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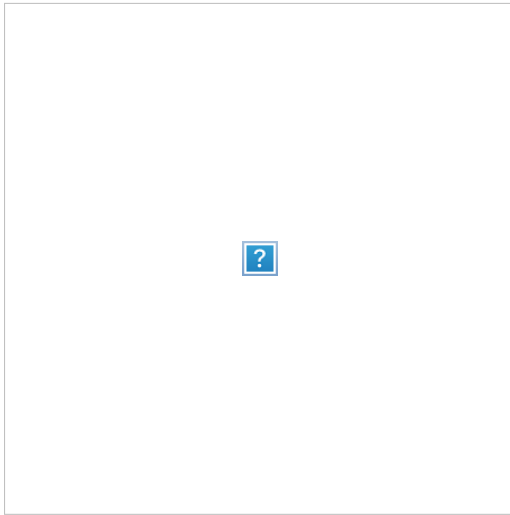


ATOP HUMANITARIAN WORK

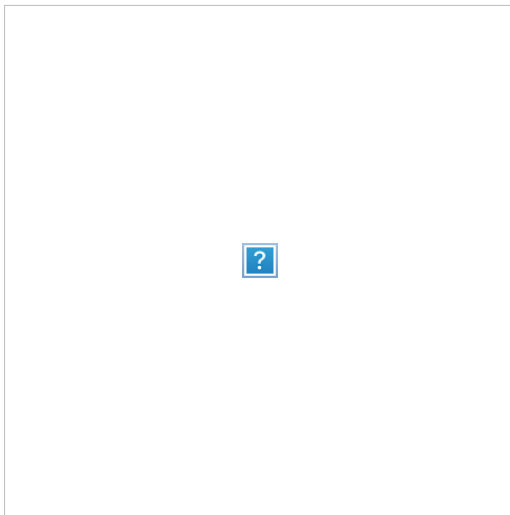


Mission to Congo

A. Kalayjian with Congo woman



A. Kalayjian and Congo children in therapy



Katerine Kaze in Haiti

7 Projects for a Healthy and Prosperous DR Congo

Congo Peace Building, Empowerment, and Forgiveness Projects

New York – Kigali, Rwanda and Bukavu, Congo – July 2011 – Dr Ani Kalayjian and D.Pressley

"The sky was overcast and the weather was hot as we arrived at the border of Congo after driving seven hours from Kigali in Rwanda, traversing the mountainous, debilitated roads, which made for a bumpy ride that shook us the whole way. Kigali was active with many construction projects underway; the Chinese have been fixing the roads, so it is all smooth and beautiful..."

Read about Congo mission: <http://ourvoicesscnewsletter.blogspot.com/2011/08/congo-peace-building-empowerment-and.html>

Watch "Rwanda to Congo" pictures:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nq5jNDcvjgg&feature=youtube_gdata_player.

Haiti Mission

January 12th, 2011 marked the one year anniversary of the devastating earthquake that struck the island nation of Haiti, killing 230,000 and destroying 70% of people's homes. ATOP Meaningfulworld has maintained a presence in Haiti since the initial disaster, visiting again in January to conduct follow-up training, healing, and research. Several months later, on June 23rd, 2011, Meaningfulworld Ambassador Katherine Kaze returned to Haiti on the organization's behalf to continue to perpetuate its teachings. The experience provided evidence that reconstruction is still ongoing, and many problems, both psychological and financial, remain to be solved.

For more pictures visit: http://www.meaningfulworld.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=60&Itemid=101



2 October, 2011 - NYSPA's Forensic Conference at Columbia University Faculty House.
http://www.nyspa.org/docs/flash/forensicsavedate10-2_001.pdf

8-9 December 2011 - 18th Human DHS Conference and the Seventh Workshop on Humiliation and Violent Conflict at Teachers College, Columbia University. <http://www.humiliationstudies.org/whoweare/annualmeeting18.php>

22-25 February 2012 - Society for Cross Cultural Research (SCCR). Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas NV.
<http://www.sccr.org> <http://rivierahotel.com>

26-29 April 2012 - Western Psychological Association (WPA). 92nd Annual Convention at Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport-Burlingame CA. <http://westernpsychological.org> <http://sanfranciscoairport.hyatt.com>

18 June 2011 Mind-Body-Eco-Spirit Health is a Basic Human Right: Each one Heal One and ceremony for Meaningfulworld Ambassadors

Youth Empowerment Program at Holy Martyrs Armenian Day School. <http://www.hmads.org>

