

The CAUX Transformative Experience



Initiatives of Change
Caux Foundation

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Caux Initiatives of Change is a Swiss private charitable foundation with our center in Caux, above Montreux, and an office in the Domaine la Pastorale, at the heart of International Geneva.

Established in 1946 when 100 Swiss families united to acquire the derelict former hotel and donate it to the foundation as a centre for peace and the reconstruction of Europe in the aftermath of World War II: The Caux Palace has become a historic venue bringing together a diverse range of people to address the world's political, economic and societal challenges together.

Our Vision



Just
World



Peaceful
World



Sustainable
World

Our mission

We are committed to providing a safe and privileged space to **inspire, equip and connect** individuals, groups and organizations from around the globe to engage effectively and innovatively in the promotion of trust, ethical leadership, sustainable living and human security.

Learn more about the rich history of the Caux Palace

From luxury hotel, to refuge, to a centre for peacebuilding, trustbuilding, ethical leadership and sustainable living, the Caux Palace and Villa Maria offer a space where change can happen:

<https://www.iofc.ch/discover-iofc/our-story>



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Watch this short, silent film on the beginnings of Caux in 1946



Our Approach



Creating a safe space: free from judgement where individuals can speak freely.



A values-driven approach for true dialogue, personal and common decision making and self-development.



Change starts with me: each individual has the power and responsibility to 'be the change they want to see in the world'.

Our work

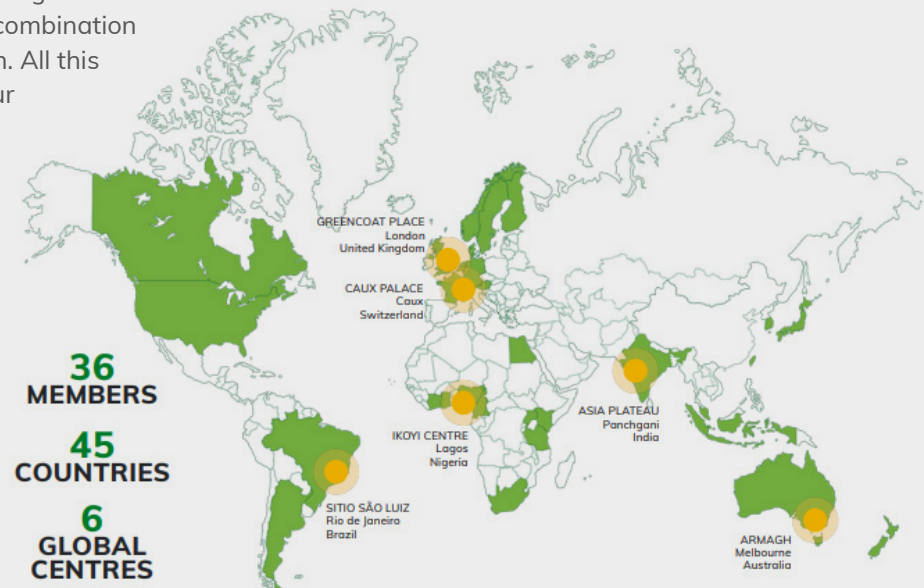
We organize, coordinate and host international and local conferences, seminars, and retreats, and offer our expertise in training and facilitation through a unique combination of content and process design. All this in Switzerland, primarily at our centre, the Caux Palace and Villa Maria.

Our network

We are a member of the **Initiatives of Change** network: a worldwide movement of people from diverse cultures and backgrounds which focuses on building trust across the world's divides. Its formal membership is made up of 36 national bodies and programmes. Each member operates autonomously on projects addressing specific local needs.

Through our strategic presence in International Geneva, we assume a leading role on behalf of the IofC network, working with the peacebuilding stakeholders in Geneva and participating in UN processes.

The Swiss association **"Friends of Caux"** actively partners with Caux Initiatives of Change to connect people across Switzerland who are interested in implementing projects aligned with Initiatives of Change's mission.



Hospitality for Change

Overlooking the Lemman, above the city of Montreux, just 1h20 from Geneva, the Caux Palace and Villa Maria offer an inspiring and extraordinary setting for your meetings and workshops, conferences, cultural events, and retreats.



