

BC Network for  
**Compassionate**  
**Communication**

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# Media Release

## Teachers want to educate, not just train

VICTORIA / VANCOUVER – Overcrowded classrooms, poor test scores, bullying, absenteeism, and widespread substance abuse are just a few of the outward signs that our education system is preoccupied with training rather than academic excellence. Teachers, students, and parents struggle over order in the classroom, performance on standardized tests, and making good grades. With the love of learning all but gone from the classroom, where do we begin to focus our energies for change?

When Marshall Rosenberg, Ph.D., internationally renowned author, speaker, and peacemaker addresses educators on the subject, he doesn't mince words.

The BC Network for Compassionate Communication will welcome Dr. Marshall Rosenberg to **Victoria and Vancouver** for a week in September to share his life-enriching approach to conflict resolution and effective communication.

Based on his landmark book, *Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life*, Dr. Rosenberg's training for educators will help teachers connect more deeply with students, parents, and colleagues while creating safe and supportive learning environments.

Dr. Rosenberg and his associates have trained tens of thousands of teachers and students globally and have developed materials for use in classrooms from kindergarten through high school.

"Nonviolent Communication can literally change the world, but more importantly it can change the quality of your life with your spouse, your children, your neighbours, and your co-workers," says Jack Canfield, Chicken Soup for the Soul. "I cannot recommend it highly enough."

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Five years ago, Dr. Rosenberg so inspired a group of Victorians that they established the BC Network for Compassionate Communication as a non-profit organization to bring Nonviolent Communication to British Columbia. From small beginnings, they have grown to a core planning team of 12, with over 200 members province-wide. BCNCC coordinates and sponsors regular trainings throughout the province.

“Nonviolent communication is a powerful language-based process that works equally well in personal relationships, the workplace, in schools, and even between political or geographical groups in conflict,” explains Marion Little, President, BCNCC. “Dr. Rosenberg’s workshops offer an interactive opportunity to develop communication skills based on both honesty and empathy.”

Sponsored by BCNCC, Dr. Rosenberg will present several workshops to interested members of the public from September 21 - 27. Topics include: Difficult Conversations, Parenting & Education, Caregiver Burn-out, Bully Prevention, Conflict Resolution/Mediation, Stress, Transforming Anger, Sustaining Intimacy, and Preventing Workplace Violence. **Visit [www.bcnc.org](http://www.bcnc.org) for details.**

*Dr. Rosenberg is Founder and Director of Educational Services for the Center for Nonviolent Communication (CNVC). CNVC is a global organization whose vision is a world where everyone’s needs are met peacefully. For more information visit [www.cnvc.org](http://www.cnvc.org).*

*The BC Network for Compassionate Communication is a British Columbia non-profit society that supports the mission of CNVC. BCNCC coordinates trainings and workshops for groups, individuals and families, prison inmates and employees, business and government organizations across Canada. For more information visit [www.BCNCC.org](http://www.BCNCC.org).*

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