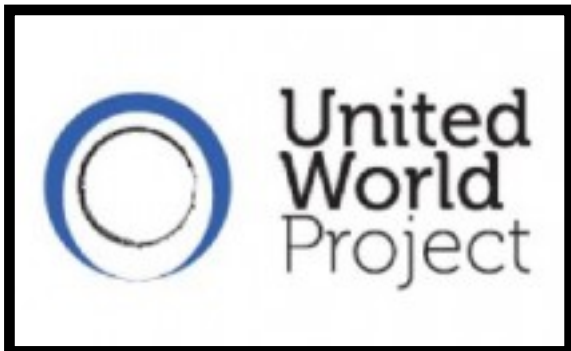


Genfest and United World Project

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In Budapest a Permanent Observatory will be launched on universal brotherhood



The Genfest 2012 in Budapest, from 31 August to 2 September, will be the occasion for the launch of the United World Project; a project to give life to a permanent Observatory on the impact of fraternity, “the forgotten principle” of modern history, in individual and collective choices.

The project was conceived and developed by the young people of the Focolare, and is open to collaborating with other youth associations and international networks, also of other faiths and cultures.

There are three phases to the United World Project: Network, Watch, Workshop.

* **United World Network:** the forming of a network of young people in the whole world who will be asked to personally commit, with their signature, in promoting the “golden rule;” do to others as you would want done to you.

* **United World Watch:** the constitution of an international permanent Observatory to examine activities and initiatives which in fact are done in order to generate an “increase in fraternity.” In addition, the Observatory will also promote “the category of fraternity” through specific cultural initiatives.

* **United World Workshop:** the request to the UN to recognize the international interest in the World Unity Week, confirming and expanding even more the annual appointment that for over 15 years the Youth of the Focolare – together with many others – have been committed to, in order to give voice to universal brotherhood.

The first phase of the project will begin during the Genfest and will take place at the beginning of the next World Unity Week, on May 1, 2013, when the permanent Observatory will be officially inaugurated. Instead the process of recognition by the UN has already begun.

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