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2019 ACTIVITIES REPORT



# President's Report on the Activities for the year 2019



For the NGO New Humanity, the year 2019 began giving the last farewell to **Marco Aquini**, who left us on January 4, 2019, after a very short illness. From 1987 until his last days, Marco, thanks to his experience, knowledge and wisdom, has offered an invaluable and essential contribution to the Association. We can affirm that the development that New Humanity has had in these last 12 months can be the fruit of his work of preparation, and that he continues to follow and support us, from Heaven.

In November, **Mariele Quartana**, who, with her husband Pino, has followed, promoted and encouraged the development of the Association since its birth, also left us. We are infinitely grateful to her, certain that she will continue to accompany our work in a very special way.

The **Ordinary Assembly** of Associates was held on April 5, 2019, with the participation of 21 members either on their own or by proxy.

During 2019 the **Board of Directors** met 9 times (01/16 - 02/18 - 03/11 - 04/05 - 05/13 - 06/10 - 09/16 - 10/18 - 12/09).

The Board of Directors also met with the representatives of the foreign offices of the Association twice in video conference (01/16 - 11/04) and once in the headquarters of the Association in Grottaferrata (04/06-07).

An **Extraordinary Assembly** of members was held on November 16, 2019, with the participation of 30 members either in person or by proxy. During this Assembly the amendments to the Statute of the Association were approved and two new offices/representations were established, respectively in Brussels and Nairobi.

In the light of what emerged from the General Assembly of the Focolare Movement in 2014, i.e. the need to have a unitary instrument able to represent the Focolare in civil society and international institutions, it was found that New Humanity could play this role as an official body of common representation ('umbrella organization'). To this end, in 2016, the Board of Directors of New Humanity began to study a path to update and redefine the Association to meet this need. This reorganization project was presented in April 2017 to the Presidency and the General Council of the Focolare Movement, who encouraged and approved its implementation.

With respect to the **operational objectives** identified:

- ✓ *To initiate a process of awareness of NH within the Focolare Movement as a possible effective instrument with a view to going out, together, properly prepared;*
- ✓ *strengthening / reorganization of the headquarters and foreign offices;*

this path has led, during the year 2019, to the achievement of the following **results**:

- The aims and activities of New Humanity were presented at various conferences in Castel Gandolfo promoted by branches of the Focolare Movement, as well as at the meeting of the delegates of the Focolare worldwide, and at the schools of the "Center of Encounters and Formation" of Montet in Switzerland.
- A planning team was promoted with the function of connecting the main development agencies linked to the International Centre of the Focolare.
- The communication tools were improved, completing the work of updating and re-designing the site, [www.new-humanity.org](http://www.new-humanity.org), now available in Italian, English and French.
- The updates and changes to the Statute of the Association were approved, to:
  - better highlight the role of representation and the link with the Focolare Movement, also in view of project and collaboration requests;
  - adapt to the regulations of the Third Sector for Italy, so that New Humanity can also contribute to the pursuit of civil, solidarity and social purposes.
- A 4-month internship project at the United Nations, in New York, was held, in which 4 young people participated (January-June 2019), being part in events, meetings and side events at the UN and the various ECOSOC commissions, building a network of relationships with representatives of other NGOs, Ambassadors and Ministers.
- The "United World Ambassadors" project was developed, with the realization of an Online Course of 18 modules, a first Summer School in Paris (September 1-7) with 16 young people from 14 countries and the establishment of an international network of about 70 young people.
- The collaboration agreement was signed between FAO and NH, after the publication of the book "Generation #ZeroHunger. Young people on the way to a world without hunger" by the "Teens for Unity".
- The strengthening and reorganization of the headquarters was developed, with more suitable offices and 4 people working there.
- Two new offices/representations of New Humanity were established, respectively in Brussels and Nairobi.
- A shared agenda was created, to better plan commitments and requests for intervention as well as contributions also from experts of the Focolare.

During the year 2019 the Association's activities developed, as in previous years, along the two main lines of representation and presence in the international institutions of the UN (Economic and Social Council and Human Rights Council), UNESCO and, starting this year, FAO, and in support of activities and projects in particular in the youth field. A special thanks goes to the valuable work carried out by the representatives of New Humanity and the commitment of members, advisors, experts and collaborators.

As far as New Humanity's representatives are concerned, we would like to underline:

**In New York:**

The speech by Paul Catipon, representative of New Humanity, at the Forum on Social Development on the Economy of Communion, offered in February 2019, entitled "Netpro Communications, an Enterprise of the Economy of Communion", was very well received. Following his speech, he was invited to participate in an educational session for the World Youth Alliance during the 16th International Solidarity Forum on "Good Governance and Human Flourishing".

In February, Joe Klock spoke during the UN Commission on Social Development, giving a speech entitled "The good of every human person is a prerequisite for the good of all", based on the writings of Igino Giordani.

New Humanity's representation in New York welcomed 4 interns, from February to June, engaged in numerous meetings and educational events inside and outside the United Nations.

In June 2019, New Humanity organized a seminar on Climate Change including the presentation of a book by Lorna Gold, who was present at the event.

In addition, since September 2019, New Humanity, represented by Maddalena Maltese, has become a member of the United Nations Multifaith Advisory Council (working on a 75th Anniversary Statement and with the Committee on Environmental Protection) and the Inter-Agency Task Force on Religion and Development.

