

Global Campaign for Peace Education

Worldwide Activities Brief

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HAP Highlights

Phil Thomas, member of the Hague Appeal for Peace (HAP) International Advisory Committee, is now acting as the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) Tsunami Appeal campaign coordinator in Geneva. The appeal was launched on 5 January 2005 as a response to the catastrophe in Asia to raise funds which will be used in projects identified by IB schools in the stricken areas and to create partnerships between schools. The appeal later extended a request for teacher volunteers and school-to-school links, in addition to fund raising. Additional details of this initiative are available on <http://www.IBO.org>.

GCPE News from the Field

ALBANIA

UN DDA/ HAP Peace and Disarmament Education Project:

Elton Skendaj reports: On January 22nd we concluded a very successful symposium on the peace and disarmament education project in Albania. The objectives were: to share ideas and celebrate our partnerships; to present the achievements of the project during the 2003-2005 period; to suggest ideas and ways toward the sustainability of peace education in the future; and to present the independent final evaluation of the project

Present in the symposium were a group of teachers and pupils from Gramsh and Shkodra including the local coordinators Luljeta Dollani and Kol Shiroka; the vice-director of the Institute for Pedagogical Studies, Mariana Sinani; the UNESCO representative in Albania Zhuljeta Harasani; the head of Educational Department of Tirana, Majlinda Keta; and other NGO representatives that we have collaborated with in our project.

Majlinda Keta, head of Tirana pre-university education system and a co-author of the teacher's manual, spoke about the importance and mechanisms of including peace education in secondary schools. She mentioned that Tirana has a lot to learn from the Gramsh experience and urged for a continuation of the project in Tirana as well. Marjana Sinani, vice-director of the Institute for Pedagogical Studies and editor of the teacher's manual emphasized the importance of the concept of "peace" that induces a different methodology and spirit in Albanian classrooms.

LATIN AMERICAN REGION - EDUCATING CITIES LATIN AMERICA –


Give Peace a Chance Program - Christmas Campaign and presentation of transportation tickets:
As it is a tradition in the city of Rosario, Argentina, more than 100 children and young people campaigned against violent toys in streets and public spaces on Saturday December 18, 2004. They distributed posters in shops, encouraging parents not to buy violent toys as presents. The campaign was accompanied by printing millions of urban transportation tickets which composed of a puzzle with the question: "Why peace and disarmament?" and with information on military expenses and what could be done instead with those resources for social development. The Campaign and the tickets were presented at a press conference hosted by Mr. Miguel Lifschitz, Mayor of Rosario at the Town Hall on December 22nd 2004. The Director of Police Schools in Santa Fe Province, Dr. Jose Maria Chena, the Director of the Municipal Bank, as well as teachers, students and activists were present at the event. This program was organized by Scouts of Argentina and Educating Cities Latin America, in keeping with the context of the Global Campaign for Peace Education of HAP, with the support of the Municipality of Rosario and Rosario Municipal Bank.

Solidarity and learning by transcending frontiers:
Prof. Alicia Cabezudo, member of the HAP International Advisory Committee, visited Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, USA with the objective of establishing an agreement of cooperation among Educating Cities Latin America, Earlham College and the National University of Rosario. American students of the Peace and Global Studies Program will participate in the Educating Cities Latin America programs at the Municipality of Rosario. Students will also provide assistance to classes of the National University of Rosario and take part in cultural exchange activities promoting understanding among American and Latin America students and social activists.

For more information: Educating Cities Latin America, Municipality of Rosario. Calle Buenos Aires 711, 2 P, 2000 Rosario - Argentina. E-mail: ce_americalat@rosario.gov.ar, Tel./Fax: +54 341 4802 275.

Hague Appeal for Peace at the World Social Forum in Porto Alegre, Brazil:
Azril Bacal, Alicia Cabezudo and Olivia Martin participated in the World Social Forum which took place in Porto Alegre, Brazil, January 26 – 31, 2005. They introduced the Global Campaign for Peace Education as well as participated in various workshops. More than 155,000 people participated at the Forum in Porto Alegre sharing a common belief: Another World is Possible!

