

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

SEPTEMBER 21, 2013



REFLECTION, EDUCATION, CELEBRATION

A GUIDE FOR COMMUNITIES,
ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

WHAT IS PEACE DAY?

THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE (PEACE DAY) IS OBSERVED WORLDWIDE ON SEPTEMBER 21 EACH YEAR. PEACE DAY CAME INTO BEING IN 1981 THROUGH A UNANIMOUS UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION. IN 2001, A SECOND UNANIMOUS U.N. RESOLUTION GAVE PEACE DAY THE FIXED CALENDAR DATE OF SEPTEMBER 21, AND SPECIFIED THAT THE DAY SHOULD BE ONE OF CEASEFIRE.



A group of approximately 15 children and young adults are posing for a photo on a grassy hillside. They are dressed in casual clothing, including jackets, hoodies, and scarves. Many of them are making peace signs with their hands. In the background, there are rolling green hills and a small village with red-roofed houses. A large, rocky mountain rises in the distance under a clear blue sky. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

PEACE DAY 2013: SEPTEMBER 21

PEACE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 16-22

THE 2013 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE FALLS ON A **SATURDAY, SEPT. 21**. THE DATE OF YOUR ACTIVITIES CAN BE FLEXIBLE. FOR EXAMPLE, SCHOOL-BASED ACTIVITIES COULD TAKE PLACE ON THE OFFICIAL NEW YORK U.N. STUDENT CELEBRATION SCHEDULED FOR WED., 9/18, OR ON THURS. OR FRI., 9/19-20. SOME COMMUNITIES HAVE EVENTS THE **ENTIRE WEEK**.

A group of children are gathered outdoors, holding up colorful pinwheels. In the foreground, a young girl with light brown hair and a grey hoodie is smiling and holding a pinwheel high. Behind her, other children are visible, some also holding pinwheels. The background shows a brick wall and a yellow structure with blue lettering. The overall scene is festive and celebratory.

HELP BUILD PEACE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

THIS IS A SUGGESTED **FRAMEWORK** TO HELP YOU CREATE AWARENESS ABOUT PEACE DAY, FOSTER PARTICIPATION, AND PROVIDE A SENSE OF GLOBAL UNITY THROUGH PARALLEL ACTIVITIES.

REFLECTION - EDUCATION - CELEBRATION

THESE THREE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES FOR HONORING PEACE DAY ARE INTENDED TO INSPIRE AND INVITE PEACE DAY PLANNING AT ALL LEVELS. PLEASE USE AND MODIFY THE FRAMEWORK IN ANY WAY THAT SERVES THE UNIQUE NEEDS, INTERESTS AND INTENTIONS OF YOUR CITY/COMMUNITY. IT MAY BE THAT THESE ACTIVITIES SUGGEST A PARTICULAR TIME OF DAY -- MORNING, AFTERNOON, EVENING -- OR YOU MAY CHOOSE TO FOCUS ON AN ACTIVITY OR ACTIVITIES RELATED TO JUST ONE OF THESE THREE TYPES.



ONE: REFLECTION

CONTEMPLATION, MUSINGS, MEDITATIONS, VIGILS, THOUGHTFULNESS

PROVIDES A TIME FOR MEDITATIONS, VIGILS, PRAYER, OBSERVANCES OF ANY/ALL FAITHS AND SPIRITUAL PATHS AS WELL AS NON-RELIGIOUS INTROSPECTIVE ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND CEREMONIES.

ACTIVITIES COULD INCLUDE: INTERFAITH GATHERINGS; MEDITATION ALONE OR IN A GROUP; PRAYER AND DRUMMING CIRCLES; INTERFAITH SERVICES; SERVICES/GATHERINGS/VIGILS OF ANY FAITH OR SPIRITUAL PERSPECTIVE; GUIDED IMAGERY AND OTHER MEDITATIVE HEALING PRACTICES; MEDITATION FLASH MOBS; HONORING CEREMONIES; OBSERVING A MINUTE OF SILENCE AT NOON (A GLOBAL ACTIVITY IN ALL TIME ZONES).



TWO: EDUCATION

2013 THEME: “*EDUCATION FOR PEACE*”

THE 2013 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE
THEME, *EDUCATION FOR PEACE*, WAS
INSPIRED BY THE U.N. SECRETARY
GENERAL’S *EDUCATION FIRST* CAMPAIGN.
THE THEME HIGHLIGHTS EDUCATION AS AN
IMPORTANT PATH TOWARD A MORE PEACEFUL
WORLD AS WELL AS THE CRUCIAL NEED FOR
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING SPECIFIC TO
THE SUBJECT OF PEACE.



