

Manifesto 2000

The General Assembly of the United Nations has proclaimed the year 2000 the "International Year for the Culture of Peace". A group of Nobel Prize Peace Laureates drafted MANIFESTO 2000 (below) on the occasion of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. For more information, refer to the UNESCO Culture of Peace web site at <http://www.unesco.org/cpp>.

Manifesto 2000: Peace is in our hands

Join the international movement for the culture of peace and non-violence:

- a.. Because the year 2000 must be a new beginning, an opportunity to transform - all together - the culture of war and violence into a culture of peace and non-violence.
- b.. Because this transformation demands the participation of each and every one of us, and must offer young people and future generations the values that can inspire them to shape a world based on justice, solidarity, liberty, dignity, harmony and prosperity for all.
- c.. Because the culture of peace can underpin sustainable development, environmental protection and the well-being of each person.
- d.. Because I am aware of my share of responsibility for the future of humanity, in particular to the children of today and tomorrow.

I PLEDGE IN MY DAILY LIFE, IN MY FAMILY, MY WORK, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY AND MY REGION, TO:

1. "Respect all life." Respect the life and dignity of each human being without discrimination or prejudice.
2. "Reject violence." Practise active non-violence, rejecting violence in all its forms: physical, sexual, psychological, economical and social, in particular towards the most deprived and vulnerable such as children and adolescents.
3. "Share with others." Share my time and material resources in a spirit of generosity to put an end to exclusion, injustice and political and economic oppression.
4. "Listen to understand." Defend freedom of expression and cultural diversity, giving preference always to dialogue and listening without engaging in fanaticism, defamation and the rejection of others.
5. "Preserve the planet." Promote consumer behaviour that is responsible and development practices that respect all forms of life and preserve the balance of nature on the planet.
6. "Rediscover solidarity." Contribute to the development of my community, with the full participation of women and respect for democratic principles, in order to create together new forms of solidarity.