

Hans Farman – Peacemaker and visionary

War is and remains a current topic. There are over 200 armed conflicts, more than 20 of them declared wars, the rest armed forces conflicts – often in poor but resource-rich countries and meanwhile even approaching Europe’s doorstep. Be it the disturbing images of suffering and misery we see in the media, be it the myriad of refugees who are trying to escape the violence – in a globalized world, war and terror concern each and everyone one of us and cast their long shadow upon us. It is this shadow that the “Perspective Association” aims to counter with the light of peace. A peace that begins with every single one of us, a peace that can and should be lived in every individual’s everyday life, in business or in politics. The “rontaler” newspaper interviewed Hans Farman, president of “Perspective Association” about the purposes of his association.

Mr. Farman, you are from Buchrain and have been living for some time in the Rontal now. As the president of the nonprofit “Perspective Association” you have organized various charity events. From the 19th to the 21st of September, your association is staging the “Lucerne Peace Days” in and around the Kornmarkt in Lucerne. It is the second year in a row that this event will take place. There has been such a favorable response from the community last year that you now have extended the event to three days.

Hans Farman: The Lucerne Peace Days serve as a platform to share a culture of peace that each of us can realize in our environment. As individuals who live peace in their lives, as businesses with a culture of ethical principles and peaceful interaction, as well as institutions from all areas, be it education, art, culture or politics, which are committed to peace. The 21st of September is the International Peace Day, supported by the UN and the global community and celebrated worldwide. We want to be part of this community and to declare Lucerne as “City of Peace”.

Why is your association organizing this peace event?

Hans Farman: Dignity, prosperity and peace for all mankind are a fundamental concern for “Perspective Association”. We must learn to work for peace as effectively as others do for war. There is too much suffering and destruction, too many resources lost in wars. It is time to invest more in peace. War is the proof for the failure of diplomacy. But we are convinced of one thing: peace is possible! That’s why we invite everybody to take a stand for peace with us.

Which goal are you pursuing with this event?

Hans Farman: The aim of the Lucerne Peace Days is networking in dialogue, sharing ideas and inspirations how to bring about a peaceful co-existence. We want to sensitize the people, especially young people, as they are our future, but also the business world. The vision is that those people will bring this peace into the world and set an example in their everyday life.

Who exactly are the people behind the project?

Hans Farman: The project is organized by members of “Perspective Association” on a voluntary basis. But we can count on the support of many more volunteers. Also our sponsors are key, especially the companies from Lucerne and agglomeration, but also individuals without whom all this wouldn’t be possible. I would like to take the opportunity and thank

them for their commitment, motivation and support. Of course we are welcoming additional sponsors – every support is highly appreciated.

Thank you very much for this interview and good luck for your peace activities!

Hans Farman: Thank you.

Peace is possible – take a stand for peace with us! #SharePeace & follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) or visit the event from 19th to 21st September 2015 in and around the “Kornschette” in Lucerne.

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