

# About the Humanist Movement

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The Humanist Movement (HM) is an international network of people who participate in the proposals of New Humanism, also known as Universalist Humanism. This current of thought, presented in the works of Silo and many other authors inspired by it, also implies a sentiment and a way of living, taking shape in multiple fields of human endeavor and giving rise to diverse organizations and action fronts with the common aim of “*Humanizing the Earth.*” Among them, they share a common methodology (Active Nonviolence) and a proposal for personal change as a function of social transformation.

The HM appeared on the 4th of May, 1969 with a public presentation entitled the “*Healing of Suffering*” by its founder, Silo, in a mountainous outpost in the Andes called Punta de Vacas, close to the border of Argentina and Chile.

The HM is not an institution even though it gives rise to numerous groups and organizations. The organizations that have emerged from the Humanist Movement until now are the Humanist Party, the Community for Human Development, the Convergence of Cultures, World without Wars and without Violence, and the World Center for Humanist Studies. While these organizations have specific organizational forms, the HM itself has no type of organization and serve, rather, as an ambit of convergence and interchange for members of these different organizations.

## Organizations of the Humanist Movement

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### Humanist Party International



The Humanist Party works in the political sphere, advocating the decentralization of political power, extending guarantees of respect for minorities, and

making effective the principle of equal rights and opportunities for all. The Party upholds the principle of choice as the concrete political expression of liberty and, thus, it struggles against all forms of authoritarianism and economic, organizational and ideological monopolies.

### The Community (for human development)



The Community (for human development) is a social organization that focuses on the study, development, dissemination and installation of a new culture based on the fundamental ideas

of Universalist Humanism, one in which the human being is placed as a central value and in which violence in all forms of is rejected.

### World Center for Humanist Studies



The World Center for Humanist Studies is an organization dedicated to the study, investigation and diffusion of the thought and vision of Universalist

Humanism and its application to current social and scientific problems. It supports all tendencies that go towards the development of knowledge over the limitations placed by prejudices that are accepted as absolute and immutable truths and promotes structural, dynamic, relational and critical thinking.

### Convergence of Cultures



Convergence of Cultures proposes to facilitate and stimulate dialogue between cultures, to fight against discrimination and violence and to bring its proposals to all latitudes.

### World without Wars and without Violence



World without Wars and without Violence is an organization whose objective is the creation of a worldwide nonviolent consciousness.

World without Wars and without Violence works for the cessation of wars and armed conflicts around the world.

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