

# New Acropolis

## International Cultural Association



### ***Our World Needs More Idealists...***

"Idealists dare to dream and to make their dreams come true through their actions.

Idealists know how to find opportunities where others see obstacles and difficulties.

Idealists have not lost their faith in humanity in spite of the crises, diseases and selfishness that are currently affecting our world...

... That is why with New Acropolis, for the past 49 years, thousands of idealists have developed volunteer work serving humanity and achieving profound changes in society and within themselves.

We have a lot to do...

- ◆ We are promoting a culture without borders that fosters **tolerance, solidarity** and **union among people** beyond all differences.
- ◆ We are educating not only the minds but also the hearts and the hands of future generations so they can be wise, generous, and hard-working.
- ◆ We are rescuing a new philosophy that addresses the most important questions of life and helps people overcome their fears and limitations.
- ◆ We are promoting a new philosophical and humanistic science, one that does not threaten nor pollutes our planet but serves where the need is greatest.
- ◆ We are promoting new Art, the language of the Soul, so the most noble feelings can be awakened within our hearts.
- ◆ We are working for a new ecology that fights pollution not only within nature but mainly within human beings, so they can find once again the natural health and harmony that lies within their mind and body.

There are more generous and good people than we can imagine. If we work together, we will have better chances of producing real and lasting changes and creating a better world for the future generations". *Beatriz Diez Canseco, International Deputy President of NA*

New Acropolis is an international non-profit cultural association with a philosophical, cultural and social approach. It was founded in 1957, with the purpose of promoting the study of philosophy as a global means to achieve **global human development**. This vision is implemented through a broad range of programs that combine theoretical and practical education in different fields.

Present in more than 50 countries, on five continents, New Acropolis brings together thousands of active members and hundreds of thousands of friends and supporters. They express themselves in 15 different languages and represent a large variety of cultural heritages, ethnical backgrounds and beliefs, offering a powerful model of solidarity and fraternal coexistence.

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# New Acropolis' Environmental Actions

Great civilizations of all ages considered the Earth as a living being. Greeks used to call it Gaia, a primordial deity able to create harmonious Beauty, Mother of any form of life. Nature was considered as embodying wisdom and intelligence.

The word « Ecology » comes from the Greek « oikos », which means home, habitat; and « logos », science : it is the science of the dwelling, of habitat.

Humanity's home, it is the Earth. That's why it is essential to take care of it, to maintain it, and make it more beautiful, as we do with our private home....

But the Earth is not only housing Humanity. It is also the dwelling place of animals, plants, and minerals.

Beyond international political agreements, Ecology remains a matter of individual consciousness. Consequently, philosophy is a prerequisite to an ecological way of living.

*"The challenge lies in directing economic development in such a way that it does not harm the environment, in order to achieve life-styles leading to sustainable development". (NA General Resolution excerpt, 2000).*

Philosophical sources of wisdom offer timeless living examples for humanity towards sustainable life strategies.



*Italy: To celebrate "Sunday without a Car" Day, organized by the City Hall of Rome, New Acropolis offered games based on ecological themes for children.*



*Hungary: Cleaning up the Hars Forest in the vicinity of Budapest.*



*Canada: Cleaning up the shores of the Outaouais River in downtown Ottawa, as part of the City of Ottawa's annual Spring Cleaning of the Capital.*

According to natural philosophy upon which New Acropolis founded its principles, **human beings are not owners of nature, but rather a part of it and collaborating with it.**

NA volunteers collaborate in each country with city and state authorities to take care of both large parks and small community gardens. In the streets, around city monuments, along coasts or in remote forests, see our large groups of enthusiastic volunteers not only engage in cleaning and restoration actions, but also learn to appreciate nature and its mysteries.

NA centers and members participate in educational programs aimed at fostering awareness in youths and in adults, either in classrooms or outdoors. NA also collaborates with other organizations that promote sustainable development, non-aggressive techniques, and the balanced lifestyle of a human being who is in harmony with his/her world.