

Steven D. Botkin, Ed.D.

Steven Botkin founded the Men's Resource Center of Western Massachusetts (MRC) in 1982 and received his doctoral degree in Social Justice Education from the University of Massachusetts several years later. He guided the MRC from a grass-roots group of volunteers into a successful community-based non-profit organization, whose programs became a model for men's organizing in communities around the world. In 2004 Steven founded Men's Resources International to support the development of masculinity awareness and men's engagement as allies and partners with women on a global level. And in 2014 he was a founder of MERGE for Equality which focused specifically on training early childhood educators to change the way we raise boys. Steven is also a founding member of the Global MenEngage Alliance and the North American MenEngage Network where he is currently an ex-officio member of the board of directors.

Dr. Botkin has provided training and technical assistance in the development of men's engagement initiatives in Zambia, Nigeria, Liberia, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Burundi, Niger, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Albania, Ireland, Myanmar, Nepal, Lebanon and the United States. He has been instrumental in the formation of many local, national and global men's groups, organizations and networks, including the Rwanda Men's Resource Centre, the Congo Men's Network and the MenEngage Network. He developed a toolkit for organizing "Masculinity Reflection Groups" for men and women with CARE International in Mali and Niger, a "Men and Women as Partners" model for family and community peace building in the Great Lakes Region of Africa, a Healthy Manhood curriculum for the YMCA in the United States, a National Action Plan for engaging men and boys in domestic violence prevention and gender equality for UN Women in Albania, and a Change-Maker Training curriculum for engaging men and women for violence prevention and gender equality for Concern Liberia and CARE Myanmar. Consultations to other organizations include International Planned Parenthood Federation, Save the Children, the International Rescue Committee, RutgersWPF, the YWCA and the Women's Peacemakers Program.

Brief

Dr. Steven Botkin founded the Men's Resource Center of Western Massachusetts (MRC) in 1982 and later earned a doctorate in Social Justice Education from UMass. He grew MRC into a model nonprofit for men's organizing worldwide. In 2004, he launched Men's Resources International to promote global masculinity awareness and men's partnership with women, and in 2014 co-founded MERGE for Equality to help early childhood educators rethink how we raise boys. He is a founding member of both the Global MenEngage Alliance and the North American MenEngage Network, where he serves as an ex-officio board member.

Dr. Botkin has led men's engagement initiatives in over 15 countries, helping establish groups like the Rwanda Men's Resource Centre and the Congo Men's Network. He's developed gender equity tools for CARE, YMCA, UN Women, and others, and consulted for organizations including Save the Children and the International Rescue Committee.

Very Brief

Steven Botkin co-founded the Men's Resource Center of Western Massachusetts in 1982 to support men and challenge men's violence. In 2004, he launched Men's Resources International to promote men's engagement in gender awareness and men and women's partnership for gender justice and violence prevention, leading initiatives in 15 countries for CARE, YMCA, UN Women, Save the Children among others. He co-founded Men of Color Health Awareness (MOCHA) in Springfield. And in 2014 he co-founded MERGE for Equality to help early childhood educators rethink how we raise boys. Steven is a founding member of both the Global MenEngage Alliance and the North American MenEngage Network.