CONFERENCES and EVENTS

 **Peace in Palestine**
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
March 28 - March 30, 2005

The conference is organized by Peace Malaysia (Aman Malaysia) which is a coalition of 1100 Non Governmental Organizations in Malaysia. The main objective of the conference is to help establish a global network of civil society organizations which will work towards a just and peaceful resolution of the Israel- Palestine conflict.

Apart from speakers, Peace Malaysia is inviting a broad spectrum of civil society groups from all over the world committed to a just peace in Palestine, to participate in the conference. The Honorable Prime Minister of Malaysia, Mr. Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, will officiate at the conference.

Peace Malaysia will provide meals and accommodation during the conference. The deadline for registration is 10th January 2005. To receive a detailed program of the conference please contact: Dr. Chandra Muzaffar, Advisor, Peace Malaysia and President, International Movement for a Just World (JUST).

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** Hague Appeal for Peace understands the deadline is past however you may want to contact the organization for information.

World Report on a Culture of Peace

Fundacion Cultura de Paz is inviting organizations to contribute to the midterm report from civil society to the UN General Assembly for the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010). This report provides a *unique opportunity* to assess the progress toward a culture of peace in the world today. They encourage the participation of local governments, schools, NGOs and, in general, all actors committed to building a culture of peace to contribute to the report.

Information received by April 30, 2005 will be included in the report sent to the UN Secretary-General in accordance with operative paragraph 10 of [General Assembly Resolution A-58-11](#). For more information, please, visit: <http://decade-culture-of-peace.org>.

PEACE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

International Literary Prize

Municipality of Lugo, Italy

A TALE FOR PEACE

Second edition 2005

Contest entrants must submit an unpublished tale or short story written in Italian and highlighting issues connected to peace as a supreme value. Manuscripts must be 6 pages maximum and be submitted in three typed copies. If possible, please include a further copy on diskette typed under one of the most common typing programs. Please also include complete contact details, a short CV and a declaration by the author that the work is an original one. Works which were already awarded a prize in previous literary contests are not eligible.

By taking part in the contest entrants transfer the copyright of submitted manuscripts to the organising board for free. Nor are authors entitled to royalties, though writers retain ownership of them.

Entries must be sent by 15th February 2005 to: "UNA FAVOLA PER LA PACE" c/o Biblioteca Comunale "F. Trisi", P.zza Trisi, n.19, 48022 Lugo (RA), Italy
Tel. +39 0545 38568 Telefax +39 0545 38534.

In order to cover a part of organisation costs entrants are kindly requested to pay an entry fee of 10 Euros payable to IPB-Italia – Postal Account no. 11114444 ABI 07601 CAB 03200 (please write on it: Premio letterario “Una Favola per la Pace”). Receipt of payment must be included in the submitted entry.

Participation in the contest is completely free for students and schools.

A special prize named “A Tale for Peace – Youth” is also established and is open to pupils of middle and high schools. Participation is completely free. Submitted works will be screened by an independent jury composed of teachers and trainers. For additional information please see:

<http://www.ipb-italia.org/>

Graduate Certificate in Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies.

University of Massachusetts, Lowell, MA
USA

One of the two required substantive courses in the certificate, Analyzing Peace, Violence and War, will be taught in spring 2005. This will be through Continuing Education, and the location will be Middlesex Community College, Lowell campus. Tuition is \$1250. Registration is available on the website. www.uml.edu/dept/RESO/peace. The other required substantive course, Conflict Resolution, will be taught by Dave Turcotte in Summer 2005. Additional electives will also be taught in the Summer 2005.

For further information please contact Chris Tilly: Chris_Tilly@uml.edu , 1-978-934-2796 or Prof. John MacDougall: John_MacDougall@uml.edu, 1-978-934-3623.

Nonviolent Peaceforce Announces More Recruitment for Sri Lanka

Nonviolent Peaceforce is seeking candidates to refill and expand its deployment of peace workers in Sri Lanka. Interested applicants will find the application form as well as other relevant information on the website at:

<http://nonviolentpeaceforce.org/english/srilanka/FTMAppForm.asp>

Applications will be accepted until 16 January 2005.

** Hague Appeal for Peace understands the deadline is past however you may want to contact the organization for information.

