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WORLD VALUES DAY DOUBLES

This year [World Values Day](#) was celebrated for the second time – and the team organising this initiative **DOUBLED THE IMPACT** on last year! This is a very exciting recognition of just how significant well-chosen values are becoming in people’s everyday lives and as drivers of improvements for all types of organisations, be they families, schools, businesses, public services, governments or international bodies – and as a [partner of World Values Day](#), there has been a considerable global boost to the profile and work of the **Human Values Foundation**.

On 19th October, World Values Day itself, people in **99 countries** shared their values via **12,000 Tweets**. With these being re-tweeted to others, the **potential reach was over 45 million people on that day alone!**



Individuals displaying their chosen value

Congratulations to our Chair, Charles Fowler, who is on the Steering Committee of the UK Values Alliance, a key player in this stimulating, highly successful event. The sheer number of individuals and entities that took part is an extremely encouraging sign. We are very excited about the opportunities created for us to build on our connections with like-minded people and organisations throughout the world.

Our Values Stories Competition

In the run-up to World Values Day, we invited schools and others involved with children to send in short, values-themed stories by those aged 7 to 11. We are enormously grateful to our Trustee, [Ann Greenwood](#), and her assistants, who read all the imaginative and delightful entries submitted not only from the UK but also from India, Kuwait and Nigeria.

The stories will soon be short listed so that our distinguished panel of judges: [Professor Dame Alison Peacock](#), [Viv Grant](#) and [Lisa Croke](#), will be able to identify the winner, runner up and those whose work is highly recommended, all of whom will receive prizes in the form of book tokens for their schools. Just like last year, we plan to publish the best contributions, including some remarkable pictures sent in by even younger children, and make the booklet available free of charge on our website. (If you would like a hard copy of the 2016 booklet for £8 including postage in the UK, do get in touch with us.)

World Values Day Blogs

A series of blogs from guest writers was published on the WVD website as 19th October approached. There was a wide spectrum of topics including:

- [Development of Good Character Matters More than Passing Exams](#) by our **Education Advisor, Sir Anthony Seldon**
- [Closing the Values Gap](#) by our **Chair, Charles Fowler**
- [How does Values Literacy Enhance Young People's Life Proficiency?](#) by our **Chief Executive, Rosemary Dewan.**

PROGRESS SINCE OUR SPRING NEWSLETTER

Between the beginning of April 2017 and the end October 2017, another 23 schools took a copy of our [EDUCATION IN HUMAN VALUES](#) or [SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL EDUCATION](#) programmes for ages 4 to 11 and 12 to 14+ respectively. This translates into some 4,600 children now having the opportunity to benefit from engaging lessons designed to promote the long-term development and success of participants, nurturing their '*values fluency*' and thereby enabling them to build up confidence in making well considered, informed choices that will positively impact all aspects of their daily lives. With the growing number of teachers reporting concerns about their own health and wellbeing, the staff in these schools are also likely to notice that Values Education adds a sparkle to their endeavours, revitalising their love of teaching, improving their own lives and the quality and effectiveness of their work.

High quality education

Research into high quality education reveals that "*the best laid plans about the technical aspects of teaching are bound to fail unless the growth of the whole person – social, emotional, moral, spiritual and intellectual, is the pedagogical target*". It shows that these elements seem to be present where intellectual advancement and academic achievement are being maximised - and *this comprehensive, holistic approach to education is at the heart of our work.*

PREPARING YOUNG PEOPLE FOR LIFE

We believe passionately that prevention is better than cure and that it's easier to build strong children than it is to repair broken adults.

- Our aim is to profoundly enrich the lives and therefore the emotional wellbeing, levels of achievement, relationships, social competencies, personal qualities and life chances of children and young people, whatever their circumstances.
- To this end, we are continuing to advance the quality and effectiveness of our non-denominational, life-changing VALUES EDUCATION programmes. Their empowering approach to integrated, rounded development has the potential not only to benefit young citizens at all ages and stages in mainstream schools but also those who are in other places of learning and being assisted perhaps because they have special needs or are underachieving, disengaged from education or their communities, or are at risk of or already involved in crime.

Mindful of their duty now to be on the lookout for radicalisation, many headteachers are particularly delighted with the ways in which our materials promote harmony and reinforce their schools' core values while also embracing all children, irrespective of their backgrounds.

Increasingly Values Education is seen as highly relevant, improving the quality of life and providing hope and value itself in 3 main areas:

- **EDUCATIONAL VALUE** – for young children, teenagers, their teachers and parents or carers
- **SOCIAL VALUE** – bringing about transformative changes in individuals' thinking, behaviour and relationships, enhancing their own wellbeing and that of their schools, families and communities, and preparing them for life as responsible, motivated, engaged, global citizens
- **FINANCIAL VALUE** – helping to reduce the billions of pounds spent each year as a result of children's underachievement, personal difficulties, involvement in crime, poor mental and physical health, alcohol-related problems, substance abuse, anti-social behaviour, racial and religious disharmony, etc.