The representation of New Humanity in New York also facilitated the meeting of Adama Dieng, Undersecretary General and Special Advisor for the Prevention of Genocide at the UN, with Stefano Comazzi and Lucia Compostella in Rome, with the aim of introducing him to AMU and New Humanity's specific projects.

Nicholas Johnson joined the New Humanity NGO team in New York and began working with the NGO Homelessness Subcommittee.

#### **In Geneva:**

New Humanity's commitment to issues concerning the Right to Education, Development and International Solidarity continues with active engagement and regular participation in the respective working groups (meetings with the UN, among NGOs, participation in oral and written interventions). The themes in the field of Peace, Religious Freedom and Family are followed; an aspect that would need to be further developed. Written contributions on Anthropology have been offered, published by the Permanent Mission of the Holy See and distributed to all States, NGOs and various Dicasteries.

A formation was given at the Focolare Movement Schools in Montet, Switzerland, on the aims of our commitment at the international level: a 2-hour course, an afternoon visit to the UN and a conference with the presence of a representative of the Permanent Mission of the Holy See and 5 NGO leaders.

New Humanity participated in the International Forum of Catholic inspired NGOs held in Rome in December 2019. The coordinating role of the Geneva Forum and an intense collaboration with the Secretariat of the International Forum, the Holy See and its Permanent Mission in Geneva continued. We underline the appreciated exchanges with Vincenzo Buonomo (Rector of the Pontifical Lateran University of Rome), an informal meeting with Card. Parolin, who values very positively the commitment and the work done, and the participation in the side event organized by the Holy See on Universal Fraternity (Abu Dhabi document), during which there was an important and meaningful dialogue with Card. Ayuso.

#### **In Paris:**

In September 2019 the headquarters of New Humanity at UNESCO welcomed, at the Mariapolis of Arny, 35 km south of Paris, the first school for "United World Ambassadors" in which 16 young people from 14 countries of the world took part. During a training session, the young people present talked for 2 hours with representatives of the Youth and World

Citizenship sectors of UNESCO. Their testimonies showed how New Humanity is active in the field of global citizenship and is present, through its "United World Ambassadors" in all continents.

Several young people also had the opportunity of a personal appointment with the ambassador or representative of their country, giving visibility to New Humanity's activities and showing great interest.

The NGO-UNESCO Global Citizenship Forum, to be held in 2020, was initiated by New Humanity. About 40 NGOs have worked on the topic under the responsibility of Chantal Grevin, New Humanity's main representative in Paris. Several representatives of New Humanity in the world responded to the call for good practices in the field, launched by the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee on Global Citizenship.

New Humanity participated in the General Conference of UNESCO Member States, held in November 2019, and responded to the UNESCO consultation on the cooperation of UNESCO partner NGOs.

The **representatives of New Humanity** for the year 2019 were:

At the UN-ECOSOC

New York: Joe Klock (Principal Representative), Maddalena Maltese.

Geneva: Jorge M. Dias Ferreira (Principal Representative), Davide Bilardi, Esther Salamanca.

At the UNESCO offices

Paris: Chantal Grevin (Principal Representative), Pierre Benoit, Marie-Annick Benoit.

During the meeting of the Board of Directors on December 9, 2019, the Principal Representatives of the new seats/representations of New Humanity were appointed:

Brussels: Isabelle de Moffarts (Principal Representative).

Nairobi: Justus Mbae (Principal Representative).

**Projects** related activities continued in 2019:

- "Back to Africa - Together for a New Africa". The project promoted by young African former students of I.U. Sophia is developing seminars and guidance and formation courses to strengthen the leadership skills of young Africans who have received higher education so that they can spend their skills on the development of their countries. The project has received funding under the UNESCO participation program and is sponsored by the UNESCO National Commission of Kenya which has included it in Kenya's UNESCO programs.
- Milonga, the Focolare Movement's international volunteer program, which in 2019 alone allowed 110 young people from 15 countries to volunteer in Focolare Movement social projects or citadels.
- The "United World Project" project/program has obtained funding from the Economy of Communion with the aim of creating an international youth editorial office for the strengthening of web and social communication, training of young reporters and a greater worldwide dissemination of the program.

In addition, in 2019:

- The first internship program for 4 youth at the UN headquarters in New York took place with a project supported by the Diana Foundation and the Casillo Foundation. The latter also supported in part the summer school of the United World Ambassadors program which took place in Paris in September 2019 and was attended by 16 young people from 14 countries.
- In addition, a young German man is doing his internship at *Teens for Unity* thanks to a project funded by Erasmus+ high education in collaboration between New Humanity and the University of Heidelberg Ruprecht Karls.
- An international exchange project, "Jasmin", was held, in which 25 young people from Algeria, Jordan, Egypt, France and Italy participated to reflect and work on interreligious dialogue as a way to build peace in the Mediterranean. The project was funded by the European Commission through the Erasmus+ Youth program.
- The TEENS project, promoted together with the Association *Progetto Ragazzi per l'Unità* and the magazines *Città Nuova* of Italy, Philippines, Argentina, Portugal and Hungary, was presented to the Erasmus+ program of the European Commission. The aim of the project is to develop critical thinking and the ability to collect information and express one's own thought, to develop writing and storytelling skills in favor of fraternity.
- New Humanity was a partner in the project "We are all migrants" promoted by the Turkish Association Grup Fandirkalik in which a group of students from Sophia were able to participate and in the Fides project promoted by Fokolar Bewegung Deutschland to promote the continuing education of adults, in particular within the first international seminar of the EduxEdu program.
- New Humanity also received the 'quality label' from the European Commission's European Solidarity Corps program and is therefore accredited by the European Commission as a sending and hosting body for young volunteers at European and international level. As such it can participate in the specific calls of the European Commission through the Youth Agency for Italy, which administers the Erasmus+ Youth program in Italy. It has already participated in the October 2019 call receiving funding for two young volunteers, respectively from Ireland and Germany.

