

Householders' Options to Protect the Environment (HOPE) Inc.

PO Box 6118 – Clifford Gardens, Toowoomba QLD 4350 (22 Vacy Street, Toowoomba QLD 4350) Ph 07 4639 2135; Email: <u>office@hopeaustralia.org.au</u> Website: <u>http://www.hopeaustralia.org.au</u> ACNC Registered Charity |ABN 48 036 173 161

Think Globally. Act Locally!

MEDIA RELEASE

Saturday, 14 June 2025

Re: Householders' Options to Protect the Environment (HOPE) Inc. Support for Earth Charter +25 Event

Householders' Options to Protect the Environment (HOPE) Inc. is proud to announce its support for the upcoming Earth Charter +25 event, scheduled to take place in The Netherlands from 1-3 July 2025. This significant gathering marks the 25th anniversary of the Earth Charter, a pivotal document providing a comprehensive and ethical foundation for a healthy coexistence of the Earth community.

HOPE Inc., an Australian not-for-profit organisation, was inspired by the idea that 'ordinary people can make a difference' by raising awareness and initiating actions to solve local environmental problems. Founded on the principles of raising awareness, education, and showing how easily sustainable actions can be done, HOPE has spent decades providing education on current environmental issues and their practical solutions at household level.

The Earth Charter, launched in 2000, serves as a call to action and a declaration of hope. It proposes a sustainable global society founded on respect for nature, universal human rights, economic justice, and a culture of peace. Like HOPE's motto "Think Globally - Act Locally", the Earth Charter declares the responsibility of all people to one another, the greater community, and future generations. It emphasizes that the freedom of action of each generation is qualified by the needs of future generations.

The Earth Charter movement's motto, "turning conscience into action", deeply resonates with HOPE's own philosophy and work. HOPE has long provided information, contacts, and resources through initiatives like the HOPE Generator, newspaper articles, newsletters, and information booklets, all aimed at empowering households to lessen their environmental impact and adopt sustainable solutions. President of HOPE Inc. (Australia), Mrs Anna Kula-Kaczmarski, believes that the awareness of issues and the adoption of sustainable solutions is the key to sustained change, encouraging households to keep striving to live more sustainably.

The Earth Charter +25 event, titled "Planetary Consciousness, Ethics of Care and Intergenerational Justice," offers a crucial opportunity to reflect on the past 25 years, take stock, and consider the higher purpose of the Earth Charter movement. In a world facing unprecedented global challenges, including war, violence, and division, the event aims to provide a much-needed antidote: radical hope. It seeks to highlight the power of transformative action and ethical leadership.

The event will bring together diverse voices across generations, areas of knowledge, and cultures to address today's crises and build a more just and sustainable future. A key outcome is the strengthening of intergenerational networks, empowering youth as tomorrow's leaders while honouring the wisdom of elders, striving for an inclusive and sustainable future.

This aligns with HOPE's work engaging different generations and collaborating with various organizations, such as the Youth Leading the World Congress event in Toowoomba. HOPE has also participated in numerous forums and events focused on environmental issues, sustainability, and peace.

Over the past two decades, international understanding has evolved regarding the Rights of Nature and Future Generations, climate change, and the interdependence of inclusion, sustainability, and peace. The Earth Charter +25 event provides a platform to discuss these vital themes, including legal reforms for protecting the rights of nature, policies prioritizing intergenerational justice, education for sustainability, ethical leadership, and environmental and social responsibility in business.

HOPE supports this event as a critical moment to reinforce commitment to the Earth Charter vision, find synergies with other similar movements, and join forces in turning conscience into action for a thriving Earth. The event's goals to celebrate the Earth Charter, strengthen the global community, share experiences, foster collaboration, and envision the future of the movement resonate deeply with HOPE's mission to empower individuals and communities for environmental protection.

Mrs. Anna Kula-Kaczmarski stated, "HOPE believes that every household can make a difference. The Earth Charter provides a powerful global framework and ethical guide for the kind of sustainable and peaceful world we are striving for at the grassroots level. The Earth Charter +25 event is an opportunity for changemakers worldwide to come together, share knowledge, build connections, and reignite the radical hope needed to address our shared environmental challenges."

HOPE encourages continued dialogue and collaborative action, echoing the Earth Charter's call to deepen and expand the global dialogue for truth and wisdom. Together, we are turning conscience into action for a thriving Earth.

(Information for this media release sourced from https://earthcharter.org/eci-25-event/)

<u>Anna Kula-Kaczmarski, President- HOPE Inc., admin@hopeaustralia.org.au</u> (Written by Ali Attaran - HOPE media officer ACT)

Please consider visiting and/or posting items to our Social Media platforms: <u>Facebook | Twitter | Instagram | LinkedIn</u>