

The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Foundation for Peace

Peace Charter

Introduction.

The Peace Charter set out the Foundation's guiding principles, its philosophy and its practices.

Each principle determines the Foundation's approach to peace building through non violent conflict resolution.

Guiding Principles

Non-violence

The Foundation believes that successful conflict resolution can only be achieved and sustained through non violent means.

Parties engaged in a conflict must be encouraged to end their violent activity or to reject the option of engaging in violent acts in order to find sustainable solutions.

Though the Foundation is committed to non-violence, it acknowledges that programme participants may not share this commitment. It further acknowledges that it will work with parties engaged in violent activity, to offer them the help and tools to encourage them to choose non violence in order to secure a sustainable solution.

Leadership

The Foundation asks that all those who sign this Charter act as role models to inspire and facilitate others in peace building.

The Foundation exists only as a result of the positive response of its Founders following the death of their son and the leadership they subsequently demonstrated.

Inclusion

The Foundation believes that conflict resolution processes will only be sustainable if all stakeholders to the conflict are included.

The Foundation takes no side in conflict situations and will strive to ensure all programmes are fully inclusive, even though this may be challenging to other stakeholders and the facilitators.

Mutual Understanding

The Foundation believes in developing mutual understanding and respect between conflicting parties in order to build the trust and a solid platform on which reach agreement and end the conflict.

The Foundation will encourage each party to define and declare their interests openly as a means of identifying and understanding the differences between them. Without this process, a sustainable resolution is impossible.

It is important to listen to what others are saying whether we agree with it or not.

Respect

The Foundation respects everyone's human rights. It believes that in our relationships with each other and with parties in conflict, respect is fundamental to building positive relationships.

As an indication of respect, the Foundation accepts the terms, titles and language used by people to describe themselves.

Equality

The Foundation believes that all parties to a conflict must be given an equal opportunity to participate in the process of establishing peace.

In recognising that conflicts are often the result of inequality in relationships, the Foundation will strive for equality in its relations with all with whom it engages.

The Foundation will strive to ensure that equality is a characteristic of all of its programmes regardless of the background and views of the participant.

Ownership

The Foundation believes that a sustainable resolution of conflict requires that the parties to the conflict take ownership and responsibility for both the conflict and its resolution.

Everyone has a responsible role to play in peace building, regardless of past behaviours and activities.

Declaration

By appending your signature to the Peace Charter, you are expressly declaring common cause with us

I, [name], Trustee / Employee / Patron / Tutor / Volunteer of the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Foundation for Peace, declare my acceptance of and agreement with, the Principles set out in the Charter