

# WORLD ROUND TABLE FOUNDATION

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## Purpose and activities - World Round Table Foundation: 1993 – 2025

### Policy, plan and vision

During recent times, the deep causes behind the present worldwide changes in our societies have powerfully encouraged the need for the emergence of a renewed vision, as this rings out from all areas of the national and international societies and their economy. More and more people are convinced that the patterns and methods of the “old world”, especially those, before the recent world crisis (2008) will no longer satisfy the needs of humanity and of our planet Earth; people are now looking for creative and inspiring solutions for the present great diversity of countless social, political, religious and ecological problems. This emerging urge for renewal clearly has a bearing on changes, found everywhere in the whole world, which will increasingly influence our world. In every part of the present (inter)national society, known and still (partly) unknown developments are emerging, seeking their translation, adaptation and presentation into a new vision. They do need the input of experts, research for an innovative, educational and cultural policy and an overall integration in our societies.

The social relevance of a new vision can be tried and tested in permanent methodological and intuitive ways, by means of publications, gatherings, meetings, conferences, retreats, seminars and workshops, as well as the development of national and international contacts with kindred spirits, fellow-thinkers, inspired people and so on. The outcome of these contacts may produce practical concepts, such as, for instance, a “manual for innovative renewal” for policy officers and policy decision makers working for the government, for semi-governmental institutions, administration, authoritative sources and private enterprises, with *sustainability* as its leading principle. This includes the development of many networks, providing excellent opportunities for the spreading and publicizing of ideas. The national and international voluntary participation in the earlier indicated activities has proven the presence of a more than secured widespread support.

### Ideas, education and policy-making

The World Round Table foundation (established in 1993, the Netherlands) resounds the changing image of man and the new ideas, emerging from and developing in the national and international societies. With faith, we may envision the future, recognizing that the scientific fact, indicating the need for changes and renewal, will always exist. Human consciousness is growing, seeking new forms in all fields of human endeavour, by which

these developments – via educational activities – may find their right realisation. It is especially to this task, that the World Round Table Foundation will dedicate all of her energies. In this we may expect that innovations will meet with, and will have to face resistances, especially by those, who cling to that, which relates to the conservatism of the past.

An emerging vision about the national and the international societies, being developed by “life-long learning” programs, is indispensable for policy-making and for the activities of network organisations (or flexible, living organisms).

### **Developing a vision**

The development of a vision can only succeed in an open atmosphere of trust and in cooperation with those group-initiatives, institutions and organisations (organisms), where people are prepared to cooperate together in sustainable ways, and where services are shared on a voluntary basis.

The “space” and the freedom, necessary to transfer the vision into tangible forms, are greatly needed for all participants. Because of this reason, financial interests need to stay fully subordinated, laying no limiting claims. It is necessary to inform those, who are interested, and to inspire and to stimulate them, to think along with us and to find answers on the many questions, like:

- \* What will be the vision, from which we will approach the problems of humanity?
- \* How, and using what concepts, disciplines, means, methods and options, can we introduce and integrate innovations?
- \* How and under which conditions can we creatively adapt our work- and living-environment for such improvements and innovations?
- \* What can we do for the improvement of the public good as regards to the distribution of wealth in a right sense of proportions?

### **Purpose of the Foundation**

The purpose of the World Round Table foundation is: *to inspire, to stimulate and to support new views, new ideas, new concepts and initiatives, emerging from all sectors of society – nationally and internationally – and to promote its objectives in the widest sense.*

Among others, the foundation tries to accomplish such a broadly formulated purpose by supporting those interdisciplinary initiatives and projects – and their propagation by educational means - which respond to the purpose of the foundation. Part of this is the stimulation of international contacts by:

1. To do research and to edit policy studies, case and practical studies;
2. The promotion of exchange programmes with local and international groups;
3. To participate in and to organise workshops, seminars, meetings, gatherings, seminars, conferences and retreats.

## **Secondary purposes of the foundation**

1. To restore our life's heritage on planet Earth, which may include all related disciplines like environment, economy, trade and industry, education, adult learning, (preventive) healthcare and its integration and (more) practical applications by means of an improved communication.
2. The arrangement of the working and living environment in such a way, so that it stimulates the awakening awareness and development, as well as the tolerance and the self-sufficiency of and between groups within and between our societies.
3. The stimulation of (a spirit of) world citizenship, which may balance well-being and prosperity by initiating and promoting national and international projects in all (sub)-areas as indicated in point 1.

## **Some of our trainings**

1. To become a teacher of the applied wisdom.
2. Sustainable economy and finance.
3. Cooperative Leadership.
4. Preventive and psychological Healing.
5. Education and development.
6. Corrective and Creative Thinking (new philosophy and thoughtforms).
7. Technology driven renewal and its potential positive influence on society.
8. The art of developing unity.

## **Our didactical methods**

1. Our associates and teachers are professionals and have completed a university and/or of higher education.
2. We use state-of-the-art e-learning and research facilities.
3. We organise virtual and "physical" gatherings and meetings (summer schools, conferences, training courses, retreats and seminars).
4. We offer non-profit and not-for-profit a continuous development of an international, inter-disciplinary curriculum and platform.
5. We offer a subjective and educational support to the community building, based upon right human relations.
6. Meditation, as a central practice provides inner stability and strength amidst the challenges of a world in permanent change.

## **1993 - 2009**

During the nineties of the last century, many lesser and bigger projects have been carried out in national and international cooperation.