EDUCATION CONTINUED

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING, DIALOGUE, AND SKILL-BUILDING

PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO INVOLVE CHILDREN AND YOUTH, AS WELL AS ADULTS, IN LEARNING, DISCOVERY, DIALOGUE AND SKILL BUILDING RELATED TO PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE WITHIN COMMUNITIES.

ACTIVITIES COULD INCLUDE: DIVERSE WORKSHOPS RELATED TO PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE (GRADE SCHOOL – COLLEGE); CONFERENCES, PANEL/SPEAKER PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS; PINWHEELS FOR PEACE; COMMUNITY RESOURCE, INFORMATION AND DIALOGUE GATHERINGS; TRAININGS RELATED TO NON-VIOLENCE, CONFLICT RESOLUTION, BREATHING TECHNIQUES AND PARENT – CHILD COMMUNICATION; ACTIVITIES THAT EXPAND GLOBAL AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE, INCLUDING VIDEO CONFERENCING WITH STUDENTS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD; EXPRESSIVE ARTS ACTIVITIES, FILM SCREENINGS AND PEACE ART EXHIBITIONS).



THREE: CELEBRATION

REJOICE, OBSERVE, PERFORM

PROVIDES FOR GATHERINGS OF ALL SIZES THAT EXPLORE, BUILD AND CELEBRATE UNITY, COMMUNITY AND SENSE OF COMMON HUMANITY.

ACTIVITIES COULD INCLUDE: GLOBAL FEAST FOR PEACE; MUSICAL AND PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS, INCLUDING “PLAYING FOR CHANGE” EVENTS; MAKING AND FLYING A PEACE DOVE; SING-ALONGS; SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND INTERCULTURAL FESTIVITIES; GLOBAL MARCH FOR PEACE AND UNITY; BLOCK PARTIES AND COMMUNITY FESTIVALS. GATHERINGS MIGHT INCLUDE A FUNDRAISING COMPONENT FOR A PEACE RELATED CAUSE (LOCAL OR INTERNATIONAL) OF YOUR CHOOSING.

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KEY WEBSITES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE:

- **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE:** WWW.INTERNATIONALDAYOFPEACE.ORG
- **UNESCO:** WWW.UNESCO.ORG/NEW/EN/BUREAU-OF-STRATEGIC-PLANNING/THEMES/CULTURE-OF-PEACE-AND-NON-VIOLENCE/
- **CULTURE OF PEACE INITIATIVE:** WWW.CULTUREOFPEACE.ORG
- **GLOBAL MOVEMENT FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE:** WWW.GMCOP.ORG
- **PEACE ONE DAY:** WWW.PEACEONEDAY.ORG
- **INTERNATIONAL CITIES OF PEACE:** WWW.INTERNATIONALCITIESOFPEACE.ORG

NOTE: IF YOUR FAVORITE SITE IS NOT LISTED, PLEASE GO TO INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE FACEBOOK PAGE: [HTTP://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PEACEDAY?FREF=TX](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PEACEDAY?FREF=TX) AND POST YOUR LINK. THANK YOU!

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CITY/COMMUNITY PEACE DAY INITIATIVES:

- **DUBLIN, IRELAND:** [HTTP://WWW.PEACEBEGINSWITHME.EU/](http://www.peacebeginswithme.eu/)
- **CHICAGO, IL:** [WWW.BUILDTHEPEACE.ORG](http://www.buildthepeace.org)
- **EUGENE, OR:**
[HTTPS://SITES.GOOGLE.COM/SITE/EUGENECITYOFPEACEPUBLIC/HOME](https://sites.google.com/site/eugenecityofpeacepublic/home)
- **HONG KONG:** [HTTP://PEACE-INTL.ORG/](http://peace-intl.org/)
- **MONTREAL, CANADA:** [HTTP://CIRCLEOFPEACE.CA/](http://circleofpeace.ca/)
- **PHILADELPHIA, PA:** [WWW.PEACEDAYPHILLY.ORG](http://www.peacedayphilly.org)
- **PROVIDENCE, RI:** [HTTP://THEPEACEFLAGPROJECT.ORG](http://thepeaceflagproject.org)

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REFLECTION SITES:

