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#DARETOCARE, dare to care

Covid -19 Vaccine as a global common good, the UN treaty for the prohibition of nuclear weapons, global strategies to welcome migrants, legality, civil economy and integral ecology will be focal points during the 25th edition of United World Week (1-9 May 2021), an international event promoted by the Youth of the Focolare Movement and streamed on the multilingual platform www.unitedworldproject.org.

The main item on the programme of this international event will take place in Brussels from 7th to 9th May. David Sassoli, President of the European Parliament, will participate in the International Forum.

Care as political action and response to ecological challenges

The "culture of care", expressed by the slogan #DARETOCARE, is at the heart of this project. It consists of a **campaign of awareness and action**, in which young people have realized that the road to build a better future lies in the ability and courage to care, also as a political paradigm, understood as a service to every person and in very social sphere.

The first phase of the campaign promoted **"care" in our behaviour as citizens and in our political actions**; the second phase, which will start with United World Week 2021, will focus on **the "care" of the planet and the challenges of integral ecology**.

This year's programme:

May 2: **The Politics for Unity Movement**, which celebrates its 25th anniversary, proposes an online event during which it will launch "An appeal for a new quality of politics".

May 7-9: **An international Convention streamed from Brussels (Belgium)**; citizens and politicians will be able to share ideas, discuss and work together in an online agora.

May 7: In a face-to-face meeting with youth, **David Sassoli, President of the European Parliament**, will be the main speaker. Peace, politics, welcoming migrants and ecology will be discussed.

Others scheduled to take part in the United World Week events are: the economists **Jeffrey Sachs, Sir Partha Dasgupta** and **Luigino Bruni**; **Simone Borg**, Professor of Environmental

and Resources Law at the University of Malta; **Lorna Gold**, Professor of Environment, Sustainability and Social Justice, at the National Maynooth University, Ireland; **Catherine Belzung**, Professor of Neuroscience at the University of Tours, France; **Pasquale Ferrara**, diplomat and ambassador; **Giuseppe Gatti**, magistrate of the National Anti-Mafia and Anti-Terrorism Directorate; **Margaret Karram** and **Jesús Morán**, President and Co-President of the Focolare Movement; **Fr. Luigi Ciotti**, founder of Libera.

United World Week is an international event promoted by the Focolare youth. Since 1996, it has involved young people and adults, institutions and associations to raise world-wide awareness on the issues of peace and brotherhood and to promote concrete actions and commitments.

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PROGRAMME

May 1

15.00: "**May Day at Loppiano**", live from this small town of the Focolare Movement. This is a regular event in which thousands of young people from all over Italy and also from other parts of the world participate.

21.00: Concert by the **Gen Verde** international performing arts group.

May 2

From 11.00 to 12.00, in every time zone there will be a virtual "**Run4unity**", a non-stop sports relay race with games, challenges, testimonies and commitments, to symbolise a rainbow of unity and peace on earth.

14.00: **The Politics for Unity Movement**, which celebrates its 25th anniversary, proposes an online event during which it will launch "An appeal for a new quality of politics".

May 4

17.00: "**Female sport experiences**", with **Lucia Castelli**, **Maddalena Musumeci**, **Dona Neide**, **Patricia Furtado**, organised by **Sportmeet Association**.

May 5

16.00: "**The Economy of Francesco**", young people in dialogue with Indian economist **Sir Partha Sarathi Dasgupta**.

May 6

19.00: Città Nuova (New City) presents "La legalità del Noi al tempo del COVID 19" (The 'Us' lawfulness at the time of COVID 19). Giuseppe Gatti, magistrate of the National Anti-Mafia and Anti-Terrorism Directorate, the economist **Luigino Bruni**, the journalist **Gianni Bianco** and Fr. **Luigi Ciotti**, founder of the Libera Association will take part.

May 7

13.00: Youth in dialogue with **David Sassoli, President of the European Parliament.**

May 7-9 World Forum #daretocare at Brussels (Belgium)

May 7

12.00 (UTC+1): "Dare To Care International Convention" from Brussels. In this opening show, set up with collaboration of the Sylvester TV Productions Company, there will be stories, best practices, ideas, inspirations "to dare to care" from all over the world.

13.00: Youth in dialogue with David Sassoli, President of the European Parliament;

14.00: The Economy of Francesco, Policies & Happiness and Care's proposals

May 8

14.00: "A vaccine for all, a Common Good the whole world needs", with Jeffrey Sachs, economist and essayist (USA), and Catherine Belzung, psychologist and professor of neuroscience at the University of Tours (France).

21.00: Concert by the **Gen Rosso** international performing arts group.

May 9

12.00 (UTC+1): "**#daretocare for People and the Planet**", presented from Brussels in collaboration with the Sylvester TV Productions Company, will launch the second phase of the #daretocare campaign. It will focus on the challenges of integral ecology, with inspiring experiences and actions from different parts of the world.

15.00: "**Care and COP26**" with **Simone Borg**, Professor of Environmental and Resources Law at the University of Malta; **Lorna Gold**, Professor of Environment, Sustainability and Social Justice at the National University of Maynooth (Ireland); **Pasquale Ferrara**, Diplomat and Ambassador.