Writing and Speaking Bio (short)

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#### David has published three books, including two illustrated children’s books. A new edition of his most recent book, [Worldchanging 101: Challenging the Myth of Powerlessness](http://www.davidlamotte.com/worldchanging-101/" \t "_blank), will be reissued in 2023 in a new edition by Chalice Press, under the new title of [You Are Changing the World Whether You Like It Or Not](https://www.amazon.com/You-are-Changing-World-Whether/dp/0827208545/ref=sr_1_4?crid=3JTHDD7J2P1VP&keywords=David+LaMotte&qid=1662561040&s=books&sprefix=david+lamotte%2Cstripbooks%2C151&sr=1-4).

David is the co-founder of [PEG Partners](http://www.pegpartners.org/), a non-profit organization that supports mentoring, education, and artistic expression in Guatemala. He is also a consultant on Peace and Justice for the [North Carolina Council of Churches](https://www.ncchurches.org/), and served two terms as Clerk of the [AFSC Nobel Peace Prize Nominating Task Group](http://www.quakernobel.org/).

He is currently touring with music and speaking events, hosting a digital community on [Patreon.com](http://www.patreon.com/davidlamotte), writing songs, developing a new podcast, and writing his next book, tentatively titled, "Harmony: What Music Can Teach Us About Peacemaking in a Troubled Time."

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In 2004, David and his wife Deanna founded [PEG Partners](http://www.pegpartners.org/), a non-profit organization that supports mentoring, education, and artistic expression in Guatemala. He is also a consultant on Peace and Justice for the [North Carolina Council of Churches](https://www.ncchurches.org/), and served as Clerk the [AFSC Nobel Peace Prize Nominating Task Group](http://www.quakernobel.org/).

LaMotte is also the creator of [Let's Be Neighbors,](http://www.letsbeneighbors.org/) a banner campaign based on a sign he created to hang on his house, and rooted in the idea that we seldom reject each other into making more compassionate decisions. Let's Be Neighbors banners and signs are now hanging across the United States, including a large one on Abraham Lincoln's church in Springfield, Illinois.

As a result of his work with schools in Guatemala, he was named a “Madison World Changer” by his undergraduate alma mater, James Madison University, and in 2019, he was awarded an E-chievement Award by the syndicated radio show *E-town*. David makes his home in Black Mountain, North Carolina, with his wife Deanna and son Mason. He is currently touring with music and speaking events, hosting a digital community on [Patreon.com](http://www.patreon.com/davidlamotte), writing songs, developing a new podcast, and writing his next book, tentatively titled, "Harmony: What Music Can Teach Us About Peacemaking in a Troubled Time."