This workshop will give participants experiences in practicing nonviolence from divisive internal and personal relationships to divisive political or social encounters. Concepts and exercises from Creating a Culture of Peace will identify personal and social violence (Barometer), the steps of active nonviolence (CARA) and planning and application of these steps when confronting “hasslers” or opposing viewpoints. Basic Neuroscience concepts will help to explain how the brain responds in difficult encounters - fight, flight or freeze, and how that understanding can be used to promote higher level responses and change - neuroplasticity. Participants will try out some new strategies in a safe and playful environment and will leave with some new active nonviolence practices for understanding themselves and others with deeper awareness, empathy and effectiveness.

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