



Dear Friends,

**We are pleased to invite your organization to apply for 3-5 places in the upcoming 9-Day Residential Nonviolent Communication Retreat at The EcoME Centre** in the Dead Sea region. EcoME is located in an area accessible to both Palestinians and Israelis without need of permits. It is a welcoming center for social and environmental sustainability across divides.

**The date of this historic training is December 29-January 7.**

This training is a unique opportunity for members of your organization to learn important communication, thinking, facilitation, listening, peacemaking, problem solving and strategizing skills.

This training also is a unique opportunity for members of your organization to learn side by side with Palestinians, Israelis and internationals, all of whom will live together for 9 days as equal partners in the project of creating a culture of nonviolence.

This training is also a wonderful opportunity for members of your organization to feel rejuvenated and supported in community, in the beauty of the desert, and in the experience of living and working with like minded dedicated partners from all over Israel and the West Bank as well as Europe and the United States.

**Please review the attached brochure for a brief introduction to Nonviolent Communication and how this training will support your organization and members.**

## **Application Procedure**

### **Who is invited to apply?**

We are looking for participants who are committed to nonviolence, to transforming conflicts into opportunities and to taking back what they have learned to their work and communities.

We will give priority to those who commit to full participation in all 9 days of training. We also will include some people who attend for less than the full retreat. If you would like to attend for only a few days, please let us know as soon as possible in the attached application.

**Cost**

**Firstly, we want to emphasize that NO ONE FROM THE MIDEAST WILL BE TURNED AWAY FROM THIS TRAINING BECAUSE OF LACK OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES.**

**Secondly**, we are asking participating organizations and individuals to do their best to contribute as much as possible toward the full cost of this training (Please review the attached brochure for exact amounts requested.) This is how we are raising the resources to include all participants who need scholarships.

**Application**

Please review the attached brochure, fill out the attached form and email to [info@steps2peace.com](mailto:info@steps2peace.com). We will notify you within one week if your application is accepted and send you the information about how to proceed to register.

**Space is limited!** Please apply as soon as possible to make sure you get the place and scholarship you want.

**Salaam Shalom Peace**

**The organizing committee**