Human Rights and Peace Education in Turkey

The Center for Educational Outreach and Innovation (CEO&I)
March 14 - March 19, 2005

The Department of International and Transcultural Studies and the Peace Education Center would like to announce a new course: “Human Rights and Peace Education in Turkey” taught by Peter Lucas and Nilufer Pembecioglu Ocel. This course is offered through CEO&I’s study abroad program. During this intensive one week course held over spring break, students will study the changing state of human rights and peace in Turkey. Classes will be held at Istanbul University, with local NGOs, and with select scholars and activists in the Turkish human rights and peace movement. The dates for the course are March 14 - March 19, 2005

For information about the course and application guidelines, please see our CEO&I web page: <http://www.tc.columbia.edu/ceoi/spring05/turkey/index.html>. For more information on other peace education activities please visit the Peace Education Center website at: <http://www.tc.edu/PeaceEd>

☞ The 2005 International Institute on Peace Education (IIFE)

Rhodes, Greece

July 24 – July 30, 2005

Exploring The Theme of: $E=Mc^2$

education = movement for constructive change: educating for peace through the arts

The 2005 IIFE will be hosted by the FAM Network (Femme-Art-Méditerranée, Women Artists of the Mediterranean) and the University of the Aegean, in Rhodes, Greece, and organized in association with the Peace Education Center of Teachers College, Columbia University. IIFE, founded in 1982 by the Peace Education Program of Teachers College, has been held annually in different parts of the world. It is a multicultural and cooperative learning opportunity in which participants learn from each other about substantive peace issues and interactive teaching approaches. The Institute is also an opportunity for networking and community building among those who educate and work for a culture of peace in the Mediterranean region and internationally. The program will consist of plenaries, workshops, reflection groups, and visits to community projects.

For an application and more information please visit: <http://www.tc.edu/PeaceEd/iife>

PEACE EDUCATION RESOURCES

☞ Part time positions

The Nonviolent Peaceforce

The Nonviolent Peaceforce is looking for people to fill 3 part time positions: Grants Writer, Communications Coordinator and Bookkeeper. All positions are part time but the grants writer and communication coordinator positions could be combined. The bookkeeper would need to be able to work in Minneapolis, MN, USA but the other positions could be filled any place in the US. Please email recruit@nvpf.us for a complete job description and requirements and mention this posting.

Please send your resume to melduncan@nonviolentpeaceforce.org indicating what position you are applying for at the Nonviolent Peaceforce.

☞ Peace Media e-magazine

The Peace Media is founded with a strong belief to educate people on conflict resolution through innovative research, dissemination of information and negotiable agreement. The Peace Media firmly believes that the role of the media is to raise voices against injustice.

For more information please visit: <http://groups-beta.google.com/group/peacemedia>

☞ "Talk about Peace Education"

The Italian College

The Italian College has added a “**Talk about Peace Education**” forum in the category 'Discussioni' of The Italian College Meeting Point Forum www.theitaliancollege.com/phpBB2. The forum will serve to all those interested in peace education and related subjects as means to exchange ideas, provide information, promote initiatives, give and receive advice and support.

Founded in 1999, the Hague Appeal for Peace Global Campaign for Peace Education (GCPE), is an international organized network which promotes peace education among schools, families and communities to transform the culture of violence into a culture of peace. Over 140 organizations worldwide have endorsed the GCPE.

Peace education is a holistic, participatory process that includes teaching for and about human rights, nonviolent responses to conflict, social and economic justice, gender equity, environmental sustainability, disarmament, traditional peace practices and human security. The methodology of peace education encourages reflection, critical thinking, cooperation, and responsible action. It promotes multiculturalism, and is based on values of dignity, equality and respect. Peace education is intended to prepare students for democratic participation in schools and society.

The Global Campaign for Peace Education has two goals:

- To see peace education integrated into all curricula, community and family education worldwide to become a part of life
- To promote the education of all teachers to teach for peace.

The *Hague Appeal for Peace Global Campaign for Peace Education Worldwide Activities Brief* e-newsletter highlights how and where the GCPE network is active and growing. **Submissions are encouraged!** Please contribute how you are working for peace education including dates, locations, a brief description, and a website and/ or contact information and send it to sabrina@haguepeace.org. For more information on the Hague Appeal for Peace and to become an endorser of the GCPE visit www.haguepeace.org.

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