The report on the Budget for the 2019 financial year and a summary of the activities carried out by the Association during the year 2019 follows.

# Report to Financial Statements 2019



## To the Assembly of the Members of New Humanity

The Supervisory Body (Organo di Controllo) has regularly participated at the Board of Directors meetings and, as far as possible, in the most important activities of the Association. It has given its advisory opinion whenever it considered it useful for the economic performance of the management.

It has checked the regularity of the accounting criteria applied in the preparation of the 2019 Financial Statements and its compliance with the guidelines issued by the Third Sector Agency.

The Supervisory Body reports that the Articles of Association have been adapted to the new rules on Third Sector Entities pursuant to Legislative Decree 117/2017, also in view of the establishment of the single register of the Third Sector (RUNT) to which the Association will have to register as soon as it is active.

The Supervisory Body has reviewed the 2019 financial statements, which have been significantly amended to make them increasingly adequate to the indications for the third sector.

An effort has been made to better highlight the income and costs of typical activities, from those relating to fundraising, general support, extraordinary and financial expenses.

The presentation of projects and their progress is now also more analytical.

The restricted funds for the specific allocation to projects from other endowment funds of the Association have also been better highlighted.

The implementation of projects approved before 2019 has continued, while new projects have started or are in the process of being implemented: Prometheus World UN (2019), United World Project (2020), Teens (2020-2021).

The Association's Board of Directors is requested to verify as soon as possible the existence of a receivable from UNESCO in the budget for € 707.00, which seems to be of doubtful collection. In case it is uncollectible, it will have to be removed from the Association's credits.

The balance sheet closes with a negative operating result of € 3.576,36.

The Supervisory Body is in favor for the approval of the 2019 Financial Statements and approves the proposal of the Board of Directors to cover the deficit with the use of the Fund for relations with international organizations for € 3.576,36.

*The Supervisory Body*

Angelo Spinosa

Beatrice Vecchione

Ennio Buri

Grottaferrata, 03/19/2020

**NEW HUMANITY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2019**  
**BALANCE SHEET**

**STATO PATRIMONIALE**

	Esercizio 2019	Esercizio 2018
<b>ATTIVITA'</b>		
<b><u>A) Crediti v/soci o associati per versamenti o quote ancora dovuti</u></b>	€ -	€ -
<b><u>B) Immobilizzazioni</u></b>	<b>€ 3.009,36</b>	€ -
Immobilizzazioni Immateriali	€ 2.247,85	€ -
Immobilizzazioni materiali	€ 761,51	€ -
<b><u>C) Attivo Circolante</u></b>	<b>€ 119.834,82</b>	<b>€ 49.345,49</b>
I. Progetti in corso	€ 1.632,67	€ 20.145,54
II. Crediti	€ 5.249,67	€ 22.134,98
III. Disponibilità liquide	€ 112.952,48	€ 7.064,97
<i>depositi bancari</i>	€ 112.850,40	€ 6.447,30
<i>denaro e valori in cassa</i>	€ 102,08	€ 554,40
<b><u>D) Ratei e Risconti</u></b>	<b>€ 138,97</b>	€ -
Ratei attivi		
Risconti attivi	€ 138,97	
<b>Totale Attivita'</b>	<b>€ 122.983,15</b>	<b>€ 49.345,49</b>
<b>PASSIVITA'</b>		
<b><u>A) Patrimonio netto</u></b>	<b>€ 118.069,49</b>	<b>€ 44.286,08</b>
<b><u>I - Fondo di dotazione dell'Ente</u></b>	<b>€ 4.514,51</b>	<b>€ 4.514,51</b>
Fondo di dotazione dell'Ente	€ 2.114,51	€ 2.114,51
Quote Associative	€ 2.400,00	€ 2.400,00
<b><u>II- Patrimonio Vincolato</u></b>	<b>€ 117.131,34</b>	<b>€ 42.706,08</b>
Fondi vincolati destinati da terzi	€ 111.352,37	€ 33.992,60
Fondi vincolati per decisione organi Istituzionali	€ 5.778,97	€ 8.713,48
<b><u>III- Patrimonio Libero</u></b>	<b>-€ 3.576,36</b>	<b>-€ 2.934,51</b>
Avanzo/disavanzo di gestione degli esercizi precedenti	€ -	-€ 2.934,51
Avanzo/disavanzo di gestione dell'esercizio in corso	-€ 3.576,36	€ -
<b><u>B) FONDI PER RISCHI E ONERI</u></b>	<b>€ -</b>	<b>€ -</b>
<b><u>C) TRATTAMENTO DI FINE RAPPORTO O DI LAVORO SUBORDINATO</u></b>	<b>€ -</b>	<b>€ -</b>
<b><u>D) DEBITI</u></b>	<b>€ 4.913,66</b>	<b>€ 5.059,41</b>
Debiti verso fornitori		
Debiti tributari	€ 384,49	
Altri debiti	€ 4.529,17	€ 5.059,41
<b><u>E) RATEI E RISCONTI PASSIVI</u></b>	<b>€ -</b>	<b>€ -</b>
Ratei passivi		
Risconti passivi		
<b>Totale Passivita'</b>	<b>€ 122.983,15</b>	<b>€ 49.345,49</b>