TES (Times Education Supplement: www.tes.co.uk)

We have made freely available on this website over 30 files about values education, including a sample "EHV" lesson plan, a sample "SEE" module and a briefing on bringing to life the so-called fundamental British that all schools must now actively promote. (The latter has been viewed over 11,000 times, downloaded almost 6,000 times and been given a 4.5/5 rating.) In all, these resources have been viewed over 38,600 times, an increase of over 8,000 during the past year.

MEET THE HVF TEAM – NEWLY APPOINTED TREASURER, VIJITHA MOHAN

We are delighted that Vijitha Mohan (shown here on the right) has agreed to become our new Honorary Treasurer. Viji has 15 years' experience as an accountant and finance manager. We also warmly welcome Anamika Maharaj, who will be assisting Viji. Our grateful thanks to Winkie Harrison for her years of conscientious work and for helping with a smooth handover.



We wish Viji and Anamika long and happy associations with the Human Values Foundation.

News about our Trustee, Erica Terblanche

Owing to her employer leaving the UK, our most recently appointed Trustee, [Erica Terblanche](#), has returned to South Africa but fortunately for us, today's technology means that she can remain an active Trustee of the Foundation. We wish Erica all the very best as she opens a new chapter in her life and we look forward to her promoting the work of the HVF in South Africa and other parts of the continent.

DONATIONS

One of the simplest ways of supporting our work is via the [DONATE NOW button](#) shown on the Home and the Help Us pages on our website.

Undoubtedly the HVF owes its continued existence to donations from those who recognise the enormous need for young children and teenagers to be able to learn about and consciously use life-enhancing values so that they can confidently make the most of their talents and abilities both during their school careers and subsequently. Please encourage your friends, family members, colleagues and others to visit our website and make a donation or become a subscriber so that the HVF can make further uplifting contributions to the quality of teaching and mentoring for young people. Together with our supporters we can help to make real differences to the rounded development of children, enabling them to do well and mature into fulfilled adults.

The annual subscription for Friends is £20. Can you help us attract Life members? Their one-off payment to the Foundation is £400, which, when Gift Aided, amounts to an uplift of £500 towards our endeavours.

We much appreciate each and every one of our kind supporters and all the more so in the current harsh financial climate. A number of donors wish to remain anonymous but we would like to express our gratitude to each of you for your wonderful generosity. We value enormously the annual subscriptions from our loyal Members and Friends and the encouraging donations we have received from Alyson Carter, Mike and Ruth David, Sheila Evered, Winkie Harrison, Iain Lee, Tim Lipscomb, Audrey Nightingale-Young, Mike Roberts, Penelope Sapiro, Tonia Silk, Geoff and Ann Steinberg and Polly Stone. A huge thank you also to Claims.co.uk and The Ammco Trust for your financial support that has helped to extend our work in primary schools.

Our project to refresh Education in Human Values

Your continued financial assistance is especially welcome to contribute towards the significant costs we are now facing as we embark upon updating and refreshing the EHV resource for learners aged from 4 to 11. Time has moved on since June Auton pioneered this programme to address the comprehensive needs of children throughout their primary school years. With your kindness we can continue to advance an enlightened, shared responsibility of families, schools, children themselves and communities to ensure the emerging generation feels well equipped to lead happy, healthy lives in schools where they feel safe, engaged, supported and challenged and in a world that is increasingly aware of the need for well-considered values to underpin its wellbeing and success.

Legacies - To extend our work even further, please would you consider making a bequest to the Human Values Foundation (Charity number 1048755) when drawing up your will. Your legacy will help to build a better world.

VOLUNTEERS

The dedication of our volunteers is amazing. They are the backbone of what we have been able to achieve during the past 22 years and what we look forward to accomplishing. We are enormously grateful to all of them for their excellent contributions. We would especially like to thank at this time, David Mullier and Sheila Evered for their time, expertise and generosity over many, many years.

AND FINALLY ...

THANK YOU all once again for your exceptional encouragement, work and practical assistance that enables us to provide a service that positively impacts an ever growing number of schoolchildren. Through the dedicated endeavours of their teachers and others using our programmes, hundreds of lives are being transformed and enriched. Your wonderful kindness is helping to make our work a reality that meets the needs of young people so that they feel happier about themselves, empowered with an understanding of values that really does make a difference to their lives, aspirations and wellbeing and the lives of those around them.

If you have any comments, suggestions or ideas about gaining sponsorship for our various projects or would like a supply of some of our short brochures about the EHV and SEE programmes (paper or pdf) for your friends, family members and others, please contact Rosemary Dewan at:

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*The Human Values Foundation team wishes you all a happy and peaceful winter,
with the Season's Greetings.*

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