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## **Colation for Work with Psychotrauma and Peace and Dr Charles D. Tauber**

The mandate of the Coalition for Work with Psychotrauma and Peace (CWWPP) is to empower people, especially members of marginalized and vulnerable groups, in taking control of their own lives, through active development of new positive life values and perspectives, and re-integration into the community, particularly at the grassroots level.



Dr Charles David Tauber grew up in a family of immigrants in New York City. He has worked in movements for social change since 1966. After obtaining his medical qualification in the Netherlands, he began to work with asylum seekers and refugees. He and other physicians were treating asylum seekers where other doctors weren't willing to, while also were educating and psychologically supervising volunteers and staff members of other organizations working with asylum seekers.

When the wars in the former Yugoslavia broke out in the early 1990s, a number of the members of those groups formed a working group, from which the Coalition for Work with Psychotrauma and Peace, the CWWPP, was born. Tauber has worked in the former Yugoslavia as head of the CWWPP since June 1995. He teaches **Pragmatic Empowerment Training**, works with clients and is generally responsible for the organisation.

**Pragmatic Empowerment Training (PET)** is one of the cornerstones of the work of the CWWPP. Its main aim is to increase capacity in mental health and peacebuilding by educating a wide variety of people. The aim is thus to create "barefoot" therapists and peacebuilders who can work on the front line in their communities under the supervision of people with further experience and education.

<https://www.cwwpp.org/pragmatic-empowerment-training-pet.html>