RENDICONTO GESTIONALE AL 31/12/2019					
	2019	2018		2019	2018
<b>COSTI E ONERI TOTALI</b>	€ 177.283,52	€ 149.917,46	<b>VALORE DELLE RISORSE TOTALI</b>	€ 173.707,16	€ 146.982,95
<b>1) Oneri da Attività Tipica</b>	€ 164.676,03	€ 134.453,28	<b>1) Proventi da Attività Tipica</b>	€ 173.704,68	€ 146.942,34
Acquisti	€ 2.312,67	€ 284,20	Contributi da privati	€ 19.400,50	€ 10.588,20
Servizi	€ 149.065,66	€ 126.409,14	Contributi da Enti pubblici	€ 111.009,86	€ 10.281,07
Oneri diversi di gestione	€ 26,00	€ 4,00	Contributi da Associazioni e Enti privati	€ 101.324,74	€ 76.046,26
Sopravvenienze passive	€ -	€ -	<b>Variazioni rimanenze progetti in corso</b>	-€ 88.505,55	€ 45.026,81
Ammortamenti	€ -	€ -	<i>Variaz. rimanenze finali prog.in corso</i>	-€ 109.719,70	-€ 26.547,06
<i>Sedi estere New Humanity</i>	€ 3.271,70	€ 2.755,94	<i>Variaz. rimanenze iniziali prog.in corso</i>	€ 21.214,15	€ 71.573,87
<i>Ginevra ONU</i>	€ 2.749,99	€ 1.691,34	<b>Utilizzo contributi per costi diretti</b>	€ 20.475,13	€ -
<i>Parigi UNESCO</i>	€ 521,71	€ 1.064,60	<b>Lavoro benevolo</b>	€ 10.000,00	€ 5.000,00
<b>Lavoro benevolo</b>	€ 10.000,00	€ 5.000,00			
<b>2) Oneri promozionali di Raccolta Fondi</b>	€ -	€ -	<b>2) Proventi da Raccolta Fondi</b>	€ -	€ -
<b>3) Oneri Finanziari e Patrimoniali</b>	€ 16,90	€ -	<b>3) Proventi Finanziari e Patrimoniali</b>	€ 2,48	€ 40,61
<b>4) Oneri Straordinari</b>	€ -	€ -	<b>4) Proventi Straordinari</b>	€ -	€ -
<b>5) Oneri di supporto generale</b>	€ 11.967,59	€ 15.464,18			
Acquisti	€ 437,96	€ -			
Servizi	€ 9.349,43	€ 7.158,18			
Collaboratori e consulenti	€ -	€ -			
Oneri diversi di gestione	€ 922,57	€ 7.354,00			
Sopravvenienze passive	€ -	€ 952,00			
ammortamenti	€ 1.257,63	€ -			
<b>RISULTATO GESTIONALE ANTE IMPOSTE</b>	€ 186.660,52	€ 154.917,46			
Imposta IRAP	€ 623,00	€ -			
<b>RISULTATO GESTIONALE NETTO</b>	-€ 3.576,36	-€ 2.934,51			

# Main Activities of New Humanity during the year 2019



## New Humanity among the promoters of the Pact for a New Governance



**17-20 January 2019, Mariapolis Center, Castel Gandolfo (Rome)**

### **Co-Governance: Mutual responsibility in cities today**

Organized by the International Movement New Humanity, the Movement of Politics & Policy for Unity and the Cities for Fraternity, in partnership with New Humanity, a four-day gathering to exchange projects and to network a style of city governance and coexistence that is both sustainable and interdependent.

Conference webpage: <https://www.co-governance.org/>

About **400 administrators, citizens, economists and experts from all over the world met** to exchange ideas in the **most important challenges of today's cities**: from city planning to corruption, from full citizenship for all to respect for the environment and climate change, up to the digital world and networking between cities. At the end of the conference, the 400 participants signed the "Pact for a new governance: a network of cities"

## A Company of the Economy of Communion presented its experience at the U.N. Civil Society Forum



**15 February 2019, New York**

**Paul Catipon**, President and CEO of Netpro Communications Inc., presented the experience of his company and of the Economy of Communion, at the International Forum for Social Development at the United Nations.

### **Watch Paul Catipon's intervention**

The Economy of Communion (EoC) involves entrepreneurs, workers, managers, consumers, savers, citizens, scholars, economic operators — all committed, at various levels, to promoting an economic culture and practices based on communion, gratuity and reciprocity, by proposing and living a lifestyle alternative to the dominant one in the capitalist system. It reflects the vision of New Humanity in the economic field.

**Netpro**, a US-based communications and security systems company, has taken inspiration from the Economy of Communion principles of relationship and reciprocity since it was

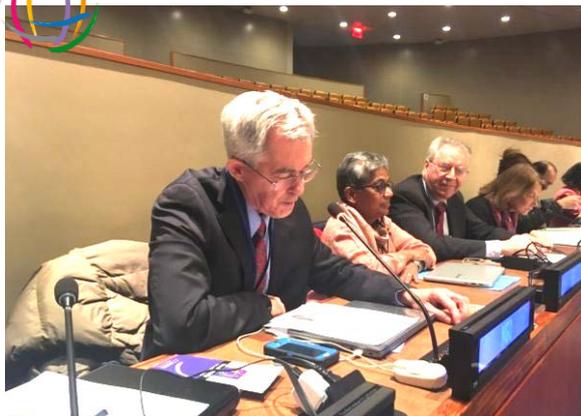
founded nine years ago. “Based on those values – Paul Catipon said during his speech – during the 2012 recession I hired a few people who couldn’t find work (...) That opportunity was the springboard for them to contribute to the development of our company in a surprisingly innovative way.”

