



*"Kindness is the bridge between us."*

Meagan O'Nan helps leaders, organizations, and communities learn how to build relationships and create peace through creative peacebuilding. She is passionate about kindness, compassion, and connection.

After coming out of the closet in a small town in Mississippi, Meagan experienced extreme hardship and rejection from her community. Since then, she has set out to overcome her own fears by returning to Mississippi to heal, give back to her community, and use her adversity to help create more peace and understanding in the world.

Meagan is the founder of the Mississippi Institute of Peace, a space that welcomes everyone, provides speaking services, and workshop opportunities on the following subjects: conflict resolution, creative peacebuilding, overcoming fear, building relationships, empowerment, influential leadership, facilitating hard conversations, unifying diverse groups, and team building.

Meagan's first book was published in 2008 (*Creating Your Heaven on Earth*). Her book was quickly translated into Italian and Slovenian and it received the silver medal in the enlightenment category for the Living Now book awards. Meagan published a second book in 2014 (*Courage: Agreeing to Disagree Is Not Enough*).

She has worked with various groups over the years and has volunteered countless hours to youth in both the school system and private organizations talking about the importance of accepting oneself and each another.

