Dear friends of Pashupatinath

Most welcome to the April edition of the grassroots green BK newsletter. We are happy to share good news, inspiration and ideas.

Looking ahead:
You are most welcome to the Green Retreat 2018 "Being with Nature" 12-16th July in Lisbon, Portugal. Invitation is attached.

Is your center located in the EU - you can arrange an EU Energy week program in May or June. Read more here or contact us. See previous years activity here.

Word Environment Day is 5th June. Host country this year is India and the theme is "Beat Plastic Pollution". You can register your activities here, and read more about what Brahma Kumaris did last year in India here.

Madhuban Green Day
It was fantastic to have a green day in the headquarters. You can read here about walks, outdoor concert, presentations, workshops and interviews. The theme was Emergency Preparedness.(see the blog).
During the NC CC meeting in February there was also an opportunity to invite everyone to solar site for tea, for Nature and Art workshop, plus service presentations in the plenary sessions.
During the World in Transition program in Dehli, there was also room for nature in the interviews, plus everyone did a standing meditation for Mother Earth. The Mind Maps (originally from Vietnam) were at display in the hall. Please enjoy your mind maps and learn how to go from your mind to sustainability (or reverse) Link still missing
Green Angel year in Thailand

Being Positive Animation (1 min.) - The first animation on the 10 ways to change the world is out! Thanks to brother Krishna in India. Anyone out there who would like to draft a concept for the rest of the 10 ways to change the world video clips? They can be used for presentations, inspiration etc.

Bangkok center has now done a new meditation video, Your Silence dedicated to the Green Angel Year.

Visit by Dr. Vandana Shiva in ORC
Indian scholar, environmental activist, food sovereignty advocate, and alter-globalization author Vandana Shiva participated in Womens Program at Om Shanti Retreat Center in Delhi. Read more (link missing still, will come)

Evaluation of COP23 from human rights and faith-based perspectives
Valeriane in Geneve is part of the work to evaluate and prepare for next COP24 in Poland, see report

UN World Water Day London
Sister Jaymini represented Brahma Kumaris at the House of Lords on Thursday 22nd March when she attended the UN World Water Day Celebrations. Hosted by Baroness McIntosh of Pickering, this event was organised by Sanskruti Centre in co-operation with Just a Drop, BPF, CIWM, DWI, and OneLess.

Low Carbon Living in Australia
The Leura centre is a member of the Low Carbon Living Program in the Blue Mountains, and was recently featured in their newsletter.

From Climate Outreach: Communicating climate with people of faith - Oxford
With 80% of the world’s population identifying with a faith, there is a need for climate communicators to better understand how to communicate with these audiences. For more on our work in this area, see our guide on how to communicate climate across the 5 major faiths. We are finalising details for this masterclass which will take place in Oxford at the end of April. In the meantime, do register your interest here to receive an email as soon as registration opens.

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