- **WORLD PEACE PRAYER SOCIETY:** [HTTP://WWW.WORLDPEACE.ORG/](http://www.worldpeace.org/)
- **PEACE POLE PROJECT, PRAYER AND FLAG CEREMONY, ETC. UNITED RELIGIONS INITIATIVE (URI):**
[HTTP://WWW.URI.ORG/ACTION_AREAS/PEACEBUILDING/INTERFAITH_PEACE
BUILDING_GUIDE](http://www.uri.org/action_areas/peacebuilding/interfaith_peace_building_guide)
- **MEDITATION MUSEUM:** [HTTP://WWW.MEDITATIONMUSEUM.ORG/](http://www.meditationmuseum.org/)
- **MINDFULNESS RESOURCES:** [HTTP://WWW.MINDFUL.ORG/RESOURCES](http://www.mindful.org/resources)
- **SGI QUARTERLY:** [HTTP://WWW.SGIQUARTERLY.ORG/FEATURE2013APR-
1.HTML](http://www.sgiquarterly.org/feature2013apr-1.html)

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CELEBRATION SITES:

- **GLOBAL FEAST FOR PEACE:** [HTTP://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PAGES/GLOBAL-FEAST-FOR-PEACE/490665730993992?FREF=TS](http://www.facebook.com/pages/global-feast-for-peace/490665730993992?fref=ts)
- **PLAYING FOR CHANGE DAY:** [WWW.PLAYINGFORCHANGEDAY.ORG](http://www.playingforchangeday.org)
- **GLOBAL MARCH FOR PEACE AND UNITY:**
[HTTP://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GLOBALMARCHFORPEACEUNITY](http://www.facebook.com/globalmarchforpeaceunity)

ENVIRONMENT SITES:

- **ROOTS AND SHOOTS:** [WWW.ROOTSANDSHOOTS.ORG](http://www.rootsandshoots.org)
- **PLANTING ROCKS FOR PEACE:**
[HTTP://WWW.PLANTINGROCKSFORPEACE.ORG/](http://www.plantingrocksforpeace.org/)

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EDUCATION SITES:

- **US INSTITUTE OF PEACE:** [HTTP://WWW.BUILDINGPEACE.ORG/ACT-BUILD-PEACE/LEARN](http://www.buildingpeace.org/act-build-peace/learn)
- **HAGUE APPEAL FOR PEACE - TIME TO ABOLISH WAR:**
[HTTP://WWW.YUMPU.COM/EN/DOCUMENT/VIEW/3205606/TIME-TO-ABOLISH-WAR-A-YOUTH--AGENDA-FOR-HAGUE-APPEAL-FOR-PEACE](http://www.yumpu.com/en/document/view/3205606/time-to-abolish-war-a-youth--agenda-for-hague-appeal-for-peace)
- **NATIONAL PEACE ACADEMY:** [HTTP://NATIONALPEACEACADEMY.US/PROGRAMS-AND-PROJECTS](http://nationalpeaceacademy.us/programs-and-projects)
- **PEACE ONE DAY:** [HTTP://PEACEONEDAY.ORG/TEACHERS/#2](http://peaceoneday.org/teachers/#2)
- **WE WANT PEACE:** [HTTP://WEWANTPEACE.ORG/SERVICES/WWP-IN-SCHOOLS/](http://wewantpeace.org/services/wwp-in-schools/)
- **KING CENTER:** [HTTP://WWW.THEKINGCENTER.ORG/KING-PHILOSOPHY#SUB2](http://www.thekingcenter.org/king-philosophy#sub2)
- **SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER:** [HTTP://WWW.TOLERANCE.ORG/](http://www.tolerance.org/)
- **INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION:**
[HTTP://WWW.ISASCHOOLS.ORG/INDEX.PHP?OPTION=COM_CONTENT&TASK=VIEW&ID=26&ITEMID=62](http://www.isaschools.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=26&Itemid=62)
- **PEACEFUL SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL:**
[HTTP://PEACEFULSCHOOLSINTERNATIONAL.ORG/PSI-RESOURCE/FREE-ONLINE-RESOURCES](http://peacefulschoolsinternational.org/psi-resource/free-online-resources)

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EDUCATION SITES (CONTINUED):

