

Charter for Compassion values are summed up in the acronym TRUST. Further explanation of the acronym defines how the mission, vision and tagline of the Charter, "Connecting those who care," point to our ethical and philosophical beliefs and how we conduct ourselves in our work and service to the global community.

Teamwork

Work humbly together for personal and global transformation

Respect

Serve as a steward for the Earth and All Beings

Unity

Strive for justice, equity, diversity and inclusion

Service

Serve with compassion

Transparency

Be open and authentic Serve as a steward for the Earth and All Beings

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On February 28, 2008 acclaimed scholar and bestselling author Karen Armstrong received the TED Prize and made a wish — to help create, launch, and propagate a Charter for Compassion. After much work and the contribution of thousands of people the Charter was unveiled to the world on November 12, 2009. The Council of Conscience helped to formulate the Charter for Compassion document.

The Charter for Compassion inherits a confluence of contributions made by TED.com, the Compassionate Action Network, the Fetzer Institute, and many others. The Charter for Compassion provides an umbrella for people to engage in collaborative partnerships worldwide. Our mission is to bring to life the principles articulated in the Charter for Compassion through concrete, practical action in a myriad of sectors.

Vision

A transformed world where all life flourishes with compassion.

Mission

We support the emerging global movement of compassion to co-create transformation at all levels, by connecting, cultivating, and encouraging networks of compassionate action.

Learn more about the Charter for Compassion and its work by clicking on any of the boxes above.

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Spirituality

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Education + Wisdom

Environmental

Stewardship + Respect

Health + Compassion

Justice + Integrity

Play, Courage, +
Innovation

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