**The Civil Society Forum** was planned by the NGO Committee on Social Development, with the purpose to create an inclusive dialogue and foster cooperation between Member States, Civil Society and the United Nations, and to unify them behind a common vision in furtherance of the Sustainable Development Goals. The New Humanity intervention was particularly appreciated, as it brought into the debate the contribution of a protagonist from the private sector.

(Photos by <http://webtv.un.org>)



## New Humanity offers a reflection on Freedom and Economy at the U.N. Commission for Social Development



**19 February 2019, New York**

**The good of each human person is a precondition for the good of everyone**

*The 57th session of the Commission for Social Development (11-21 February 2019) was the opportunity for the international NGO New Humanity to present some good practices and experiences carried out by the members of the Focolare Movement on the theme of economic and social freedom.*

**The Golden Rule.** Joe Klock, head representative of the NGO in New York, presented the Economy of Communion project, where more than 800 companies worldwide are committed to putting into practice the Golden Rule contained in the Gospel and in many others sacred and philosophical texts: “Do to others what you would like done to you”. In his speech, Mr. Klock pointed out how New Humanity recommends that the UN Commission on Social Development apply the Golden Rule in a conscious manner in all its deliberations.

“**The good of each human person is a precondition for the good of everyone**”. After sharing a reflection on the topic by the late **Igino Giordani**, a member of the Italian Parliament and member of the Focolare Movement, the New Humanity representative concluded with these words: “Freedom from poverty is both an individual good and a social good. The Golden Rule gives clear guidance for individuals, institutions, and nations to achieve economic freedom and every freedom.”

[Watch the video of the remarks](#)

[Download the remarks](#)

## Prometeo Project and New York Internship



### **New York, January – May 2019**

Four young people from New Humanity were able to spend four intense months of internship at the United Nations headquarters in New York. Two of these youth were chosen from the international call of the Prometeo World UNO 2019 project, launched in cooperation between New Humanity and the Mario Diana Onlus Foundation (see 2018

Annual Report). The internship purpose was to participate in events, meetings and side events of the United Nations and the various ECOSOC commissions including those on social development, women, migration, young people, population development, etc.

In the great variety of encounters, possibilities and interests that the United Nations offer, it was a question of understanding first of all where to commit oneself, to get to know “from within”, and personally, the work - sometimes widespread and not always well understood - of the multiple aspects of the UN, and building a network of relationships with representatives of other NGOs, Ambassadors and Ministers. Particularly important were the meetings with representatives of the “World Youth Alliance”, an advocacy organization at the United Nations, and with the representative of Caritas International; getting to know the international relations of the World Bank, and the work of the Holy See through its Permanent Mission to the UN: all fruitful opportunities for contacts and above all for personal and professional growth.

The young people also worked together with others for the preparation of the conference on “**Economy, Work and Communion**” of the 2019 United World Week, held in Hyde Park (NY) with participants from various nations of the world. The event was the first stage of the six-year journey of “**Pathways for a United World**”, a strategy of micro and macro initiatives to renew the structures of society by following “paths” that can lead to the united world, to fraternity and reciprocity.

## “Breaking Rays”: find all the videos that the young people involved in the project made!



The Project “Breaking Rays” is completed and it’s the moment to show what the young people involved in the project accomplished.

So far, they put together more than 50 videos to give visibility to the needs of local communities in different areas of the world, in a way that gives space and value to citizens’ participation while developing new professional skills in reporting and sharing news.

**Here are the reports made so far:**

<http://www.new-humanity.org/projects/breaking-rays/breaking-rays-scopri-tutti-i-video-realizzati-dai-giovani-inviati-per-il-cambiamento/>

## AMU (Azione per un Mondo Unito) presented to FAO its experience on the Right to Water



Rome, 26 March 2019

### World Water Day

For the 2019 World Water Day, **Azione Mondo Unito** (AMU) – a partner organization of New Humanity – was invited to FAO to talk about its experience in the daily challenge to see the right to water recognized in a concrete and substantial way, through free, widespread and safe access.

During the day, which saw representatives of different nations and NGOs engaged in applying the slogan chosen for this year "Nobody left behind", several speakers were asked a few questions. For AMU, Francesco Tortorella, Project Manager, spoke about our point of view, thanks to the **experience gained also with Casobu**, an NGO partner of AMU and New Humanity, in the projects in Burundi, many of which related to access to drinking water.

[Read more on the AMU website](#)

## 2019 New Humanity Assembly: open dialogue on our work for a new humanity



6-7 April, Grottaferrata (Rome)

As a follow-up to the [conference on Co-Governance](#) co-organized by New Humanity last January, this year's Assembly included an afternoon of reflection with Fanny Bava and Luca Moser, directors of the [New Humanity International Movement](#) (part of the New Humanity network), and Mario Tancredi, responsible, with

Silvia Cataldi, for the **Dialogue with Contemporary Culture** in the [Focolare Movement](#).