- **ROOTS AND SHOOTS:** [HTTP://WWW.ROOTSANDSHOOTS.ORG/PROJECT-TOOLKIT](http://www.rootsandshoots.org/project-toolkit)
- **ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE:** [HTTP://WWW.ADL.ORG/EDUCATION-OUTREACH/BULLYING-CYBERBULLYING/](http://www.adl.org/education-outreach/bullying-cyberbullying/)
- **INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMICS AND PEACE:**
[HTTP://ECONOMICSANDPEACE.ORG/EDUCATION/SECONDARY](http://economicsandpeace.org/education/secondary)
- **HUMAN RIGHTS, WORLD CONFLICT AND PEACE EDUCATION:**
[HTTP://WWW.LINDAKREFT.COM/ONLINE.HTML](http://www.lindakreft.com/online.html)
- **INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR HUMAN VALUES (IAHV):**
[HTTP://WWW.IAHV.ORG/US-EN/PROGRAM/YES-FOR-SCHOOLS/](http://www.iahv.org/us-en/program/yes-for-schools/)
- **PEACE DAY PHILLY:** [HTTP://WWW.PEACEDAYPHILLY.ORG//WHAT-CAN-YOU-DO/CHILDREN/](http://www.peacedayphilly.org//what-can-you-do/children/)
- **PEACE AND JUSTICE STUDIES ASSOCIATION:**
[HTTP://WWW.PEACEJUSTICESTUDIES.ORG/](http://www.peacejusticestudies.org/)
- **GLOBAL CAMPAIGN FOR PEACE EDUCATION:** [HTTP://WWW.PEACE-ED-CAMPAIGN.ORG/INDEX.HTML](http://www.peace-ed-campaign.org/index.html)
- **THINK CARE ACT BLOG:** [HTTP://WWW.BUILDINGPEACE.ORG/TRAIN-RESOURCES/EDUCATORS/PEACEBUILDING-TOOLKIT-EDUCATORS](http://www.buildingpeace.org/train-resources/educators/peacebuilding-toolkit-educators)
- **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:**
[HTTP://WWW.ROTARY.ORG/EN/ABOUTUS/PAGES/RIDEFAULT.ASPX](http://www.rotary.org/en/aboutus/pages/ridefault.aspx)

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PEACE ART SITES:

- **PEACE PALS CONTEST:** [HTTP://WPPSPEACEPALS.ORG/](http://wppspeacepals.org/)
- **PEACE FLAG PROJECT:** [HTTP://WWW.THEPEACEFLAGPROJECT.ORG/?PAGE_ID=633](http://www.thepeaceflagproject.org/?PAGE_ID=633)
- **ROOTS AND SHOOTS PEACE DOVES:**
[HTTP://ROOTSANDSHOOTS.ORG/CONTENT/CREATE-GIANT-PEACE-DOVE-PUPPET-ROOTS-SHOOTS-DAY-PEACE](http://rootsandshoots.org/content/create-giant-peace-dove-puppet-roots-shoots-day-peace)
- **CHALK FOR PEACE:** [HTTP://WWW.CHALK4PEACE.ORG/EVENTINFO.HTML](http://www.chalk4peace.org/eventinfo.html)
- **PINWHEELS FOR PEACE:**
[HTTP://WWW.PINWHEELSFORPEACE.COM/PINWHEELSFORPEACE/HOME.HTML](http://www.pinwheelsforpeace.com/pinwheelsforpeace/home.html)
- **GLOBAL ART PROJECT:**
[HTTP://WWW.GLOBALARTPROJECT.ORG/ABOUT/PROJECTDESCRIPTION.HTML](http://www.globalartproject.org/about/projectdescription.html)

SPORTS FOR PEACE SITES:

- **PEACE ONE DAY ONE GOAL:** [HTTP://PEACEONEDAY.ORG/ONE-DAY-ONE-GOAL](http://peaceoneday.org/one-day-one-goal)
- **PEACE DAY PHILLY SPORTS:** [HTTP://WWW.PEACEDAYPHILLY.ORG/WHAT-CAN-YOU-DO/SPORTS/](http://www.peacedayphilly.org/what-can-you-do/sports/)



THINGS YOU CAN DO IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

- 1. JOIN AN IDP GROUP OR START ONE OF YOUR OWN**
- 2. PLAN A DAY OR WEEK OF IDP EVENTS**
- 3. WORK WITH LOCAL MEDIA TO EXPAND IDP PARTICIPATION**
- 4. ADD YOUR IDP INITIATIVE TO THE IDP FACEBOOK PAGE:**
[HTTP://FACEBOOK.COM/PEACEDAY?FREF=TS](http://facebook.com/peaceday?fref=ts)
- 5. SEND THIS IDP SLIDE SHOW TO YOUR NETWORK!**

Prepare today for IDP, 2013

Reflect, Educate, Celebrate!



**FOR MORE DETAILED
INFORMATION, GO TO
THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE
WEBSITE:**

[HTTP://WWW.INTERNATIONALDAYOFPEACE.ORG](http://www.internationaldayofpeace.org)

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EDUCATION FOR PEACE

**“OUR GOAL IS TO CREATE A BELOVED COMMUNITY AND THIS
WILL REQUIRE A QUALITATIVE CHANGE IN OUR SOULS AS
WELL AS A QUANTITATIVE CHANGE IN OUR LIVES.”**

~ DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.