

Five Key Principles:

Respect

Active listening

Dialogue Not Debate

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Oops! and Ouch!

“Truth is not born nor is it to be found inside the head of an individual person, it is born between collectively searching for truth, in the process of their dialogic interaction.”

Mikhail Bakhtin

“A dialogue is very important. It is a form of communication in which question and answer continue till a question is left without an answer.”

Jiddu Krishnamurti

“The United Nations was created in the belief that dialogue can triumph over discord, that diversity is a universal virtue and that the peoples of the world are far more united by their common fate than they are divided by their separate identities.”

Kofi Annan

“Dialogue is not some simplistic assertion of one’s own position, nor is it necessarily about persuading others to one’s point of view. Dialogue is about demonstrating respect for another’s life, and being determined to learn when confronted with differences in personality and perspective.”

Daisaku Ikeda

“Dialogue is used to build relationships among a wide group of actors. It can be a tool to build consensus among a group or to discuss divisive issues. It is also used to extend the reach and impact of a formal process through wider participation.”

Peace Insight

“A dialogue leads to connection, which leads to trust which leads to engagement.”

Seth Godin

“Dialogue cannot exist alone without humility.”

Paulo Freire

“In a true dialogue, both sides are willing to change. We have to appreciate that truth can be received from outside of – not only within – our own group. If we do not believe that, entering into dialogue would be a waste of time. If we think we monopolize the truth and we still organize a dialogue, it is not authentic.”

Thich Nhat Hanh

“The best way to solve problems and to fight against war is through dialogue.”

Malala Yousafzai