Peace Day Philly 2017 - SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

October 18, 2017

Twenty-one (21) public programs took place as part of PDP 2017 (Sept. 17- Sept. 23). For thirteen (13) of these programs, PDP played a significant role.

Additionally, twenty one (21) police districts offered peace related activities for community members across Philadelphia, with three (3) districts offering 3 or more activities. Five (5) peace crane programs also took place at four schools and one after- school program during PDP 2017. A peace-themed program was also held at Performing Arts Charter School with the jazz ensemble the Jost Project and Peace Day Philly.

2017 Public Programs were as follows:

- ***Mindful Activism and Peace Platform Talk, Hugh Taft-Morales -*** *Philadelphia Ethical Society*
- ***Dark Waters: 2,379 Days & Counting workshop w/ Syrian Artist*** *- Penn Museum*
- ***"Peace and Love" PDP 2017 Kick-Off Concert*** *w/ jazz ensemble The Jost Project*
- ***Exhibition Opening: Iraqi Songs In Color*** *- Philadelphia Folklore Project*
- ***Recognizing and Interrupting Racism Training*** *- The Peace Center (due to popularity, a second program was offered on October 5th)*
- ***Global Refugee Crises, Local Solutions Panel Program*** *featuring Congresswoman-At-Large Helen Gym and Randy Duque from the Commission on Human Relations*
- ***"Before the Flood" Film Screening and Discussion*** *- American Friends Service Committee*
- ***Interfaith Ally Workshop -*** *Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia*
- ***"Undoing Racism Day: Embracing Difference" -*** *Community Breakfast of the Main Line*
- ***Parkway NW High School for Peace and Justice Rally***
- ***The State of Global Peacefulness Talk*** *- Institute for Economics and Peace*
- ***Mindful Activism Workshop -*** *Philadelphia Ethical Society*
- ***Peace Day Philly 2017 - Together for Peace Public Program, Rittenhouse Square***
- ***Power of Peace Meditation -*** *Brahma Kumaris*

- ***7th Annual Sing Along for Peace -*** *Philadelphia Ethical Society*
- ***Together for Peace 2017 Concert featuring Farah Siraj and Ben Arnold***
- ***Mindfulness Program,*** *Dept. of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbilities*
- ***Museum Scavenger Hunt,*** *National Liberty Museum*
- ***Global Feast: Celebrating Philadelphia's Cosmopolitan Canopy (including multi-cultural mural project "Barriers Can Be Broken")*** *- Reading Terminal Market*
- ***Tour of the "Cultures in the Crossfire: Stories from Syria and Iraq" Exhibition*** *- Penn Museum*
- ***AHLAN! (Welcome!) Open House*** *- Al-Bustan Seeds of Culture*

Evaluations were done for Migration Crises, State of Global Peacefulness, Mindful Activism, Recognizing and Interrupting Racism workshop and the Mindfulness program. Feedback from these programs was very positive across programs.

Other Highlights:

Peace Day Philly partnered with the Peace Education organization Peace Praxis on grant-supported teacher and youth training at two inner city high schools. The teacher training with staff from both schools took place at the end of August 2017; the student trainings will take place in November 2017.

Peace Day Philly created a "Together for Peace" video based on this year's global theme which included quotes from the UN Secretary General's 100 Day Countdown message. This video was featured on the home page of PeaceCast.TV and was streamed on Peace Day as part of their global program.

The city provided a **Proclamation** in support of PDP. The City Representative spoke at our Peace Day Program.

The state Senate passed a **Resolution** in support of active involvement in Peace Day.

WXPN (88.5 FM) played an hour of peace songs on September 21 (Helen Leicht).

Peace Day Philly again provided social media content for use by the **Department of Public Information (DPI), United Nations**. Peace Day Philly was verbally acknowledged as one of several contributing organizations at the end of the Student Observance of Peace Day at the United Nations on Sept. 15.

PDP 2017 press coverage included: NBC TV, KYW/CBS local, ABC TV and Channel 17 TV. Other promotional sources included Pathways to Peace and WOGL FM.