

## The Global Foundation for Understanding

The Global Foundation for Understanding was initially chartered in March 1981 by Canada's senior futurist Don Toppin and members of the Toronto Futures Group as a follow up to the "First Global Conference on the Future" held in Toronto in 1980.

The mission and purposes of the Global Foundation for Understanding are to:

- Build bridges of understanding, locally and globally.
- Foster a greater sense of personal and organizational responsibility toward each other, nature, and our common future.
- Promote evolutionary, global and holistic perspectives together with the related new values, principles and ethics.
- Bring together key thinkers and leaders to address the major challenges and opportunities of our time.

The Global Foundation for Understanding has initiated numerous programs and campaigns including; the Committee on Toronto/2000 (1981), The Great Millennium Campaign (1986) and the World Millennium Network (1986). Additional projects of the Foundation have included the monthly Toronto/2000 Foresight Seminars (since 1981), numerous 'Countdown 2000' events, the publication of the 'World Millennium News' newsletter, and the Great Millennium Global Singalong. The Global Foundation was also the initiating organization of the Millennium Council of Canada, a national non-profit organization housed at Toronto City Hall in 1997 and 1998.

Recently, the Global Foundation for Understanding partnered with The Club of Budapest to launch the Planetary Vision Festival 2001.

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