Caux Forum 2023

Healing the Wounds of the Past

17 - 22 JULY, 2023

After decades in which conflict has gradually reduced around the world, the tide has turned. Conflict is increasing.

This forum will focus on a fundamental cause of this trend: the broken relationships caused by unhealed wounds of the past – personal, national and international.

After the Second World War, thousands of Germans and French came together at Caux and helped their countries build an entirely new relationship. Ever since, Caux forums have reached out across the world, contributing to healing in many painful situations.

Healing can come. New energy, vision and calling can emerge from each step taken to repair a relationship. Trust can grow again, and with it the cooperation needed to answer the huge environmental, economic and social challenges we face globally.

This forum will focus on the experiences of people from all continents and many cultures. It will offer an opportunity to learn from each other, and from quiet reflection amidst the beauty of Caux’s setting.

Through trainings, plenaries, workshops and dialogues, the Forum aims to equip participants to contribute to peace and human security by fostering:

- A greater understanding of the impact of historical wounds
- Heightened skills in dialogue facilitation, conflict transformation, trauma awareness and story-sharing
- Learning from personal experiences of healing past wounds and building trust.

Caux, high above Montreux overlooking the Lake of Geneva, is the site of the Swiss Initiatives of Change conference centre.

Participants are asked to arrive between 2.00pm and 6.00pm on Monday 17 July for the welcome dinner followed by the introductory session. The forum will end at 12.00 midday on Saturday 22 July.

Further information is available here.