

GUIDELINES FOR BEING PROTAGONISTS IN THE EVENT

POLITICS FOR UNITY *Making a WORLD of difference*

WHAT IS IT?

It is a gathering of a number of national and local initiatives that will be held worldwide around 14 March 2015, a date which marks the 7th anniversary of the death of Chiara Lubich. The purpose is to get to know and to implement her spiritual thoughts today.

These events will be linked via the Internet through various websites: focolare.org, mppu.org, newhumanity.org, uwp.org, edc-online.org, netone.org and many more.

WHO IS PROMOTING IT?

The event is promoted by the Focolare Movement under the auspices of the Movement of Politics & Policies for Unity (MPPU). The organizing committee consists of members from the following sectors: Dialogue with Contemporary Culture, the Abbà School, Sophia University Institute, Iginò Giordani Centre, New Humanity, Youth for a United World, University Fellowship Network.

WHAT ARE ITS OBJECTIVES?

- to disseminate the Focolare “spirituality of unity” in its **political dimension**, where there is ample participation in building unity among peoples in our own city and our own nation;
- to view **politics as a network** wherein economy and law, urban and social planning, communication and environment, art and culture contribute to a renewal of that specific fabric of society;
- to be **world-citizens**; to love the other’s nation as one’s own; to promote peaceful co-existence not through words but through facts and concrete actions; to uphold the dream of universal brotherhood;
- to **put these ideas into practice now**, in every place, and **together with all those who have the same objective**.

HOW TO ORGANIZE A LOCAL INITIATIVE

- form a committee of interested people, even if this consists only of 2 or 3 people (possibly including a young person);
- starting with your committee, study the *selected writings of Chiara Lubich*;
- **involve friends and dignitaries** by asking them to read the *selected writings* and inviting them to comment on them (a maximum of 30 lines of text can be posted on the website www.mppu.org);

- choose the date and the venue to host the local event (either a **public institution** or else somebody’s home);
- prepare a **program** based on the *selected writings of Chiara* enriching it with local and worldwide content and including the **video** of the event;
- invite some of the **dignitaries** to be **actively involved** in the program
- encourage the **young people to make use of the social network** channels available on the website, to watch the video clips and to upload their own mini-videos produced on their smartphone and other mobile devices.

MATERIAL AVAILABLE

- The **selected writings of Chiara Lubich** translated in various languages which can be found on www.mppu.org; other languages are available on request;
- As from January **there will be a dedicated website** where events will be listed and where social networks and multimedia content, such as videos, will be made posted;
- By the end of February a **video of around 20 mins will be produced** containing the key ideas of Chiara Lubich and experiences from all over the world;
- At the beginning of March: a look at the spirituality of unity in an international context

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Email: info@mppu.org, Tel +39 06 945407210, www.mppu.org to share about your initiative, to request the video, to make enquiries or to send news.