**2020 Strategy.** The meeting also gave the opportunity to review the progress on the implementation of the New Humanity strategy, especially the promotion of a **Sustainable Development**, of the full protection of all **Human Rights** and **Education to the culture of peace** at international level, in the New Humanity offices in Rome, New York, Paris and Geneva. The sharing and reflection highlighted the main challenges that the NGO is facing this year, as well as the initiatives that New Humanity is promoting in order to meet them.

- **Fighting hunger in the world.** Since last year, New Humanity and **Teens for Unity Movement** have been collaborating on the FAO [Zero Hunger initiative](#). Thousands of children and teenagers from all over the world who are members of the Movement participate in awareness and commitment programs on how to reduce food waste. New initiatives are being studied for the current year.

- **Migration and Human Rights.** New Humanity is continuing its commitment to promote the respect for **all fundamental rights of the human person** – with priority for the weakest and the migrants – and the collaboration with the [NGO Committee on Migration](#) that recently highlighted the New Humanity **Host-Spot Project** among the good practices mentioned in the report on “Policies, practices and partnerships to promote the implementation of the global agreement on migrations”.
- **The Youth and Africa.** New Humanity continues to give great priority to the involvement of young people in international decision-making processes, with particular attention to the African continent. A series of initiatives are being studied, with the involvement of the young people of New Humanity in view of the UNESCO 2020 Forum on global citizenship and on peace. Another project that is receiving an increasingly great international support and attention is **Together for a New Africa - Back to Africa**, promoted by some young African leaders.

The members of the General Assembly also submitted the **2018 Activity Report** and **planned the future activities together**.

[Download here the 2018 Activity Report of New Humanity](#)

During the Assembly, **Marco Aquini**, a historic pioneer of New Humanity who left us on 4 January 2019, was remembered in a special way. The Assembly also welcomed some representatives from **Brussels**, who are exploring ways of sharing the priorities and inspiring principles of the Focolare and New Humanity in the European institutions’ environment.

## Youth of New Humanity learn about Human Rights at the Palace of Nations in Geneva



### **9 April 2019, Palace of Nations (Geneva - Switzerland)**

On April 9, 2019 the New Humanity delegation in Geneva organized a Conference, together with the other [Catholic Inspired NGOs](#) present at the United Nations in Geneva, to present the International System of Human Rights and the role of the Holy See and the Catholic Inspired NGOs to

a group of fifty [young people of New Humanity](#) from about 20 countries around the world.

As in the previous years, the event offered the opportunity **to show the commitment and action of New Humanity**, as well as of the other Catholic-inspired NGOs and the Holy See at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, to young people of the [Focolare Movement](#) (from which New Humanity draws its principles and inspiration) who are at the [International Center of Montet](#), Switzerland, for a period of formation and study.

Read the articles from the previous years:

[2015 – Geneva: The Youngsters of N.H. Explore the System of Human Rights and the Role at the UN of the Catholic Inspired NGOs](#)

[2014 – Geneva: Human Rights and Social Doctrine at the United Nations Palace](#)

[2012 – Geneva: Extracts from the conference: “The Role of Non-governmental Organizations in Development”](#)

[2011 – Geneva: Young students from N. H. examine the “International System of Human Right”](#)

## **The Focolare Movement launches the campaign “Europe, Time for Dialogue” in view of the 2019 European elections**



**30 April 2019**

### **2019 European Elections**

From 23 to 26 May, the EU citizens were called to elect the new the European Parliament.

In such an important moment for the old Continent, the [Focolare Movement](#), of which New Humanity is an expression in international institutions, launched the “**Europe, time for dialogue**” campaign to propose the

reasons for **unity** and advance **solidarity** in the political debate in view of the future of Europe.

## **New Humanity offers its vision on Minors and Cyber Space at the U.N. Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC)**



**May 2019**

New Humanity shared its vision on the topic of children’s rights in relations to the digital environment, in order to contribute to the [General Comment](#) that the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child is writing on this topic.

As expressed by prof. Juan Garcia Gutierrez, a New Humanity expert in this area, the NGO of

the Focolare Movement believes that the protection and promotion of children’s rights with respect to the digital space should be a shared responsibility among families, educators and public and legislative institutions, and it should follow a human right-based approach.

Here are the top priority issues for New Humanity:

- Considering the **right of access to the Internet**, including its neutrality, **as a right of its own**, is particularly valuable to guarantee other rights to children and young people, such as the right to education or freedom of expression;
- **Reflect on the scope of children’s right to play and to free time**, and its translation into the digital world;

- **Promote a permanent education in the technological field**, as a digital competence that covers pedagogically the various levels of use and meaning in a unified way.

[Download the full text of the contribution offered by New Humanity \(Spanish\)](#)

## New Humanity proposes “Co-Governance” as a model of local policies for Human Rights Protection



**14 June 2019, Palace of Nations (Geneva - Switzerland)**

On the occasion of a seminar on the topic organized by the UN Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva, **Prof. Esther Salamanca**, a New Humanity expert in the field of Human Rights, presented the experience of [“Co-Governance”](#) as a good local practice of sound policies for the

promotion and protection of human rights.

From 17 to 20 January 2019, New Humanity, together with several partner and associated organizations, had organized four days of debate and discussion on city governance, networking and on learning models of sustainability and coexistence. In her speech, Prof. Salamanca underlined the innovative strength of the project and the relevance of the **“Pact for a new governance: network of cities”** that the 400 participants signed at the end of the conference.

Echoing the speech by Dr. Salamanca, some speakers said they shared the idea that the local dimension of good governance is fundamental for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and that, in their view, cities play an essential role in protecting human rights.

