Alumni traveled to Vakarai Central, in Batticaloa, where hundreds of families displaced by Sri Lanka's recent civil war are in the process of resettlement, to conduct a legal aid clinic providing free legal advice on daily legal problems.

The main objectives were to promote awareness about the prevailing law for the resettled people and to address their legal issues relating to registration, land, fundamental rights, family and labour. Also to promote awareness on Mediation boards and Human Rights, where they will get durable solutions for their legal matters.

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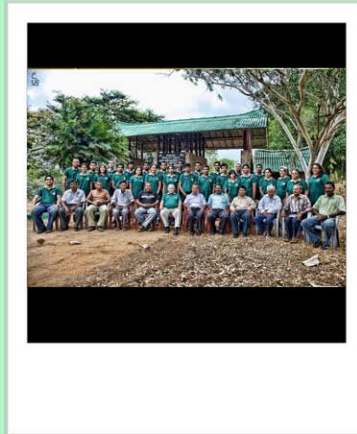
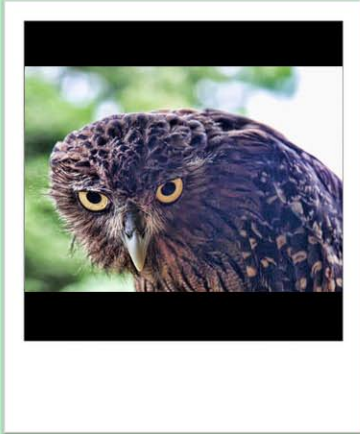
## **PROJECT IV- PROVIDE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TREATMENT FOR PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY CHALLENGED CHILDREN "CAMILLA SCHOOL", LIONS PARK, MATTEGODA, POLGASOWITA, JULY 10, 2010**

The main objective of this project in visiting the Camilla School was to equip the care-takers of the school with knowledge to provide the necessary para-medical treatment for these children catering to their special needs.

These interventions were successful in bringing together professionals and students from two different medical backgrounds (MBBS Doctors and Physiotherapy students) and also from different ethnic and religious backgrounds to work together to bridge not only the generational gap but also in interacting and providing assistance to those who are differently-abled than oneself.



# FOLLOW-UP PROJECTS



## **PROJECT V- 'DUTIES TOWARDS OUR COMMON HERITAGE' AWARENESS RAISING WORKSHOP TO CELEBRATE THE RICH BIODIVERSITY & ARCHAEOLOGICAL VALUE OF WILPATTU NATIONAL PARK OF SRI LANKA**

The TFT Alumni traveled to Wilpattu with the purpose of putting on an awareness raising workshop to celebrate the biodiversity richness and the archaeological value of the Wilpattu National Park. The project narrowed the gap between experts and those who are keenly interested in preserving the rich natural and historical heritage as well as created educational/awareness raising tools for the rich biodiversity and historical heritage of Wilpattu, especially with a focus on the immediate threats to the habitat and fauna and flora that need attention with the assistance of experts/consultants.

# FOLLOW-UP PROJECTS

## Legal Aid Clinic in Vakarai

'It was a very good experience that we really went to the grassroots level and did something which was a dire necessity for the people of Vaharai .... it was a successful well organised and outcome oriented workshop'

Ratnam Nishandeny TFT Alumni 2008

## Wilpattu Project

'With the experts we had, we got a perfect idea about Wilpattu in both archeological & biological aspect .... after facing all these experiences I felt we are the trustees of this common heritage and we have to do our part.'

Bhagya Kulasooriya TFT Alumni 2009

## Comments by Participants

## Legal Aid Clinic in Vakarai

'experiences gained by us throughout the project from getting permission to doing some follow up was outstanding .... we are happy to say that we achieved our duties as trustees towards the nation which was vitally required for bridging the communities'

Kumudu Weerawardena Alumni 2009



# FOLLOW-UP PROJECTS

## Comments by Participants

### Camila School Project

The difference between healing and caring may seem obvious to many of us. But how often do we think and realise the importance of it? A school which nurtures many differently abled individuals, the Camilla School had much to offer for a young doctor!

