



**Gender Equity and Reconciliation
International**

Healing and transformation for women and men



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#WeHealTogether

*"The Gender Equity and Reconciliation International training
has been AMAZING and the transformations REAL."*

~ Dr. Karambu Ringera,

Founder of International Peace Initiatives, Meru, Kenya



This video is the Women's Honoring Ceremony for the men. Absolutely beautiful! In the song the women are singing, each man's name is sung...and loosely translated it means, *"Have you ever seen such a man as (man's name)? There is no other man such as _____. Thank God for ____."*



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News from United States

Upcoming United States Programs:



St. Louis, MO
July 19 - 21, 2019
Register today

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**Ghost Ranch
Retreat Center**
Abiquiú, NM
August 17 - 21, 2019
Register today

Co-Sponsored by Illuman
(Men's rite of passage
organization)

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Upcoming

United States Gender Equity and Reconciliation International (GERI) Professional Immersion Training Module 3 March 19 - 24



Gender Equity and Reconciliation
International 2018 - 2019 Trainees

We had a rich and delightful week of learning and coming together as a community for Module 3 of the United States Gender Equity and Reconciliation International (GERI) Professional Immersion Training. In this very hands-on learning environment, the trainees themselves stepped into facilitation of the GERI processes - working together as co-gender teams and developing the skills and sensitivities to facilitate the tender and sometimes charged areas of gender and sexuality.

Invitational Programs:

GERI is pleased to be co-sponsoring invitational programs including the following:

New York City, NY May 7-9

Invitational Gathering
With the United Nations Committee for Spirituality, Values, and Global Concerns (CSVGC), the Forum 21 Institute, Loretto Community at the U.N., and the Nathan Cummings Foundation.

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**North of Seattle,
WA**

May 31 - June 2
Invitational Gathering
With the
the Mankind Project USA



Donate Today!

We're very enthused to continue this training and to expand our networks of GERI facilitators!



Opening of Women's Truth Forum

Deep gratitude to GERI trainers Karambu Ringera, Phil Vivirito, Esther Diplock, William Diplock, Cynthia Brix, and William Keepin for their guidance and feedback throughout the week.



Men's Honoring Ceremony for the Women

**GERI Presentation at the United Nations Commission
on the Status of Women 2019**

March 15

"I was surprised and amazed at the power of simply being witnessed,"

said one participant following a short experiential taste of the Gender Equity and Reconciliation International process. Another woman shared her realization of the gender-based lack of safety she had felt throughout her life, and her re-energized vision for a safe and gender-healed world.



Participants sharing at GERI's UN-CSW Session

Deep gratitude to Phil Vivirito,



Beth Blissman, Chaya Pamula, and Phil Vivirito

GERI Trainer, and Chaya Pamula, GERI board member, for their presentation of the GERI methodology on March 15 at the NGO Forum of the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women conference in New York. Their engaging and active session brought together 19 women and men to learn about and experience the GERI process.

Many thanks to Loretto Community for co-sponsoring this presentation with us and to Beth Blissman, NGO UN Representative from Loretto Community who provided such tremendous support.

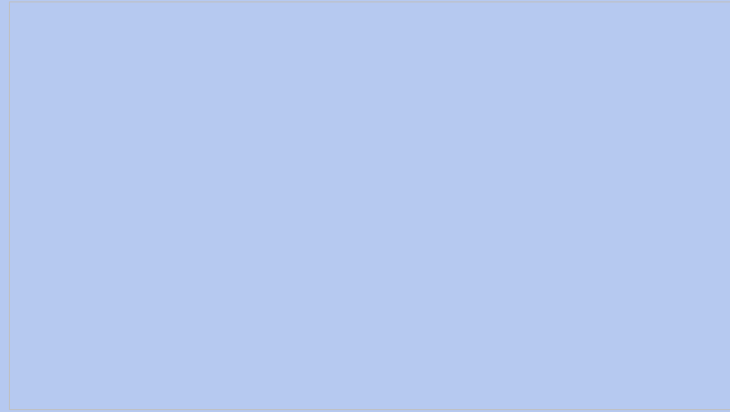
NEWS from India

GERI with Teenagers

April 2 - 4, 2019

"One boy stood before the girls [and other boys in the workshop] and apologized for all the harm that men and boys have done to women and girls. I thought, if a 15-year-old boy can say sorry on behalf of all men, what does this say to men? GERI works! Even for 15 year olds it works!! Amazing!

" ~ Hazel Lobo, Gender Equity and Reconciliation International (GERI) Facilitator.



Earlier this month, 57 youth, aged 15-17, from Pune, India completed the three-day introductory training with Gender Equity and Reconciliation International (GERI).

This inspiring group of young people shared vividly their life experiences of gender, and listened with great care to each other's stories of pain, fear, and challenge of growing up as young women and men. The sharings across genders were

Opening prayers for the workshop

particularly deep, and many of the participants were brought to tears by stories of deep pain and wounding experienced by their fellow young people.

This deep sharing and absorbing of each other's stories was then reflected in the closing ceremonies, which were beautiful and joyful celebrations of sharing and appreciation for all that the other gender group brought forward.

Check out the pictures and videos from the program below. This video is group chant/prayer from the opening invocation of the workshop.

Great facilitation from Hetal Jobenputra Iyer, Mangesh Pol, Hazel Lobo, and Shivaprasad Kumarswamy!

Congratulations to the facilitation team for skillfully guiding these

Women's honoring ceremony for the men

young people and holding each so beautifully in your hearts.

