The air we breathe...

Each Voice | Every Community

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A composite picture by L’Arche with thanks to delegates Marie & Emmanuella from L’Arche Haiti for ‘holding’ a picture by members L’Arche Rome, Italy
Dear Community members:

Chasing today’s theme, time itself is flying through the air.

And – amazingly – that means IFA 2023 is already half-way through. By the way, do you need a brief moment of relaxation? Just watch the members of L’Arche in Palestine gently waving their brightly coloured cloths in the breeze!

But we still have some really important moments to share together: first the handover from Stephan and Stacy. And on day 5 -our Closing Celebration. So please do invite your friends – you still have time! NB: See message below about registering as a ‘Panellist’.

Edita is at the cutting edge of L’Arche’s mission to build an inclusive world.

Having now won her Court case means that she can take her own important decisions. This is a win not just for Edita, and not just for Lithuania, but for each person in our world without exception. Her win is our win. Thank you and Congratulations Edita and the Kaunas community for this major win.

“ I feel very happy that I will be able to vote in elections next year.”

Edita Daugėlaitė
Core member L’Arche Kaunas, Lithuania.

The wind in our sails.

“ L’Arche is going to be as good as we make it.”
L’Arche Calgary, Canada

“ The link to the outside world is very important for L’Arche and we are happy to see that in the Mandate.”
L’Arche Seneve France

“ I want to take responsibility. I want to be a leader. And if I become a leader I will give yellow T-Shirts to everybody.”
L’Arche Japan

“ It is a great privilege to be representing our community and contributing to the future of L’Arche.”
L’Arche Carrefour, Haiti

We want to see you!

Notice about the Closing Celebration

We will use the Zoom Webinar format so that everyone can join. This is different to the normal zoom format! So, please do two things:

1. When you connect, you can only change your name at the very beginning when you connect: So put the name of your community and your country.

2. When the meeting starts, tick the box which allows you to be a ‘Panellist’.

Every day, we highlight our Federation Assembly events as well as the glowing conversations and exchanges happening on our platforms.

Across the airwaves
How is your week going?

**Time:**
We have meetings from 2pm to 4pm every day to try out activities around the daily themes.

**Benon:**
Yesterday, we had games with water. Today we had fun with balloons, we flew kites. Not many had their balloons at the end.

What stands out for you in this Assembly?

**Benon:**
It’s been great making friends in the small group: we are pleased to have friends in Kolkata.

**Time:**
We’ve had fun connecting on the screens. Yesterday, we were surprised to hear that Stacy was asleep during one of our calls.

What are your plans for the closing ceremony?

**Benon:**
I didn’t realize that people are asleep in New Zealand when we are awake here.

**Time:**
We have invited our friends, supporters, and neighbours for the closing celebration on Saturday. We’ll start with a Karaoke before going into the celebration.

Invitations to the closing celebration?

**Marilena:**
Our community leader invited our friends, but I don’t think they will wake up at 4 am to join us. If they turn up, that would be great.

**Claire:**
Marilena is so proud and honored to be the delegate for her community.

**Claire and Marilena from L’Arche, New South Wales, Australia**

Laura and Andrea from Queretaro Mexico (below)

Looking forward to seeing...

**Laura:**
… seeing how people live together in Paris, side by side with the people of L’Arche.

**Andrea:**
We must learn to know each other, to listen to each other

**Laura:**
That we work together to build a happy life.

**Behind the scenes @ THE IFA 2023**

*HENRIETTE, student in "Innovation Entreprise & Society"…*

… has been a management and HR assistant at L’Arche since October 2022. What she loves: spending time with her family, sailing and and travelling the roads of France.
% of vote needed to pass | Voted YES | Voted NO | Voted | Didn’t vote
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### Tuesday 20th 01.00-23.59 UTC

1. **Vote on the Charter**
   - Needs a 2/3 majority
   - Voted: 288, 9, 178, 22
   - 97% 3% 89% 11%

### Wednesday 21st 01.00-23.59 UTC

2. **Vote on Report of the International Leaders**
   - Simple majority
   - Voted: 281, 2, 170, 30
   - 99% 1% 85% 15%

3. **Vote on report of the ISB chair**
   - Simple majority
   - Voted: 280, 1, 169, 31
   - 99% 1% 85% 15%

4. **Vote on the Finance report**
   - Simple majority
   - Voted: 282, 1, 170, 30
   - 99% 1% 85% 15%

### Thursday 22nd 01.00-23.59 UTC

5. **Vote on the Mandate**
   - Simple majority

6. **Vote on the Transition plan**
   - Simple majority

7. **Vote on the ISB Chair**
   - Needs a 2/3 majority

8. **Vote on the other ISB members**
   - Simple majority

9. **Ratification of the Federation Council**
   - Simple majority

Vote results will be published the day after the vote closes.

According to the Constitution of the International Federation of L’Arche Communities, each confirmed community has the right of one vote, which counts as two. Individual members (except pastoral ministers mandated by a country and Federation Council members) have the right to vote; it counts as one.