Dr. T Sudharshan TFT Alumni 2008

These projects taught me plenty of lessons .... I learnt humbleness and how to respect others from them .... I was amazed about the people who look after the needy people continuously. What I realised about life so far is, *when your intentions are pure and honest the world will rotate for you.*

N. Arvind TFT Alumni 2009

# TRAINING FOR TRUSTEESHIP 2010 WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Thursday, September 23, 2010

TIME	ACTIVITY
03.00-06.00pm	<b>Registration</b>
07.30-08.30pm	Dinner
08.30-09.30pm	Orientation
09.30-10.00pm	TFT Organization Team Chat
10.30pm	Lights off

**'Difference is of the essence of humanity. Difference is an accident of birth and it should therefore never be the source of hatred or conflict. The answer to difference is to respect it. Therein lies a most fundamental principle of peace: respect for diversity.'**

**John Hume**



# TRAINING FOR TRUSTEESHIP 2010 WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Friday, September 24, 2010

## TRUSTEESHIP DAY

TIME	ACTIVITY
<b>06.00am</b>	<b>Rising</b>
07.00 – 08.00am	Reading from Scriptures and Reflection
08.00 – 08.45am	Breakfast
08.45 – 09.15am	Arrival of Guests for the Opening Ceremony
09.30 – 12.00pm	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> Launch of Trusteeship 2010 by <b>Judge C.G. Weeramantry</b>
12.00 – 01.30 pm	Lunch
01.30 – 02.00 pm	Break – Relax and Recap
02.00 – 03.00 pm	Participants interact – Presentation outlines
03.00 – 04.30pm	<b>Session 1</b> - “Foundation of Goodness – Practical means of bridging elements of Trusteeship” by <b>Mr. Kushil Gunasekera</b> , Founder, Foundation of Goodness
04.30-05.00 pm	Tea Break
05.00 - 06.00 pm	Group Interactions on the days proceedings and planning ahead
06.00-07.00pm	Relaxation/ Outdoor games
07.00-08.00pm	Dinner
08.00-09.30pm	MOVIE
10.00pm	Back to rooms and lights off

# TRAINING FOR TRUSTEESHIP 2010 WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Saturday, 25 September, 2010

## TEAM BUILDING

05.30 am	Rise
06.15 – 07.15 am	Reading from Scriptures and Reflection
07.15–07.30am	Breakfast
07.30-01.30 pm	Home Gardening Programme
01.30–02.00pm	Wash and Change
02.00 – 02.30 pm	Lunch
02.30 – 03.00 pm	Relax and Interact amongst groups
03.00 –04.30pm	Introduction Mediation and Negotiation or Peace Building and Development – Part 1 by <b>Ms.Yuresha Fernando</b> , State Counsel, Attorney General’s Department and <b>Mr.Neshan Gunasekera</b> , Project Director, WICPER
04.30 – 04.45pm	Break - Tea
04.45–06.30 pm	Introduction Mediation and Negotiation or Peace Building and Development – Part 1 Contd....
06.30 – 07.30pm	Rest period
07.30 – 08.30 pm	Dinner

# TRAINING FOR TRUSTEESHIP 2010 WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Sunday, September 26, 2010

## CROSS-CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING / CULTURAL EVENING

TIME	ACTIVITY
<b>06.00 am</b>	<b>Rising.</b>
07.00–08.00am	Reading from Scriptures and Reflection
08.00 – 08.30am	Breakfast
08.30 – 10.30am	Mediation and Negotiation or Peace Building and Development – Part 2
10.30 –10.40am	Tea Break
10.30 – 12.00pm	“Culture, Health and Trusteeship” by <b>Dr.H.J.Suraweera</b> , Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Teaching Hospital Peradeniya
12.00– 1.15pm	Lunch
01.15 – 01.45 pm	Prepare for the TFT Cultural Evening
02.00 – 05.00 pm	TFT Cultural Show 2010 – Our Common Cultural Heritage
05.00-06.00pm	Interaction between TFT participants and the performing artists / Official Photo
06.00–07.00 pm	Relax
07.00 – 08.00 pm	Dinner
08.00 – 11.00 pm	MOVIE – <b>HOME</b>
11.15 pm	Lights off



# TRAINING FOR TRUSTEESHIP 2010 WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Monday, September 27, 2010

## UN YEAR ON BIO DIVERSITY

TIME	ACTIVITY
06.00 am	Rising.
07.00 – 08.00am	Reading from Scriptures and Reflection
08.00 – 08.30am	Breakfast
08.30 – 09.00am	Interaction among participants on the days theme
09.00 – 09.30am	Earth Charter Endorsement
09.30 – 10.30am	<p><b>Joint Session 1</b> - on Global Commons, Bio Diversity and UNESCO Decade of Education for Sustainable Development 2006-2015</p> <p><b>Mr. G.E. Chitty</b> – Law of the Sea, Trusteeship of the Global Commons,</p> <p><b>Mr. R.P. Perera</b>, Secretary General, UNESCO Sri Lanka Mission,</p> <p><b>Dr. Ranjith Mahindapala</b>, Country Representative, IUCN</p>
10.30 – 10.45am	Question & Answer Session
10.45 – 11.00 am	Tea Break
11.00-01.00pm.	Joint Session 1 continues .....
01.00-02.30pm	Lunch break

