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Building trust across the world's divides

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Learning from others

Listening to the lived experience of another person gives you new perspectives that can influence your own life and work. Stories of courage and unwavering determination to seek one's own path amidst obstacles need to be treasured, shared and preserved. In this issue we carry stories from those who have lived through many changes in their lives and who have been inspired to carry on with purpose and be the change in the world.

The last few months here in Australia, as well as the world over, have been fraught with tension about the unknown and the uncertain. An opportunity to come together as a network to share stories and realise that we have a common goal, a goal of a better world, sustains you through all this and provides hope that we can learn from each other and build a stronger, renewed community that cares for all.

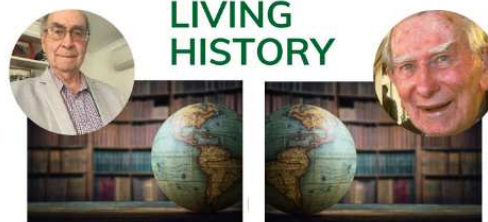
Newsbriefs is the bi-monthly newsletter of Initiatives of Change in Australia – part of a worldwide movement of people of diverse cultures and backgrounds who share a vision for a just, peaceful and sustainable world.

NEWS

Learning from the Past

Christopher Mayor and Jim Coulter have a long history of involvement with the work of Initiatives of Change. In recent online sessions Chris shared the story of his early post-war involvement in healing work in Asia and Jim shared stories from his days as a pilot in WW2 and how the values promoted by Moral Re Armament caught his attention.

[Read more.](#)





Transformational Resilience in Times of Crisis

What does "home" mean to you? What does it mean to a person who has been displaced? Prof Rajmohan Gandhi addressed an international Zoom audience on the theme of building resilience, healing wounds and finding a purpose for your life, within the context of displacement, using his own life stories as examples.

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Solstice of Hope - Festival of Ideas and Forums

Each year in June the lofCA network meets for a 'national gathering'. This year it happened in a unique way, with a month-long Festival of online sessions, bringing together old and new friends to celebrate each other's endeavours, take journeys into art and music and hold a space for conversations that explore how we can contribute our skills, gifts and presence to create the world that we all wish to live in.

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PERSONAL STORIES



Alex Birnberg

Attending an lofCA workshop at a critical time in his life opened pathways to reflection and change in Alex. As a volunteer with lofCA, he sees the potential the organisation has to build an 'internal bridge' in a person. Today Alex also works to help other young people realise their own inner potential.

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EVENTS

Creators of Peace Auburn Network

Saturday 4 July 2020: Join via Zoom for an enlightening afternoon with Aboriginal Elder (Aunty) Cleonie Quayle, award winning social justice advocate working in the area of Indigenous peoples and the law.
Time: 2.15pm. Please see [here](#) for more details.

Solstice of Hope - The Way Forward

Wednesday 8 July 2020: The final session of the Solstice of Hope - Festival of Ideas and Forums will be an open discussion with members and the network to discuss how we move forward, together. Time : 6-8pm
To register for the session, please fill out the form [here](#).

What are Peace Circles?

Thursday 9 July 2020: A session via Zoom to learn more about lofC and Creators of Peace and the Peace Circles they offer. Guest Speaker will be Yarrie Bangura, an inspiring entrepreneur and founder of [Aunty's Ginger Tonic](#) and Peace Circle graduate. Time: 7-8pm See [here](#) for more details.

Caux Forum 2020

Thursday 25 June to Thursday 16 July 2020: Caux Forum Online - Shaping the Future Together. Registrations are now open. Please see [here](#) for more details. The Caux Forum offers a unique space to recharge, find inspiration, equip ourselves with new tools and ally with a world community of changemakers to shape our future together.

Creating Space

Monday 3 August 2020: Creating Space is a monthly gathering at lofCA for focused conversations on a selected theme. Due to COVID-19 restrictions the event is now being held online via Zoom.
Time: 7pm to 9pm
To register please RSVP to Kylie at info.au@iofc.org
You will then receive the link to connect via Zoom and some guidelines for the meeting.

[See all events](#)

GET INVOLVED

Volunteer with us

Initiatives of Change prides itself on being a big family, nationally and internationally, and there are several ways you can get involved. You are welcome to join our monthly meetings or participate in an upcoming program or event. These are a great way to meet new people and get to know more about lofC.

There are a variety ways to volunteer, depending on your skills and where we have a need. If you are interested, please contact our [Program Manager](#) to learn about current volunteer and internship opportunities at Initiatives of Change Australia. We'd love to hear from you!

DONATE



As we develop our community engagement work, we're excited to see your donations coming in. Please know that your contribution allows Initiatives of Change Australia to sustain its trust-building and peace-building work. We value your support - thank you!

Every donation, large or small, has a **direct impact** on the individuals and communities with whom we work. You can donate through our page [here](#) or contact the [Treasurer](#) to send a cheque or make a bank transfer.

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