

We have named our Newsletter and Forum *Conversari* based upon our desire to create global conversation. The Latin origins of *Conversari* include:

1. Living together
2. Having one's being in a place
3. Occupation or engagement with things
4. Circle of acquaintances or company
5. Manner of conducting oneself in society
6. Interchange of thoughts or words, familiar discourse or talk  
[Oxford English Dictionary]

*Conversation* is not only a common daily human activity, it is also the basis of all human relationships and healing.

So let our *conversations* begin. In this first Newsletter we present an amazing group in Lebanon that has created an innovative primary school environment for Syrian refugee children built by the kids themselves. This group reveals the extraordinary passion, vision and hard work of architects and teachers who are truly changing the landscape of refugee housing and schools for highly traumatized communities.

Our new Editor, Azita Berenjian, will direct the implementation and dissemination of our current and future Newsletters. Her special skills in communication and marketing and her devotion to human rights ideally suits her for this assignment.

We praise those teams worldwide who are trying to transform our world to a more empathic and peaceful place.

We acknowledge as well that for each team we highlight in our Newsletter there are many exist. Many of our readers could easily be an HPRT Newsletter presenter. After we get started, HPRT looks to a time where we can establish online meaningful links with our colleagues and friends throughout the world. On behalf of Azita, myself and the HPRT team we look forward to receiving your comments.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard F. Mollica". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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