



ICP Position on Responding to World Events 6 March 2024

The ICP board has been approached to make statements about current world events. Many of our members, in reading about world events, want to take action as a measure of their concern and care about dignity, justice, and human rights the world around.

In response to these requests, ICP formed a task group to consider the ICP mission, vision and values as expressed in the ICP bylaws, and to make recommendations for ICP actions going forward.

The following is an ICP position proposal developed by the task group.

The purpose of ICP is to advance psychology and the application of its findings throughout the world. The mission of ICP is to promote human rights, dignity, and justice and further international understanding and world peace by facilitating collaborative relationships around the world. The International Council of Psychologists values diversity in knowledge and methodological approaches, cultural humility, peer relations, mutual understanding, scientific approaches, critical thinking, and inclusion.

When there are world events, in support of its mission and values, the ICP will use its available educational and communication mechanisms (e.g. webinars, interest groups, newsletter articles, briefs, letters) to

- provide tools and resources,
- facilitate the dissemination and exchange of information,
- promote dialogue, and
- raise awareness of psychological aspects of historical, cultural, social and political contexts.

The ICP will not, as an organization, make organization-based statements about world events, as an expression of concern or as a demand for action. It will encourage its members to be informed and engaged as global citizens, and it will attempt to provide a platform for showcasing resources about psychological approaches, responses and interventions, as well as a platform for discussion about the role and power of psychology in support for dignity, justice and human rights.

To support this strategy the ICP will:

- Inform members of materials and tools relevant to the specific issues that currently exist on the ICP website or that ICP committees or groups collate (e.g. curated lists of webinars, blogs, and newsletter articles addressing issues)
- Invite members to engage with relevant interest groups
- Create opportunities for town halls, webinars or other discussion platforms for members to exchange information and opinion. These efforts will be organized by the ICP Board and/or committees and coordinated through the Secretariat.