Hospitality for Change is a holistic concept which blends our excellence in hospitality with our expertise in trustbuilding, peacebuilding and ethical leadership. Caux Initiatives of Change provides a safe space, free from judgement and from the distractions of daily life, where people can speak openly and transformation can happen.

Your event in Caux

With over 75 years of experience in designing and hosting events at the Caux Palace and Villa Maria, our hospitality team are here to tailor your event to the specific needs, objectives and budgets of your organization.

Our strategic partnership with the Swiss Hotel Management School, involving the partial lease of the Caux Palace, plays a vital role in sustaining the buildings upkeep. Consequently, we operate two models of hospitality services:

- **Throughout the year** we host groups of up to 35 participants in the Caux Palace and Villa Maria. Arrangements can be made for groups of up to 50 people. We also host day and evening events for up to 350 people.
- **From mid-June to end of August**, the Caux Palace and Villa Maria also offer a unique setting for large events and conferences of up to 350 people, including accommodation for up to 250 people.

Meet the team:

<https://www.iofc.ch/discover-iofc/our-team>

Conferences

The medieval-style main hall and baroque theatre can host up to 385 people. With over 20 separate meeting rooms and spaces, including the historical Salon des Dames, Salon du Pasquier and the Belle Epoque, we can provide a rich array of options for your conferences and meetings.

For accommodation, the Caux Palace centre features over 200 bedrooms with original period furniture, en-suite bathrooms, balconies and lake views.

Our facilities include modern audio-visual systems, including dedicated interpretation booths and equipment allowing us to cater for diverse, international audiences.



Seminars, meetings and retreats

In addition to the many meeting rooms at the Caux Palace, the Villa Maria, conveniently located across the road from the Caux Palace, provides exclusive spaces for your meetings and retreats all year round. These thoughtfully designed areas offer a hassle-free experience, creating a homely, more intimate atmosphere that encourages open discussions. Villa Maria offers privatized dining, comfortable break-out rooms, and a spacious conference room equipped with modern audiovisual facilities and full room-width whiteboards.



Culture

Caux Initiatives of Change has a long-standing association with the arts, recognizing the power of artistic expression to promote understanding, reconciliation, and positive social change. For concerts, residencies, exhibitions and theatrical representations, the Caux Palace offers a unique and inspiring venue which is guaranteed to create an unforgettable experience for your audience. Our dedicated spaces include the 385-seat fully-equipped theatre, the main hall, also equipped with a more informal stage, and the Belle Epoque expo room.



Tailored activities and catering solutions

Our hospitality team can propose a wide array of catering and team building activities tailored to your needs.

During the summer, our spacious self-service dining room can accommodate up to 350 guests with both indoor seating and tables outside on the large, shaded terrace offering spectacular views across the Leman. For buffets and receptions, the main hall serves as the perfect indoor venue.

Throughout the year, smaller groups can choose between self-service dining, or opt for a catered buffet or table service adapted to their preferences at the Villa Maria.



For more information on our hospitality services, please contact: Hospitality@caux.ch

Training and Facilitation

For organizations, institutions, partners and groups looking for solutions to complex challenges or ways to enhance their collaboration together, we offer a unique combination of tailored content and process design, alongside facilitation and training. Our approach leverages the expertise of our diverse community of trainers and facilitators, and draws on the best of the lofC network training programmes, to tailor our own programmes and enhance those of the groups we host.



Contact us for more information:
Trainings@caux.ch

Partnerships

At Caux Initiatives of Change, cultivating partnerships is one of our core strategic strengths. Through the lens of these collaborations we gain enhanced insights into the origins of social issues and how they may best be addressed. Fostering partnerships is imperative in our pursuit of innovative and sustainable solutions to global challenges.

We are actively developing and strengthening our partnerships to put initiatives into action, both on the international stage and within Switzerland.



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- Incubation, hosting and facilitation of initiatives
- Art and Conflict
- Youth and creative leadership
- The Europe we want initiative
- Inner Development Goals center
- Living together initiatives in Switzerland
- Art at Caux Palace

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