



**Peace Day Philly 2018**  
**Events as of September 12, 2018**  
**All programs FREE unless otherwise noted**  
**For full program details, go to: [www.peacedayphilly.org/events](http://www.peacedayphilly.org/events)**

**Sunday, Sept. 16, 7:00 - 8:30pm (note new date!)**

**Interfaith Art and Justice**

Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia  
100 W Oxford St., Philadelphia, 19122

In a social climate of fear and suspicion, what does it mean to “dare to understand” those different from us? Can art help us do that? How? In the Interfaith Center’s ‘Interfaith Art & Justice’ workshop, participants will examine art’s role in activism, explore how art and interfaith understanding are intersecting in Philadelphia, and learn how art may be used to engage social change in their own community.

This interactive workshop is not just for artists but for anyone who values creativity and believes it to be a vital tool in increasing peace and understanding in our region. FREE.

**Monday, Sept. 17, 5:30-7:30pm**

**Forging Peace: Where Do We Go From Here?**

Friends Center  
1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia

How was social change forwarded in the wake of Martin Luther King Jr’s Assassination on April 4, 1968? How can we, in the current context, inform and sustain our activism? Nonviolence chooses love instead of hate, but is it possible to turn our anger at injustice toward making meaningful, positive change? What is our responsibility to help others better understand problems facing society and to build peace in peace? Rev. David Brown and high school senior/poet L’tajh Carter will share their perspectives, followed by Q & A and discussion.

Activism resources will be available at the event. Refreshments. FREE.

**Wednesday, Sept. 19, 5:30-7:00pm**

**Economics, Peace and Human Rights**

Friends Center  
1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia

The 2018 global Peace Day theme, set by the United Nations, is “***The Right to Peace: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70.***” However, the 2018 Global Peace Index finds that the world is less peaceful today than at any other time in the last decade. There has also been a global decline in the acceptance of the rights of others.

What are the implications of these findings for peace and human rights? What are the main threats to and opportunities for peace today?

Michelle Breslauer, Director of Programs for the **Institute for Economics & Peace**, will speak on this topic. The IEP is the world's leading think tank dedicated to developing metrics to analyze peace and to quantify its economic value. It does this by developing global and national indices, calculating the economic cost of violence, analyzing country level risk and understanding positive peace.

Refreshments to follow discussion. Co-Presented by: IEP, PDP and UNAGP. Also part of Welcoming Week. FREE.

**Thursday, September 20, 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM**

**Because of the War Film Screening**

Paschalville Library, 6942 Woodland Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19142, USA

A special presentation of the documentary film, Because of the War, highlighting stories of four brilliant singers – mothers, immigrants, survivors of Liberia's civil wars – who now live in Philadelphia, followed by a discussion with one of the performers. A Philadelphia Folklore Project production.

Contact: Nyia Morrison, [morrisonn@freelibrary.org](mailto:morrisonn@freelibrary.org), 215-685-2662

**Thursday, Sept. 20, 6-8pm**

**Compassion and Wisdom: Peace in Ourselves and in the World**

Philadelphia Ethical Society

1906 S. Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia

Note: Participants may attend one or both parts of this program. FREE.

Part 1, 6:00pm: Gentle yoga session for the integration of body, mind, and spirit. A loving approach to nurturing the body is combined with jargon-free spiritual insight gleaned from various contemplative traditions.

Part 2, 7:00pm: Discussion and meditation focusing on cultivating compassion and wisdom no matter the situation, and expanding the conditions for peacefulness not only in ourselves, but also throughout the world in which we live.

Refreshments to follow the program.

**Friday, September 21, 10am -1pm**

**Push for Peace Anti-Violence Coalition - PDP 2018**

This youth driven coalition will host a program City Hall Courtyard with anti-violence resource tables 10am - 1pm and creative peace art activities 10am - 11:30am. Program 11:30 - 12:30pm will include poetry, performance speakers sharing experiences of violence as well as healing and the global minute of silence for peace at 12 noon.

Refreshments. All welcome. FREE

**Friday, September 21 (time TBD)**

**Prayers for Peace**

Chenrezig Tibetan Buddhist Center, 954 North Marshall Street, Philadelphia  
Join us at The Chenrezig Tibetan Buddhist Center of Philadelphia (CTBC) as we offer continuous prayers for world peace and social justice on Peace Day. Our program will include being led through traditional Tibetan Buddhist mantras. The six-hour program will be divided into one-hour segments devoted to a particular mantra. Each mantra segment includes an introduction, a short meditation, chanting of the mantra and dedication. We invite all our brothers and sisters to join us for this prayer that will resonate throughout our City and the world.

**Friday, September 21, 2:30 pm**

**Global Guides: Friday Edition**

Penn Museum, 3260 South St, Philadelphia  
In honor of Peace Day Philly and National Welcoming Week, celebrating immigrants and the contributions they make, the Penn Museum offers two free Global Guide tours of the new Middle East Galleries. Penn Museum's Global Guides—recent immigrants from Iraq or Syria—provide tours of the new Galleries, combining archaeological and historical information about the materials with their own personal stories. The tours are free with Museum admission. Visitors can also experience Global Guide public tours on Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30 pm. EBT card holders are able to receive special admission discounts.

**Friday, Sept. 21, 6-6:45pm**

**8th Annual Peace Day Sing Along**

In front of the Philadelphia Ethical Society, 1906 S. Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia  
Join Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader of the Philadelphia Humanist Society, for an informal sing along of new and old peace songs. A fun and unifying Peace Day tradition. FREE.

**Friday, Sept. 21, 7-8:45pm**

**Peace Day Philly Benefit Concert**

Philadelphia Ethical Society, 1906 S. Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia  
Join us for an evening of music performed by members of the Philadelphia Orchestra as well as immigrants/refugees. This special Peace Day event will benefit refugees served by HIAS PA. Also part of Welcoming Week.

Light refreshments to follow the concert. **Suggested contribution \$15.**

To RSVP, go to: <http://hiaspa.org/peacedayphilly>.

This event is also part of National Welcoming Week.

***Please note: Free peace and unity programs will take place across the city organized by the Philadelphia Police Department from 9/17-9/21. Details to come.***