1993 – 1995: Carrying out in cooperation with educational NGO's, a number of educational training projects with and for volunteers.

1996 – 1999: A three years education and training programme for several groups (health care and education) in the Czech Republic (facilitated by the Prague National Museum and University of Liberec) with and for volunteers.

1998 – 2005: The application of the purpose of the foundation by carrying out supportive initiatives for a number of educational non-profit institutions (institutions for technical and vocational training, higher professional education).

2005 – 2009: During these years a number of small educational projects were realised, as well as a period of deep reflection and development for a new psychological methods behind the great diversity of human problems – and its “translation” in services for the general well-being and adult learning, offering a training for a stable human development, in relation with the challenges and crises in the present world of daily living.

## **2009 - 2014**

2009 – 2015: The permanent development of websites for education and training, and of an extensive curriculum for international educational projects (adult learning) for voluntary participants:

1. Academy of Wisdom Teaching Europe.
2. School on the Art of Meditation.

2010 – 2011: A voluntary non-profit contribution to a holistic medical project for cancer patients in Denmark (location Humlebaek, north of Copenhagen) with a practice for colour-and-sound therapy and consultation.

2011 - Retreat and training at Monte Veritas, Ascona (Switzerland) with a Italian/Swiss group.

2011 - Retreat and training on the island of Iona (Scotland) with an international group.

2012: Participation in an international conference in Ojai (California - USA) extending the network of points of contact for the foundation in North America.

2013: Participation in an international conference (WSI) in Stony Point (New York - USA) extending the network of points of contact in North America, South America and Europe.

2013: The organisation of a lengthy Summer school in California (USA) en British Columbia (Canada) for an international group of participants. The conferences in 2012 and 2013 resulted in the establishment of a sustainable international cooperative alliance in California and Colorado.

2013: Educational support for the establishment of a USA-based non-profit organisation (ILWSC) in Nevada City (State of California - USA) based upon Article ARTS-PB-503 (c) (3) (Articles of Incorporation of a Non-profit Public Benefit Corporation).

### **2014 – 2018**

2014: The development of advanced curricula (lifelong learning) via the internet.

2014: Participation in and presentation for an international virtual conference (Wisdom Gathering) with a related educational initiative, active in three continents (America, Europe and Australia), in Estes Park (area of Denver, State of Colorado – USA).

2014: Participation in an international conference (USR, with a related educational initiative) in Phoenix/Mesa (state of Arizona – USA).

2014: Participation in an international Retreat in Blou/Samur (France), in support to the introduction of wisdom and culture in Western - Europe.

2014: The organisation of an international Autumn Conference for volunteers of the USA-based initiative for education and training (adult learning) of the ILWSC in Ojai (State of California – USA).

2015: Participation in a work and study group (Wisdom Gathering) for educational curriculum development (adult learning) and international educational cooperation, in Boulder and Estes Park (State of Colorado – USA).

2015: Participation in an international Retreat in Blou/Samur (France) in support to the introduction of the applied wisdom and culture in Western - Europe.

2016: The development of new academic European curricula for use via the internet.

2017: Participation in a national seminar near Den Bosch (the Netherlands), in support to the introduction of the eastern and western wisdom and culture in Europe.

2017 - Participation in a work and study group (Wisdom Gathering, during May and August) for a centre for academic education and training in Estes Park, (State of Colorado – USA).

2018: Participation in an international virtual conference with a related educational initiative, active in three continents (America, Europe and Australia), in Estes Park (area of Denver, State of Colorado – USA).

### **2018 – present**

2018 – present: An professional training course) with participants from Europe, North America and Australia, and in Estes Park (State of Colorado – USA). This training course has been prolonged via weekly webinars).

2019 - Participation in a work and study group (Retreat at the Mont Blanc, Les Houches - France) for academic development, education and future training.

2019: Participation in a seminar near Den Bosch (the Netherlands), in support to the introduction of the Eastern wisdom and culture in Western - Europe.

2019 – Research and development project in collaboration with French partners of an educational and healing centre in the Vosges near Strassbourg (France).

### **Summary of projects**

In the period between 2009 – 2014, the foundation developed an extensive curriculum and a growing international network for education and training for adults. In the period between 2014 and the present (2019) this network extended itself via the use of the webinars enabling a variety of education and training programmes, applied via frequent sessions, meetings, workshops and webinars.

During this period between 2014 and the present, a number of international participants, became co-workers and developed themselves into teachers, psychologists, doctors for a number of specific study courses and trainings.

### **Future perspective**

*A central theme in this education and training for our future is the development of human awareness, and the stabilising of the human psychology and spirit, so that human beings become better qualified for the diversity and the complexity of their lives, work, and their eventual contribution to the national and international society. The importance of this may be emphasized, since our world has now entered into a time of social, economic, political, religious and environmental challenges all together, with an increasing tendency. We empower people!*

*Also for this reason, the foundation's curriculum considers the triple totality of the human being (physical – psychological – spiritual, but free from any religious dogma) and its relations with dominant fields of human endeavour in all societies, such as health, psychology, religion, science, politics, finance and economics in a planetary – solar – cosmic relationship, as seen from a new psychological – spiritual perspective.*

*Our planning for the period till 2025 foresees the continuation of our vision via:*

- 1. The extension of our network via the field of education and training for professionals.*
- 2. The continuous support to the development of human awareness, growing consciousness and psychological stability and inner strength in a world in a state of permanent change in the fields of politics, religion, environment, economy and finances.*

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