

BC Network for **Compassionate Communication**

Testimonials

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"Thank you for arranging the Keynote Address with Marshall Rosenberg for the National Center for Montessori Educators Conference. Marshall has a unique message to share with his audiences.

His sense of humor and wit made the Keynote Address very entertaining. The teachers left with his easy steps for peaceful communication and a new way to work with the children and parents."

Barbara Moffitt, Executive Director, National Center for Montessori Educators

"Life-Enriching Education presents effective procedures for improving the communication that affects and enhances all our lives. Since communication is the essence of all interpersonal relationships; and since it is also the heart and soul of the educational process; Dr. Rosenberg's communication procedures, applications and skills taught in this new book, can greatly enrich everyone's life.

Marshall Rosenberg presents non-violent communication strategies that are so simple one could question their profundity; yet so sagacious that one could readily declare them to be revolutionary. Either way, the process is a crucial key to improving relationships in our individual lives, in society and indeed in the world.

While non-violent communication can improve all relationships, perhaps its foremost potential lies in its impact on education. Life-Enriching Education can begin changing the lives of teachers, students, educators and parents immediately. Dr. Rosenberg lays out practical, meaningful, specific procedures for changing the relationships that are unquestionably the foundations of the teaching-learning process. The communication procedures he describes are so fundamental that they are as appropriate for students as for teachers; for parents; and for school board members as well as administrators.

Education is notorious for its "quick-fixes"; its adding super-structures to existing, ineffective structures; and, its rearranging floor plans rather than dealing with foundations. Here, at last, is an efficacious communication model that changes education's foundations by changing its most basic relationships. Remarkably, all anyone need do is read and understand Dr Rosenberg's book, try out some of the dialog it offers, and practice using the communication model Life-Enriching Education describes for improving interactions, relationships and interpersonal skills.

Life-Enriching Education can transform education communication one interaction at a time. "

Bill Page, Program Director for Project Enable, TeacherTeacher.com

"In NVC workshops in my country, we got much more than skill of communication. We had a direct, experiential insight that each exchange is an opportunity to enjoy oneself and others, an opportunity for mutual enrichment. Recently an NVC educational project has taught 13,000 children from 5-16 years old how to resolve misunderstandings and conflicts in a nonviolent way. All participants in the project, young as well as old, say that learning Nonviolent Communication has enriched their lives."

Nadia Ignatovic-Savic, University Professor Belgrade, Yugoslavia

"I wish with all my heart that we had been able to give the previous generation of students these skills. I'm certain if we had, they would have had other means for resolving their differences than violence."

A teacher, Belgrade, Yugoslavia

"The children introduced to the concepts of expressing feelings and wants rather than judgments and "don't wants" through the use of charts, handouts, hand and stick puppets, role-playing, discussion circles, and a written activity. These helped the students learn NVC and apply it to their own lives. The children have shared that they have indeed used the NVC process successfully in challenging situations at school and in their own homes.

I am enthusiastic about the great potential that NVC possesses for helping the next generation become much better at understanding others - and themselves---and resolving conflicts creatively and nonviolently."

Linda K. Williams, Darnall E-Campus Charter School, San Diego City Schools

"I have seen evidence of the children successfully using Nonviolent Communication in their everyday interactions with one another on the playground and in the classroom. They also share that they are applying the principles at home as well.

I, too, have appreciated the opportunity to learn to speak compassionately to the children at school as well as to adults in my personal and professional life. It really does work! I have found that my conferences with parents go so much better if I can listen empathically.

I would like to see this program spread throughout our school so more children and teachers can learn the skills of NVC. I am hoping that we will be able to present a workshop to the staff so that we can instill and foster a climate of compassionate communication throughout Del Mar Heights."

Randa Krakow, second grade teacher, Del Mar Heights Elementary School

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