# TRAINING FOR TRUSTEESHIP 2010

## WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Monday, September 27, 2010

### UN YEAR ON BIO DIVERSITY

02.30-04.30pm	<b>Joint Session 2</b> – UN Year of Biodiversity, Department of Wildlife Conservation Sri Lanka (DWC) and Technical Aspects of Biological and Archaeological Preservation. <b>Mr. S.R.B. Dissanayake</b> , Deputy Director, DWC, <b>Mr. Vimukthi Weeratunga</b> , Biodiversity Coordinator, Ecosystems and Livelihoods Group, IUCN <b>Mr. Sampath Goonetilake</b> – Ecologist, Forestry and Biodiversity Group, IUCN
04.30 – 05.00pm	Tea Break
05.00 – 05.30pm	Feedback to plenary
05.30 – 07.00pm	Outdoor games
07.00-07.30pm	Relax
07.30 – 08.30 pm	Dinner
08.30-10.15pm	Movie
11.00pm	Lights Off

# TRAINING FOR TRUSTEESHIP 2010 WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

## UN YEAR FOR YOUTH

TIME	ACTIVITY
06.00 am	Rising.
07.00 – 08.00am	Reading from Scriptures and Reflection
08.00 – 08.30am	Breakfast
08.30 – 09.00am	<b>Kumar Sangakkara</b> , Captain, Sri Lanka National Cricket Team launches International Youth Year at the TFT
09.00 – 10.00am	Presentation by TFT Alumni – Follow Up work
10.00 – 10.15 am	Tea Break
10.15 – 11.15am	“Youth and Sri Lanka Unites”
11.15 – 12.30 pm	Presentations by TFT Alumni – Follow Up work
12.30–01.30pm	Lunch
01.30-2.00 pm	Break
02.00-2.45 pm	Presentations by TFT Alumni – Follow Up work
03.00-04.15pm	Launch TFT Alumni and calling to order the first council
04.15 – 04.30pm	Tea Break
04.30 – 0800pm	Working on their presentations and finalizing them
08.00-08.45pm	Dinner
08.45 – 11.00pm	Group Discussions
11.30 pm	Close of Day



# TRAINING FOR TRUSTEESHIP 2010 WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

## PRESENTATION DAY

TIME	ACTIVITY
06.00 am	Rising
07.00–08.00am	Reading from Scriptures and Reflection
08.00–08.30am	Breakfast
09.00–12.00 pm	Introduction of the Panel of Judges Project Presentation by Group (4 groups)
12.00–12.30pm	Closed Session for the Panel of Judges
12.30-01.30pm	Lunch
02.00-03.30pm	Project Presentations Continued (2 groups)
03.30-04.15pm	Tea Break Closed Session for Panel of Judges, Stocktaking and Future Activity
04.15-05.15pm	Announcement of Prize Winners, Distribution of Certificates Official Photograph
05.15-06.45pm	Closing address of the TFT 2010 by <b>Professor Lakshman Guruswamy</b>
06.45–07.15 pm	Relax and preparation for the Bonfire
07.30-1130pm	Dinner Bon Fire, Dinner & Conclusion of the Workshop

Thursday, September 30, 2010

07.30am – 10.00am Breakfast/Farewell

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# BE INSPIRED TO INSPIRE

The members of the working team at the Centre have been inspired to do what they can to inspire others through their work and dedication to the concept of service. In furtherance of this ideal the working team at the Centre have dedicated enormous amounts of time and effort to the organization of these workshops over the years. Each year it has been a case of being inspired to inspire.

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All the law is fulfilled in  
one word. You shall love  
your neighbour as yourself

*Bible*

Hatred never ceases through  
hatred but by love alone.  
This is an eternal law.

*Dhammapada*

Him I call a Brahmin  
Ever true, ever kind  
He never asks what life can give  
But “what can I give life?”

*Bhagavad-Gita*

The faithful followers of the  
Beneficent are those who tread  
upon the earth lightly

*Qur'an*

We Indian people are not supposed to  
say this land is mine because the land  
belongs to all Indians; it belongs to  
God as you call it. The land is part of  
our body, and we are part of the land.

