

Prabha Sankaranarayan is a Conflict Transformation Consultant with over twenty five years experience in NGO management and program development. This encompasses the design and implementation of clinical and dispute resolution services; strategic planning activities, systems collaboration projects and community organization efforts. She is actively involved in regional, national and international civic activities focused on civil liberties, sexual violence prevention, conflict mitigation & mediation and the recovery & rehabilitation of trauma survivors.

Prabha has designed and facilitated interfaith Dialogues in Asia and Africa and has also facilitated dialogues about the use of community resources, integration of refugee populations, diversity and healthcare services. As a conflict management consultant, her work includes Dialogue, Mediation, Facilitation, Training, and Organizational Development. Her approach is multidisciplinary. Her design and interventions are based on an integration of skills and experience as a therapist, crisis responder and mediator; on extensive training in trauma and resiliency, Dialogue, Conflict Analysis & Mitigation and Restorative Justice Practices. Prabha is an Adjunct Professor at the School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh and she also trains and delivers presentations (nationally and internationally) on the impact of family and community violence, the intersection of trauma and peacebuilding, conflict resolution, mediation and psychosocial health.

Prabha currently co-leads MBB's Liberian Initiative that includes projects focused on the training, rehabilitation and re-integration of former child soldiers, gender focused interventions, cross- border training, Dialogue and community integration activities. She is also a member of the MBB Kenya Team, designing and delivering conflict transformation services among Pastoralists.

Mary Montague has been involved in peace building work from 1975. She is a trained mediator and has had extensive experience working in community development and community relations throughout the many years of conflict in Northern Ireland. She has been an initiator of many programs to build capacity within communities worked with families from all sides of the community divide in Northern Ireland who had directly suffered due to the violence and developed therapeutic programs for children traumatized as a result of the conflict.

In 2001 Mary co-founded TIDES Training a Charitable non-profit Training and Consultancy company. Mary has an established background in community capacity development with particular interest in mediation and conflict management. She has lectured and trained internationally on many occasions on the themes of conflict management, peace building and reconciliation through community building in countries such as Croatia, Bosnia, Kosovo, Sudan and Pakistan. The programs incorporated the learning from Northern Ireland, the 'Rights Based Approach' and the 'Do no Harm' approach.

Mary is a founding member of Women Waging Peace global network at the John F Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, and Boston, USA. She has been a committee member of the CFNI Communities in Transition Program, and has sat on a number of Boards and Committees including Inter-Church Reconciliation Fund Committee, The Human Rights Commission Working Party for a bill of rights and victims. As an experienced mentor, she advises groups in strategic developmental projects. She offers coaching to many individuals on a one to one basis to further develop their skills in community development, mediation and mediative interventions. She is the author of Relationships to Reconciliation.

Catalina Chaux-Echeverri is a bilingual Certified Coach (English and Spanish), born in Bogota, Colombia and living in Toronto Canada, with extensive experience in the public sector, international relations, and working with communities to leverage their potential. This experience has given her a solid background and understanding of the development and implementation of public policies, making her aware about the importance of mediation and conflict resolution as basic tools to achieve specific social objectives.

She has used this background and experience in the different projects she has worked in, involving rural areas, farmers, small entrepreneurs, communities, settlements and the inclusion of gender perspectives, helping to create peace and harmony in urban communities.

She has vast experience working and coaching youth and youth at risk, and knows the importance of meeting the client where they are in themselves in the moment, in order to support them in the process of reaching their potential. She believes in the importance of awareness as a step to look beyond possibilities and to find choices that allow us to achieve the best in us and eventual fulfillment. In her practice, she coaches individuals and corporations, expats, teams, youth and couples. She is passionate about cultures, diversity and inclusion and how those differences can help to build bridges that leverage and enrich the potential of people, relations and teams. She holds a Law degree from the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Bogota, Colombia with a specialization in Economic Law at Universidad Externado de Colombia and Certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution at University of Toronto, and she is finishing her Master in law (LLM) in ADR at York University in Toronto, Canada. She is trained in NLP, MBTI, TILT, Conflict Coaching and is a facilitator in Cultural Intelligence. She has been a professor at the Law and Economy faculties at Universidad Externado de Colombia, Law faculty at Universidad de los Andes, and Economic Law at UNAD; and a guest speaker on various topics, including Cultural Intelligence, doing business across cultures, improving communication, culture and conflict, transmissions and working with youth among others. She also writes columns, for magazines and newspapers such as Kine y Ke, Las Dos Orillas, Correo Canadiense.

Macarena Mata has been working professionally in the field of conflict resolution for the past 11 years. She works as an accredited mediator (family, workplace and community) and trainer, engaging with executives, academics, teams and community groups on mediation, conflict resolution and self-awareness training, as well as young people in schools and youth organizations. She also works as an assessor in accredited mediation programs and as a conflict coach helping people understand how to change their relationship to conflict and prepare for mediation processes. Macarena has lectured on conflict theory and self-awareness and reflective practice at the PgCert and MSc courses at Birkbeck College, and is module leader and tutor at the PgCert on Conflict Resolution and Mediation at Regent's University, UK. She is also a Professional Practice Consultant (PPC) and supervisor to mediators. She has been a member of the Board of Trustees with Mediation Hertfordshire for four years. She is member of the College of Mediators, National Family Mediation, Civil Mediation Council, Mediators Beyond Borders and Association for Conflict Resolution. Macarena was born in Málaga, Spain, and has lived in London for the last 18 years with her husband.