Maher Founder, Sister Lucy Kurien, is working to integrate GERI work into the Maher community - *"I am totally behind the GERI work - it's so very important for Maher and for India."*

Gender Equity and Reconciliation
Facilitator Team

NEXT GERI WORKSHOP in
BANGALORE

Rebirthing a Gender Healed World Together
16 - 18 May

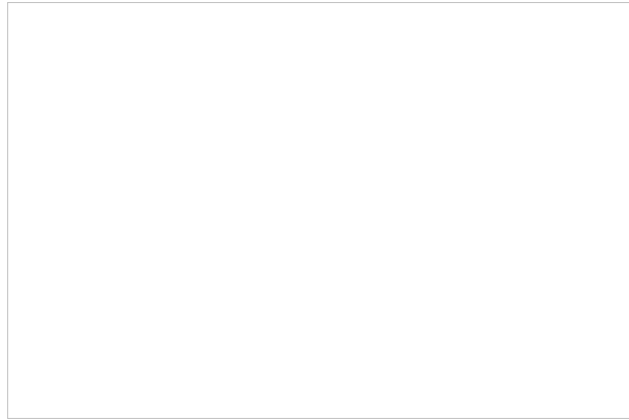
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NEWS from Kenya

GERI Professional Immersion Training with International Peace Initiatives in Meru, Kenya April 2 - 7, 2019

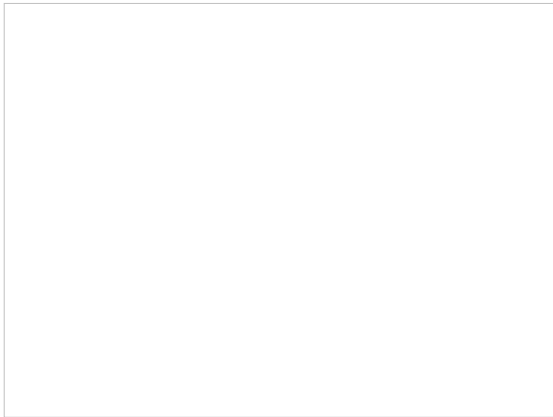
"I have gone through A LOT in my life. However, this event has started the process of healing for me. Thank you!" ~ Female participant

From April 2 - 7, 40 trainees from Kenya and other East African countries immersed themselves in Module One of the Gender Equity and Reconciliation International (GERI) Professional Immersion Training at the Tiriji Eco Center in Meru, Kenya.



Fun playful exercise

The week was full of deep learning and profound healing moments, leavened with plenty of lighthearted play and community bonding. This is an auspicious start to this yearlong journey of exploration, learning, unlearning, and growth in the area of understanding relations between women and men and working towards healing the wounds from our gender experiences.



Closing of women's circle



The training team did a terrific job - congratulations to trainers Karambu Ringera, Desireé English, Lesley Thomas, and Xolile Pro Zulani!! Deep thanks to the training team for skillfully guiding these women and men and holding each person so beautifully in your hearts.



GERI goes to Nepal

Inaugural GERI Workshop With Lions Club of Pokhara, Nepal March 8 - 10, 2019

*"After sharing I feel so light and healed inside...
This [workshop] is so usable, lively, and precious for a better life"*
~Female Participant

***Image may contain: 13 people, people smiling, people standing and indoor
Gender Equity and Reconciliation Participants in Pokhara, Nepal***

Congratulations to the 39 participants in the Gender Equity and Reconciliation workshop in March with the Lions Club of Pokhara Talbarahi!

"I found total change in my daily regular activities after this workshop. I feel a lot of relief and healing as a result of this workshop. I found it so fruitful... The last session of honoring touched me so much" ~Male Participant

Deep gratitude to the
Lions Club of Pokhara
Talbarahi and the GERI
facilitation team: Hazel

Lobo, Shivaprasad
Kumarswamy, Hetal
Jobenputra Iyer,
Mangesh Pol, Cynthia
Brix, William Keepin.

This workshop was
featured in the local
news in Pokhara, Nepal.



Gender Equity and Reconciliation International
Facilitation Team

NEWS from South Africa

Upcoming South Africa Workshops:



Cape Town, South Africa ~

GenderWorks Workshop

In collaboration with
the French
Consulate
(July 2019)

University of Western Cape March 26 - 28

GERI's series of 12 workshops with the University of Western Cape in South Africa continued with an inspiring group of 20 young people.



Engaging cross-gender activity

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**University of the
Western Cape
(UWC)**
Series of GERI
workshops for
students and
faculty

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**South Africa
GERI Yearlong
Immersion and
Facilitator
Training**
(Dates TBA)

It's beautiful to see the process unfold in the university context, and to witness the deep and courageous sharings of the challenges students have faced - absent fathers, uncles, brothers, and parents, losing loved ones, being alone, and feeling fearful in life. It was such grace to witness how empowering the truth-telling was for all these young adults, and to see the beautiful and touching ceremonies the students created to honor each other and conclude the workshop.



Gender Equity and
Reconciliation
International Facilitation
Team

Deep gratitude to
Desireé English, Louis
Gaum, Vuyo Koyana,
Xolile Pro Zulani for
their skillful
facilitation and holding
space for this
workshop.



Gender Equity and Reconciliation International (GERI) has been bringing women and men together for healing and reconciliation for 27 years. Our work has been introduced in nine countries to date, and we are currently conducting comprehensive training programs in four countries: United States, South Africa, India, Kenya.

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