*The Gaia Atlas of First Peoples*

I am a child of the Dreamtime People  
part of this land, like the gnarled gumtree,  
I am the river, softly singing  
Chanting our songs on my way to the sea

*The spiritual song of the Aborigine*



# RIGHTS OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

As we peer into the future  
Far as human minds can see  
Our children's children's children  
Stretch to all eternity

For countless generations  
The line goes on and on  
We hope that with more wisdom  
A world of peace will dawn

This wisdom still eludes us  
But we should do our best  
To pass to them a better world  
Where all its folk are blessed

While this is what we ought to do  
What do we do in fact?  
We pass to them a damaged world  
Where nothing is intact

We leave them an inheritance  
Of land and sea and air  
Polluted so profoundly  
As to be beyond repair

We rob them of clean air, pure food  
And water which they need  
And all to serve our selfish wants  
Our wars, our pride, our greed

And those who do this still proclaim  
They do it for the public good  
Inspired by a deep desire  
To serve the public as they should

Pollution thus inflicted can  
Last twenty thousand years and more  
No creature since the world began  
Has such a grim record to show

Joined closely in a seamless web  
We all are intertwined  
Though what we do impacts on them  
We do not seem to mind

We fail to see how we are joined  
Together in a seamless whole  
Past, present, future interlinked  
From age to age, from pole to pole

No prior generation  
Since the human race began  
Has ever done such damage to  
The basic rights of man

The duty clearly lies on us  
To do the best we can  
To halt our practice here and now  
Of man's inhumanity to man

Each one of us can raise our voice  
Against this plunder and this crime  
We need to spread the word and act  
While there is time, while there is time

**C.G Weeramantry**

# ALTERNATIVE NOBEL LAUREATES ENDORSES THE TRAINING FOR TRUSTEESHIP DECLARATION AT THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE OF THE RIGHT LIVELIHOOD, ALTERNATIVE NOBEL PRIZE SEPT 14TH -19TH 2010

## Training For Trusteeship Declaration

It is vitally important that youth throughout the world be alerted to their responsibilities as trustees for the future. This aspect tends to be neglected in educational curricula throughout the world.

Trusteeship implies protection and care of the environment, conservation of the rights and interests of future generations, protection of our cultural heritage and the protection of human rights and dignity worldwide.

Youth need to be inspired with the thought that every individual can make some contribution to this cause and that they can do so by specific acts and programmes directed to this end as well as by stimulating others to do the same.

False ideas of ownership of natural resources as opposed to trusteeship, individual rights as opposed to social duties, present profit at the cost of future damage- all these tend to dominate modern society.

Training for Trusteeship workshops, if widely organized, can correct these trends and make a lasting contribution worldwide to the betterment of the human condition both now and for generations to come.

Mohammad Hussain, India RLA 1986 *HL*  
 Vijaya Chauhan INDIA Narmada Bachao Andolan *HL*  
 Harushimana Guillaume Burundi *HL*  
 Alyn Ware, New Zealand *ALM*  
 Anwar Fazal Malaysia *AnwarFazal*  
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 R Montenegro Argentina *R Montenegro*  
 Birsal Lemke Turkey *Birsal Lemke*  
 Angie Zelter U.K. 2001 *Angie Zelter*  
 S. Corry U.K. 1989 *S. Corry*  
 Marcos Arana-Cedeno Mexico *Marcos Arana-Cedeno*  
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 HANNUMAPPA SUDARSHAN INDIA 1994 *HL*

## Endorsements by Alternative Nobel Prize Laureates at the 30th Anniversary Conference of the Right Livelihood Award 2010, Bonn, Germany

- 1) C.G. Weeramantry- Sri Lanka, RLA 2007
- 2) Mohammad Hussain – India, RLA 1986
- 3) Vijaya Chauhan – India, Narmada Bachao Andolan
- 4) Harushimana Guillaume – Burundi, RLA 2002
- 5) Alyn Ware - New Zealand, RLA 2009
- 6) Anwar Fazal – Malaysia, RLA 1982
- 7) Mariame Andersson – RLA Foundation
- 8) Chico Ferrieria Whitaker – Brazil, RLA 2006
- 9) Pat Mooney – Canada, RLA 1985
- 10) Anne Ruffer – RLA Foundation
- 11) Birsal Lemke – Turkey, 2000
- 12) Raul Montenegro – Argentina, RLA 2004
- 13) Angie Zelter, United Kingdom, Trident Ploughshares, RLA 2001
- 14) Stephen Corry – United Kingdom, RLA 1989
- 15) Marcos Arana-Cedento, Mexico, 1998
- 16) Martin Almada – Paraguay, RLA 2002
- 17) Ole Von Uexkull – RLA Foundation
- 18) Swami Agnivesh – India, RLA 2004
- 19) Zafrullah Chowdhry – Bangladesh, RLA 1992
- 20) Hannumappa Sudarshan – India, RLA 1994
- 21) Jakob Von Uexkull – Founder RLA



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