“I also appreciated the fact that the speeches of other speakers, Prof. Salamanca noted, emphasized that the Goals for Sustainable Development propose concepts dear to New Humanity, such as cooperation and dialogue “No One Left Behind”, and the priority towards the least and the most marginalized”.



The event was also attended by dr. Jorge M. Dias Ferreira, main representative of [New Humanity in Geneva](#). Several representatives of Catholic-inspired NGOs active at the Human Rights Council also appreciated New Humanity’s intervention and shared their intention to continue collaborating on the subject.

**Event site**

## New Humanity brings up the challenge of Climate Change at the 41st Human Rights Council



26 June 2019, Palace of Nations (Geneva - Switzerland)

Conference “Climate Change: It is happening here, it is happening now”

As a contribution to the 41st ordinary session of the United Nations Human Rights Council, New Humanity co-organized the conference “Climate Change: It is happening

here, it is happening now” together with the Permanent Mission of the Philippines, the NGO APG23 and other partner organizations of the Forum of Catholic-inspired NGOs in Geneva.

**Dr. Jorge M. Dias Ferreira**, main representative of New Humanity in Geneva, contributed to the debate with a reflection inspired to Pope Francis’s encyclical “Laudato Si”. It underlined how the deterioration of the environmental heritage is deeply connected to the deterioration of the human and ethical heritage.

**Dr. Ferreira proposed** the creation of a regulatory system that effectively respects the human person and his or her living environment, while at the same time setting clear limits aimed at ensuring the protection of eco-systems before new technological and economic models of power may eliminate not only a sound environmental and social policy, but also freedom and justice for all.

## New Humanity and “Education for Unity” experts study possible synergies in the field of Pedagogy of Communion



29-30 June 2019, Sophia University Institute, Loppiano

Seminar on “Pedagogy of Communion for an Identity-World”

Prof. Pierre Benoit, a New Humanity expert in the field of education, offered his remarks at the seminar “Pedagogy of Communion for an Identity-World. Paths of reality/utopia”, which was co-organized by Education for Unity (EdU) Network and other internationally recognized associations and institutions. The event was an opportunity to present to education experts the activities that New Humanity carries out at an international level in the field of education, in order to study possible synergies and common initiatives between the New Humanity NGO and Education for Unity

**Education for Unity**, the main promoter of the conference, is the branch of New Humanity in the field of pedagogy and education.

## New Humanity takes part in the debate on the Role of Interreligious Collaboration to ensure Inclusion and Equality



**15 July 2019, Center for Social Justice, New York**  
**"Kofi Annan" Annual Information Meeting on the Faith.**

On behalf of Fordham University and the Focolare Movement, Professor Ana Renata Dias offered her contribution at the opening of the 2019 edition of the Annual Information Meeting on Faith dedicated to Kofi Annan.

The conference was entitled "Empowering humanity and ensuring inclusion and equality: the role of the UN and interreligious collaboration" and was organized by the United Nations' Inter-religious Consultative Committee.

### [More information](#)

Since September 2019, New Humanity, represented by Dr. Maddalena Maltese, has become a member of United Nations Multi-Faith Advisory Council (AC). The Council is composed of representatives of the UN's top global faith-based partners. The AC is committed to "uphold multilateralism and international human rights through multi-faith collaboration around/for Agenda 2030". The representatives of the FBOs were selected according to nominations from across the UN system entities members of the UN Interagency Task Force. To date, each major faith tradition is represented on the Council.

## New Humanity's young United World Ambassadors are protagonists at UNESCO



**Paris, 2-7 September 2019**

**A School to Become United World Ambassadors.**

*At the Mariapolis in Arny, 35km south of Paris, the first "Ambassadors of a United World" course was held from 2-7 September. There were 16 young people from 15 countries who participated.*

The goal was to strengthen the expertise of a group of young change makers, peace builders and community leaders, training them in the culture of unity, peace and fraternity, in order for them to become true "ambassadors" of a united world, capable of being spokespeople for the NGO nationally and internationally. The 16 who participated were from **Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon, Colombia, South Korea, Ecuador, the Philippines, Iraq, Italy, Lebanon, Mexico, Nigeria, Spain and the U.S.**

The week included a series of lectures, sharing of experiences and debates on topics facilitated by various representatives of New Humanity (including the main representatives of the NGO in Paris and Geneva). Each “Ambassador” had the opportunity to learn from other NGOs such as MIEC, AISA and IDC, and present to them New Humanity’s main goal and its project.

In the morning of 5<sup>th</sup> September, the young ambassadors were welcomed by UNESCO officials from the humanities and social sciences (youth branch) and the education sector (global citizenship and culture of peace).

In the afternoon, each young person was given the possibility of personally meeting the UNESCO delegate from their country and express their vision regarding the huge challenges of peace, the environment and fraternity.



During the training course, the young people also had the opportunity to meet and speak with **Monsignor Follo**, a permanent observer to the Holy See, and **Marie Claude Machon, Philippe Beaussant and Patrick Gallaud**, who are the president, vice president and ex-president respectively of the liaison committee between NGOs and UNESCO.

At the end of the week, the young people worked on defining an action plan for the New Humanity “United World Ambassadors” program that will see them as protagonists in continuing to promote their shared ideal of universal fraternity both at an international level and in their respective countries.