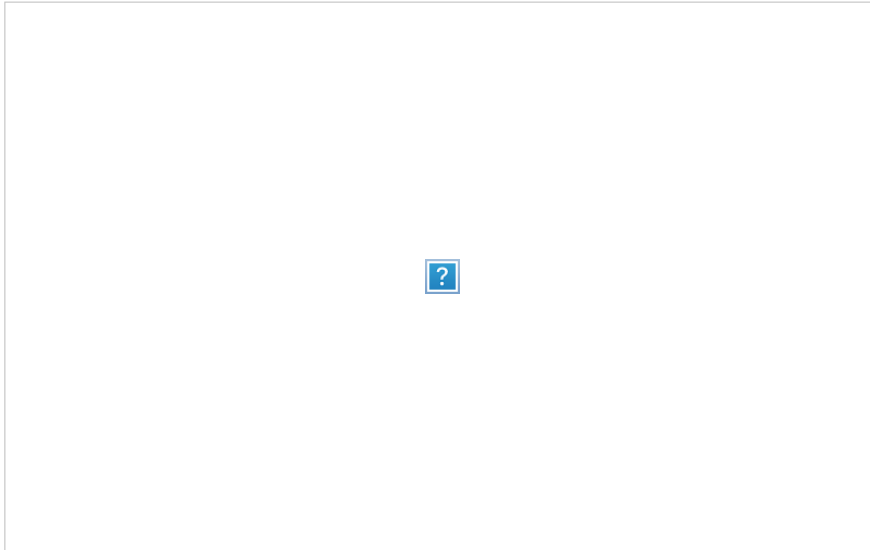


ATOP Representatives (first row): A. Rizutto, A. Kalayjian, J. De Mucci.

ACRPC News

ARMENIAN HUMAN RIGHTS SCHOOL IS 15 YEARS OLD

THE 16th ONE-YEAR HUMAN RIGHTS ADVANCED COURSE HAS STARTED



Graduates of AHRS with D. Boberg and N. Harutyunyan

On July 26, 2011 in the Educational-Cultural Centre of the Armenian Constitutional Right-Protective Centre (ACRPC) which is located in Vanadzor, Armenia the Armenian Human Rights School (AHRS) 16th advanced course has started.

On the opening ceremony, greeting speeches were made by Gevork Manoukian, ACRPC Chairman, A. Varderesyan, the Deputy Governor of Lori Region, V. Chuntulov, Human Rights Officer of the OSCE Yerevan office. A blessing speech was made by Vanadzor St. Narekatsi church priest Fr. Vahan Azaryan. A greeting speech of Silvia Zehe, the Head of the Council of Europe Office in Armenia was read.

30 teachers from 10 regions of Armenia, who teach “Social Sciences”, are invited to study in AHRS 16th course.

The course is organized by AHRS trainers’ team. During the course lecturers from the Assessment and Testing Centre of the Armenian government, the UNDP and UNICEF Armenian offices, the Armenian Childrens’ Protection Fund, the Save the Children Fund, the “Protection of Consumers’ Rights” NGO, the ICRC Delegation in Armenia are invited.

In parallel with the 16th course 1st session, the AHRS 15th course learners will take their exam at the end of their final 5 day session and on August 15 they will be handed over the certificates.

Spotlight on Interns

J. Wesley Beeks, Jr

Wesley joined ATOP as an intern during the summer of 2011. His duties include website management and content, photography and media design.

He is vested in the importance of capacity building and community outreach. ATOP has such a profound effect on those who have suffered from trauma with the 7 step model that is inclusive of cultural, spiritual, anthropological, and sociological manifestations. The integrity of how we grow and learn in our community inspires him to continue to create and use electronic and print media to outreach globally and nationally. Creating brochures, media presentation materials and photography for ATOP has been fulfilling.

Facilitating groups therapy for young adults and using creative art therapy as an intuitive model

CERTIFICATES WERE AWARDED TO THE ARMENIAN HUMAN RIGHTS SCHOOL 15TH COURSE GRADUATES

On August 15th, 2011 the ceremony of awarding certificates to the Armenian Human Rights School (AHRS) 15th advanced course graduates and the closing of the 16th advanced course 1st session with participation of 55 teachers from 10 regions of Armenia took place in the Educational-Cultural Centre of ACRPC, Vanadzor, Armenia.

A blessing speech was made by His Grace Bishop Sebouh Chouldjyan, the Primate of the Diocese of Gougark of the Armenian Apostolic Church. On behalf of the Lori regional governor a congratulation speech was made by Minas Sayadian, the head of the Department of Education of the Lori Region. Congratulation speeches were made also by Dirk Boberg, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative and Karen Melqonyan, the Head of the Educational Training Programs of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia.

Afterwards His Grace Bishop Sebouh Chouldjyan and Mr. Dirk Boberg handed over the graduation certificates to the AHRS 15th course graduates with the qualification of a *specialist to train the "Human Rights", "Civic Education", "State and Law" and "Ethics" components of the "Social Sciences" subject by the Collaborative Teaching Methods.*

Congratulation and appreciation speeches were made by Andjela Movsesian, the teacher of the Vagharshapat secondary school # 5 and Hovhannes Nahapetyan, the teacher of the Ararat secondary school # 4. All the participants of the 16th course signed contracts on the continuation of distance learning and received their individual assignments.



AHRS Closing Ceremony

has opened new avenues for healing trauma experienced and carried by young adults. Wesley plans to continue in designing and creating creative art therapy with adults as the series continues. In addition he has also added press secretary to his duties and all social media content with ATOP and its professional affiliates continuing to examine how electronic publishing of clinical publications are impacting outreach for those reluctant to receive mental health services in person.

Summer Solstice Celebration
Party

23 July 2011

ATOP Activities



Party at Ani's house



Ani with friends



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