



# PEACEMAKER

## IRENE VAN LIPPE-BIESTERFELD

Princess Irene van Lippe-Biesterfeld of the Netherlands (born 5 August 1939) is the second child of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands and Prince Bernhard. Being a well-known peacemaker, she was asked in 1999 to lit the flame on behalf of Europe. So this flame could be united with other flames to become the World Peace Flame.

At the moment Princess Irene focusses on recovery restoration of the relation between human and nature. In 2000 she founded NatuurCollege. Their goal is to promote retaining and appreciation of natural living environment by personal involvement and awareness. Emphasis is on unity of life. Especially on natural leadership and the inside of sustainability.

In South Africa she developed a training programme, Spirit of the Wild. Guides from National Parks are trained here to bring tourist in contact with the essence of nature. In the Netherlands she initiated a similar project to teach school children how to come in contact with nature. Next to this work she gives lectures and courses. Irene van Lippe-Biesterfeld has written a lot of books on mindful living with the earth.

**'It is important that we human beings do understand, that nature is not something different, as we are part of nature. If we deplete the sources of the earth, we deplete the earth.'**