## Take part in the national call: “A City is not Enough. Chiara Lubich Citizen of the World”



### September 2019

As part of the celebrations for the centenary of Chiara Lubich’s birth (Trento 1920 - Rocca di Papa 2008), the Chiara Lubich Center and New Humanity in collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR) organized a **national competition for schools 2019-2020** “A city is not enough”. *Chiara Lubich citizen of the world.*

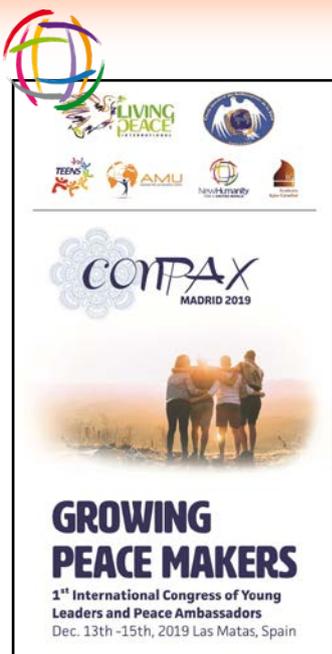
The competition is aimed at all students of secondary schools of first and second grade, who can participate with full expressive autonomy in the initiative, individually, in groups or by classes, through the creation of a project by choosing one of the following thematic areas:

- Chiara Lubich and the Second World War [Italy space]
- Chiara Lubich and the collapse of the Berlin Wall [Europe space]
- Chiara Lubich, “citizen of the world” [world space]
- Narration of good practices originated by the study of Chiara Lubich's writings and thoughts [story of personal experiences on the “culture of giving”].

The chosen theme can be developed through a written paper (short essay, journalistic article, poetry, etc.) or a multimedia work.

The objective of the competition is to transmit to and nurture in the new generations active paths of peace and brotherhood between cultures, languages, religions and different peoples, developing the spirit of initiative. By making Chiara Lubich known as a significant protagonist of the Italian and European twentieth century history, the projects will also deepen her specific charism of unity, which has reached all peoples in the various continents, and explore her dream: "a united world".

## Congress of Youth Leaders and Peace Ambassadors



Las Matas, Madrid, 13-15 December 2019

### **First International Congress of Young Leaders and Ambassadors of Peace "Growing Peace Makers"**

For the Living Peace project, promoted and supported by the Action for a United World Association - AMU, Teens4 Unity and New Humanity, it was the most important international event of the year. Three days of training were offered to young people committed to promoting peace. The congress was divided into three parts: peace with oneself, with the other and with the world. About 200 people from 29 countries were present, from Latin America, Africa, Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

The Congress is part of the "Pathways - Human Rights, Peace, Legality and Justice" proposed by the Youth for a United World Movement.

## FAO and New Humanity: working together for the good of humanity



Rome (Italy), FAO Headquarters, 19 December 2019

### **Partnership agreement signed between FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations) and New Humanity.**

@FAO/Giulio Napolitano.

This agreement reinforces collaboration that has already begun: it is a document that confirms our common commitment to eradicate hunger and poverty from our planet. This is the meaning of the partnership agreement signed on December 19<sup>th</sup> in Rome between FAO, the largest UN agency dealing with food and agriculture, and New Humanity. The aim of the agreement is to promote, especially among younger generations, actions, activities and initiatives to implement the Zero Hunger project, according to the objectives of the UN Agenda 2030 for sustainable development.

The collaboration between FAO and New Humanity started some time ago. In response to FAO's invitation to young people to support and commit to Zero Hunger, many initiatives have begun. A group made up of young people from 11 countries has drawn up the Youth4Unity for Zero Hunger "[Charter of Commitment](#)"



A book for young people aged 12 – 14 years was recently produced thanks to the joint efforts of the FAO and New Humanity. Its title is "Generation #Zero Hunger: Teens on the Road to a World without Hunger". A copy was given to Dr. Yasmina Bouziane, Director of FAO's Office for Institutional Communication.

### MilONGa: 2019 ends in style



The international volunteer project [MilONGa](#) closes its third year of life in continuous expansion and attracting many young people from different parts of the world: more than one hundred, in fact, are the young people registered on the project platform and in 2019 thirty have completed or are serving in social organizations in Latin America, Europe, the Middle East and Africa, and another 20 are preparing for 2020.

One of the objectives proposed for this year was to improve the quality of the program. In this sense, we have undertaken some actions, such as the consolidation of "pre-departure" training spaces for volunteers from Hispanic America and Brazil.

Work was also done to improve the relationship with the local communities around social organizations, to understand the very important role of the "**MilONGa families**", who host volunteers during their period of service.

Important was also **the accreditation of MilONGa** to the international volunteering program - "European Solidarity Corps" at the European Union. This not only means that **MilONGa** meets the standards of volunteering at European level, but opens the doors for many other young people to experience volunteering in social organizations that are **MilONGa** partners.



**The developments of 2019 confirm that MilONGa is an answer**, an increasingly attractive alternative for many young people who want to act, who want to contribute to the construction of a different world. This in turn urges us to work harder in 2020 because ... *changing the world is in your hands.*

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**If you would like to know us better:**

Youth for a United World: <http://y4uw.org/> - <http://y4uw.org/peace/in-time-for-peace/>

Teens for Unity Association: <http://www.teens4unity.org/>

United World Project: <http://www.unitedworldproject.org/>

Azione per un Mondo Unito Onlus AMU: <http://www.amu-it.eu/?lang=it>

Associazione Azione per Famiglie Nuove Onlus AFN: <https://www.afnonlus.org/>

Living Peace International: <http://www.livingpeaceinternational.org/en/>

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