

Virtues In Movement
Mobilising Our Conscience



Our 'Virtual Campfire' Programme

Virtues in Movement: *Mobilising Our Conscience*
30th & 31st January, 2021: 9.30 am to 1.30 pm (IST)

Zoom Meeting at

- *Programme 1: 30th January 2021*
<https://zoom.us/j/99425429485?pwd=WEdPeHEyS3lySEV2ZVcyWFJnWWFVdz09>
Meeting ID: 994 2542 9485: Passcode: 555666
 - *Programme 2: 31st January 2021*
<https://zoom.us/j/93429047193?pwd=T2hGSkRVZkFISTZVRXpVN2syUWRnZz09>
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A virtual event organised by *Xavier Centre for New Humanities and Compassion Studies, Xavier University Bhubaneswar, India, Indian Social Institute, New Delhi India, and Loyola Institute for Peace and International Relations, Kochi, India*. This event is based on reflections captured in [47 short video contributions from 12 countries](#) (as of December 2020) covering, directly or indirectly, vices, virtues, values and the search for meaning and relevance. They capture 'a slice' of the contributor's journey, struggles, challenges, analyses lessons learnt and actions taken.

You Are Cordially Invited



Background

The campfire covers 3 streams: (i) *“Raising Concerns”* led by student/young persons, (ii) *“Heart to Heart Exchanges”* led by filmmakers and artists and (iii) *“Critical Conversations”* led by public intellectuals, teachers, and community elders.

The *Virtues in Movement* (VIM) Initiative is focused on “Mobilising Our Conscience”. We understand that ‘conscience’ is a complicated, contested reality. But we do not want to shy away from it but actively engage with it. In addressing our individual and collective conscience, VIM is, in a small way, exploring vices, virtues, values and the search for meaning and relevance in a world where ‘being good or grateful’ is very confusing, challenging and often difficult.

We have raised some ‘simple questions’ to guide this initiative. We hope to learn lessons from personal journeys of struggles, contradictions, compromises, rationalisations, analyses, and triumphs.

Our Queries and Concerns

1) “How come with so many religions, social and political philosophies, so many inspiring constitutions, international/global peace and well-being charters, vision-mission-values organisational documents, hundreds of universities, including faith-based ones, and thousands of courses, local and global events after events, and a growing number of research initiatives and reports after reports, etc, humanity is still in a big mess. Everything we want -- peace, inclusivity and compassion -- are so far from the reach of so many amongst us, including children? How come? What is that we are not getting right?”

2) “Why are ‘good people’ divided by politics, religion, ideology, caste, class, etc... and are explicitly or implicitly, individually or structurally, being cruel to, or hurting, one another?”

3) “Where do we look for answers? How do we create and disseminate democratic and diversity-sensitive narratives? Can we recover ‘narratives of conscience’ for peace, inclusivity and compassion? Do we look just at society (as in the ‘external’) or self (as in the ‘internal’), or both?” Or, should we just give up? What pathways of actions do we have? How do we act “good” in an environment of blatant “ungoodness”?



Programme I: 30th January (Saturday)

- MC: Sanghamitra Dubey and Nirmal Khadri
- Technical Support: Fr. Vivian Richard SJ and Deepak Pandiaraj

Time	Session	Who?
9.00		
9.30 to 10.00	Raising Concerns 1 Sharing. Reflections. Poetry Reading. Songs. Open	Students and Youths
10.05 – 10.35	Opening: Welcome	> <i>Prof. E.A. Augustine, SJ</i> , Registrar, Xavier University Bhubaneswar, India > <i>Dr. Denzil Fernandez, SJ</i> , Director, Indian Social Institute, New Delhi, India > <i>Dr. Binoy Pichalakkattu, SJ</i> , Director, Loyola Institute for Peace and International Relations, Kochi, India
	Welcome Note	Dr. Anwar Fazal , Malaysia; International Public Intellectual, Founder and Prime Mover of Many International Civil Society Movements and Networks, Right Livelihood Laureate (Alternative Nobel Prize Awardee)
10.40 to 10.45 am	Raising Concerns 2	Students/Youths
10.50 to 11.50 am	Critical Conversation 1: Living in a Broken World: <i>Is Living in Grace and Gratitude Possible in Today's World?</i>	> Dr. Marcus Bussey , University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia > Dr. Paul Martens , Baylor University, USA > Moderator: Dr. Dicky Sofjan , Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies, Indonesia (Additional Inputs from Prof. Joe De Mesa, Philippines)
11.55 am – 1.00 pm	Heart to Heart 1: Exchange with a Filmmaker	Ms. Mahi Ramakrishnan , Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; TO PARTICIPATE, please see documentary Bou (Bride) here
1.00 – 1.10 pm	Raising Concerns 3: Close	Students/Youths

Programme 2: 31th January (Sunday)

- MC: Sanghamitra Dubey and Nirmal Khadri
- Technical Support: Fr. Vivian Richards and Deepak Pandiaraj

Time	Session	Who?
9.00		
9.30 to 9.40	Raising Concerns 4 Sharing. Reflections. Poetry Reading. Songs.	Students and Youths
9.45 – 10.45	Critical Conversation 2: Living in a Broken World: <i>Should (or Can) We De-Mainstream University Education?</i>	> Prof. Henry D'Souza , University of Nebraska Omaha, USA, > Prof. Disha Nawani , Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India > Moderator: Prof. Avijit Pathak , Jawaharlal Nehru University, India (Additional conversational inputs from Prof. Amitesh Mukhopadhyay, Prof. Satyendra Mishra, and Prof. Surajit Mukhopadhyay, India & Prof. Mahazan, Malaysia)
10.50 -10.55 am	Raising Concerns 5	Students/Youths
11.00 to 12.00	Heart to Heart 2: Exchange with a Filmmaker	Kombai S. Anwar , Chennai, India TO PARTICIPATE: Please see documentary Yaadhum here
12.05 – 12.10	Raising Concerns 6	Students/Youth
12. 15 – 1.15 pm	Critical Conversation 3: Living in a Broken World: <i>Is Being Authentic Possible in Today's World?</i>	> Uday Khedkar , Founder & Director, Lifelong Learning, India > Prof. Sundar Sarukkai , Barefoot Philosophers, India > Moderator: Conrad Saldanha , Mentor, Educator, Author, India
1.20 – 1.30 pm	Raising Concern 7: Close	Students/Youth