

Citizenship and City in the Thought and Action of Chiara Lubich Trento, 12-15 March 2020

As part of the celebrations marking 100 years since the birth of Chiara Lubich, the city of Trento will host the event *Citizenship and City in the Thought and Action of Chiara Lubich* from 12 to 15 March 2020. The event is sponsored by a network of bodies of the Focolare Movement: the NGO New Humanity, New Humanity Movement, Sophia University Institute, the Political Movement for Unity (MPPU), EdU – Education for Unity, and HdC – Health Dialogue Culture.

Two main events are scheduled:

1. Univercity – Knowledge in Service of the City: three seminars open to the whole city, in collaboration with the University of Trento and other local organisations:

- **Political Innovation and Co-Governance** – Friday 13 March
Run by MPPU – the Political Movement for Unity
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The need for political participation across global scenarios is key to proposing a real turning point in the obstacle course of modern democracy, one of the central chapters in its institutionalisation, consolidation, and transformation. The same need inhabits the cultural and political work of those who, in the light of the culture of unity, are convinced of the centrality and political capacity of each person, and that participation stems from shared membership of the family of peoples.

Getting involved in the decision-making arenas of politics, with the bundle of paradoxes which it entails, requires much more than the refining of techniques and procedures (though necessary); it touches on principles and paradigms of action in the public sphere and calls into question an interdisciplinary exchange which can bring much to political action.

In this context, the international seminar “Political Innovation and Co-Governance” is a step forward on the path that has begun in the January 2019 Symposium, “Co-Governance. Being co-responsible today in our cities”. It offers a space for reflection and the sharing of ideas and participatory practices, in order to study their evolution, actors, and conditions. The seminar will be divided into sections by theme; each section, using participative methods, will focus on some local and global paths. Among the issues under discussion: what relationship connects and, at the same time, distinguishes representative and participative democracy? How can we encourage the contribution of all, especially those who think that they are not skillful or expert, and those who are not organised? Why does local participation often produce heated

conflicts? How can we respond to the top-down management of initiatives? The objective is to investigate participation through a variety of perspectives, interests, and skills; to research the specific value added of collaboration, sharing, and co-responsibility, through a process of deep exploration that will reveal the design of an authentically human co-existence.

- **Pedagogy of Communion and Global Citizenship** – Friday 13 March

Run by EdU (Education for Unity – An international network of pedagogues and educators) in collaboration with and sponsored by the University of Trento's Humanities Department and in collaboration with "Antonio Rosmini" High School for Human Sciences (Trento).

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The seminar - which takes place 20 years after Chiara Lubich was awarded an honorary degree in Education from the Catholic University of Washington - aims to bring together different strands of the "Pedagogy of Communion," based on Lubich's thought and work. In her November 2000 *lectio magistralis*, she claimed that, "The Focolare Movement and its history can be seen as one great educational event. In it we find all of the markers of education and there is also clearly a theory of education underpinning its educational action."

The morning seminars at the University will include a roundtable with international teachers and researchers, dedicated to identifying some lines of research and pedagogical approach to problems that arise in a specific and original way from Lubich's insights and proposals. In fact, she always had the importance of education at heart and, in her vision of "communion," she foresaw and defined several key ideas that are today summarised, even by international institutions, under the expression, "Education for Global Citizenship."

The objective of the afternoon seminar at the "Antonio Rosmini" high school, which Chiara Lubich attended in order to become a teacher, will be to introduce significant school experiences, in this case both local and international. This is in dialogue with the theoretical foundations and values proposed by the "Pedagogy of Communion," thus confirming the meaning, relevance, and transformative force of this theoretical-practical nexus. At the same time, the seminar will highlight the importance of key educational ideas such as "hope", "testimony", and "responsibility", ideas whose absence is one of the fundamental causes of the widespread "educational crisis."

- **Reciprocity: rethinking the care process** – Saturday 14 March

Run by HDC – Health Dialogue Culture

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Chiara Lubich's spirituality, whose goal is universal brotherhood, requires each person to work towards this goal in their relationships with those they meet on a daily basis. In the field of medicine, too, this is an important resource with the power to transform relationships, giving rise to constructive dialogue at all levels in the health sector. First and foremost in the relationship between health worker and patient, but also in the relationships between professionals within the care team, between services and structures, between health systems, and between the different components of the social context, in a continuous engagement which helps to harmonise various needs. Her spirituality inspires a new paradigm based on reciprocity that allows us to rethink care processes. Even health systems can learn from these types of care relationships, leading to an improvement in terms of organisation, efficiency, and sustainability. Moreover, given that every health system operates within a wider social, political, and economic context, we can see virtue spread to other systems. With this in mind, the Seminar proposes an exchange of reflections and experiences.

2. Chiara Lubich and the City: Acting and thinking in the light of the charism of unity in a dialogue which is both local and global: an afternoon open to all, in which we will explore the contribution of Chiara Lubich's thought and action, for the city's commitment to the pursuit of the common good.

Mariapolis Center "Chiara Lubich", Cadine (Trento) - Saturday 14 March, 3 pm

On the same dates, from 12 to 15 March, the Mariapolis Center "Chiara Lubich" in Cadine will host an International School of Citizenship for 400 representatives of the International New Humanity Movement.

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For organizational purposes, please **indicate your attendance at the seminars by registering at the following link** and filling out the form: bit.ly/universitybooking

Participants will receive the necessary information on times schedule and venues of the seminars.

ACCOMMODATION

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