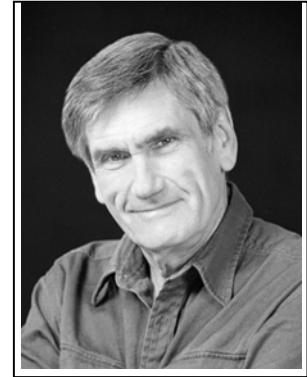


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Dr. Marshall B. Rosenberg is Founder and Director of Educational Services for the Center for Nonviolent Communication (CNVC).

Growing up in a turbulent Detroit neighborhood, Dr. Rosenberg developed a keen interest in conflict resolution and new forms of communication that would provide peaceful alternatives to the violence he encountered. His interest eventually led to graduate school at the University of Wisconsin, where he earned a Ph.D. in clinical psychology in 1961. But he was dissatisfied with the focus on pathology he saw there, which did not help him understand the very compassionate people he had known growing up. His subsequent study of comparative religion, and his own varied life experience, convinced him that human beings are not inherently violent and motivated him to develop the communication process he calls Nonviolent Communication (NVC).

Dr. Rosenberg first used NVC in federally funded projects to provide mediation and communication skills training to peacefully integrate schools and other public institutions during the 1960s. His work on these projects brought Dr. Rosenberg into contact with people in various U.S. cities who wanted to bring his training to their communities. To meet this need and to more effectively spread the process of NVC, he founded the Center for Nonviolent Communication (CNVC) in 1984.

Dr. Rosenberg's work has been steadily expanding since then and CNVC has grown into an international nonprofit organization working toward their vision of a world where everyone's needs are met peacefully and strengthening people's ability to compassionately connect with themselves and one another, share resources, and resolve conflicts. He and his associates now provide training in 30 countries in North and South America, Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. CNVC has over 100 certified trainers worldwide offering workshops for educators, counselors, health care providers, mediators, business managers, prison inmates and guards, police, military personnel, clergy, government officials and others.

NVC is a powerful process for inspiring compassionate connection and action that helps prevent and resolve conflicts at personal, professional, and political levels. NVC teaches us to fully and honestly express ourselves without any blame or criticism and to empathically connect with others, without hearing blame or criticism, even when others express themselves in anger or fear. Dr. Rosenberg has provided training and initiated conflict resolution programs in a number of war-torn areas including Rwanda, Burundi, Nigeria, Malaysia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Sierra Leone, the Middle East, Colombia, Serbia, Croatia, and Northern Ireland. In the former Yugoslavia, the CNVC team has trained tens of thousands of teachers and students and developed curriculum materials for use with children from kindergarten through high school. NVC has been officially recognized by the government of Israel and is now offered in many schools in that country.

Dr. Rosenberg's book, *Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life* (PuddleDancer Press, 2003) is the most complete written presentation of this process. The book has received endorsements from many in a wide variety of fields including: William Ury, Thomas Gordon, Arun Gandhi, Jack Canfield, Deepak Chopra, John Gray, and Vicki Robin. It has already been translated into 18 languages. Dr. Rosenberg is also the author of *Life-Enriching Education* (PuddleDancer Press, 2003), and other written and taped materials available through CNVC.

Currently based in Wasserfallenhof, Switzerland, Dr. Rosenberg teaches mainly in Europe and the U.S. He also travels regularly to Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America, to offer NVC training and conflict mediation. For more information about this work please contact CNVC's Executive Director, Gary Baran at: 818-957-9393 or by email at [GBaran@CNVC.org](mailto:GBaran@CNVC.org).

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