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MEDIA RELEASE

Armstrong working with scholars on compassion

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World-renowned author and **2008 TED Prize** recipient **Karen Armstrong** will spend Monday, March 26, immersed in a one-day academic symposium with Lower Mainland scholars, researchers and practitioners as part of her '**Twelve Days of Compassion**' visit, hosted by Simon Fraser University's **Centre for Dialogue**.

Armstrong, who was awarded the TED Prize in 2008 in support of her call to create a **Charter for Compassion**, which has since been endorsed by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama, will be working in the domain of compassion and related moral consciousness and action.

Monday's symposium aims for an educational outcome: '*How to educate people to be compassionate,*' and seeks to break new ground in the intersection of compassion, research, practice and education.

The Centre for Dialogue is utilizing Armstrong's visit to celebrate Metro Vancouver stories of compassion. Their latest profiles **Dare to Care: Transforming Schools Through the Ethics of Care**, an award-winning documentary that profiles a five-year research study empowered by **Ethics of Care**.

To join the 'Twelve Days of Compassion' conversation on Twitter, please use the hashtag #12daysCompassion.

What: Working Compassion: Academic Symposium with Karen Armstrong

When: March 26, 2012 – 8:45 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Where: SFU Vancouver, Harbour Centre, 515 West Hastings

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