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Hague Appeal Highlights

- The Hague Appeal for Peace launched a new website on May 13, 2005, marking our sixth anniversary. We welcome your comments and suggestions.
- Sabrina Esufali, our Program Associate, will be moving back to Sri Lanka in late June. Sabrina has been a dedicated peace educator and an exceptional team member for the past year.
- H el ene Leneveu is now training for the Program Associate position. She earned two Masters degrees in Geography and International Relations. We welcome her to the HAP team!

GCPE News from the Field

HAGUE APPEAL in SPAIN & AUSTRIA

Speaking at an Education for Peace conference in honor of the 20th anniversary of the Galego Seminario of Education for Peace in Santiago de Compostela, Spain on May 23rd, Cora Weiss, Hague Appeal President, called for broadening the definition of education and Culture of Peace. "Children of this world deserve a peace and human rights oriented approach to education. With the world awash in weapons, including 30,000 nuclear bombs, and \$1 trillion a year spent on the military while 2 billion people live on less than \$2 a day, education needs to do more than teach numeracy and literacy. Children need to have the capacity to face challenges of unprecedented proportion...."

The conference drew students as well as members of the International Advisory Committee of the Global Campaign for Peace Education: Azril Bacal, Alicia Cabezudo, Magnus Haavelsrud, Manolo Dios Diz, and Hague Appeallers Colin Archer (IPB), Federico Mayor Zaragoza and 1980 Nobel Peace Laureate Adolfo Perez Esquivel.

Later that week in Eggenburg, Austria, formerly the home of Bertha von Suttner, Cora addressed a von Suttner symposium which was opened by Austria's president, Heinz Fischer and attended by Shirin Ebadi, 2003 Nobel Peace Laureate. 2005 is the centennial anniversary of awarding the Nobel Peace Prize to the first woman, Bertha von Suttner, author of "Die Waffen Neider", *Lay Down Your Arms*, a best selling novel on disarmament. Bertha was instrumental in persuading Alfred Nobel to put the profits from his invention of dynamite into a Peace Prize. Cora called for the collaboration of the human rights and environmental movements with the peace movement for greater effectiveness. "The Nobel Peace Prize committee has

given women and the peace movement a huge gift. By awarding the Prize to two remarkable women in a row, they have reminded the world that women can be peace-makers. And by bringing into the peace prize community a leading human rights activist and innovative environmentalist, we can see that peace will depend on the full implementation of all human rights and on respect for sustainable development."

Hague Appeal Global Campaign for Peace Education advisor, Werner Wintersteiner, was a key organizer of this meeting which will be followed by another in Prague, Bertha's birth place.

For the full text of both speeches, see

<http://www.haguepeace.org/index.php?action=history&subAction=coraSpeeches>

CAMBODIA

Thavory Huot reports:

"Yesterday, I joined a round table meeting at the Ministry of Education and was very happy with the recognition of and support for peace and disarmament education. The Peace and Disarmament Education Curriculum of the Working Group on Weapons Reduction (WGWR) became part of the Life Skill Education Program of the Ministry of Education which includes four principles: (1) learn how to be, (2) learn how to know, (3) learn how to do, and (4) learn how to live together.

I look forward to engage in further round table discussions". Congratulations Thavory!

CONFERENCES and EVENTS

Women in Black, International Conference for Ending Occupation, War and Violence

Jerusalem

August 12-14, 2005

Women in Black and members of women's peace organizations from all over the world are invited. The conference will include lectures, workshops and multi-cultural events, as well as a political exhibition of Women in Black materials from around the world. If you cannot attend the conference, you may contribute to the exhibit by sending flyers, posters, photos, stickers and other materials that reflect your organization's activities. The theme of the 13th international conference of Women in Black will be opposition to occupation, war, and violence by using fact-finding tours and teach-ins about Palestinian occupied areas.

Deadline for Registration is **July 1, 2005**. For more details about accommodations, accessibility, costs, and further information please visit <http://www.coalitionofwomen.org> or write to wib2005@netvision.net.il

WWSF: 2005 International Coalition

Join the coalition

Geneva, Switzerland

The Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF) is an international, non-profit, non-religious empowerment NGO which serves to help implement women's and children's rights and the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The 2005 international coalition marks the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse, November 19.

For further information please visit <http://www.woman.ch/> or e-mail wdpca@wssf.ch

“In Solidarity: Engaging Empire in Activism, Education and Community Strategies”

Plowshares National Student Peace and Justice Conference

Goshen College, Indiana, USA

October 6-9, 2005

Organized by the Peace and Justice Studies Association, the conference will explore the potential processes to dismantle the systems of domination and oppression that characterize a post 9/11 world. Related themes include social justice and peace movements; nonviolence; peace studies and peace education; critical pedagogy, popular education and multiculturalism.

Call for Proposals: The organizers invite you to send proposals that will be used for presentations, organized panels, roundtable discussions, workshops and other creative contributions on these and related questions, and on pedagogical innovations designed to tackle these issues in K-12 and in university classrooms. Please send an abstract (no more than 200 words) to insolidarityconf@plowsharesproject.org (please put your last name in the Subject line of your message). A brief biographical sketch would also be helpful. The deadline for submission is **May 31 but is being extended**. For more details visit <http://www.peacejusticestudies.org>

PEACE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Transcend London Programs

London, UK

June 12-19, 2005

Transcend, an international peace and development network, offers the following five programs, in cooperation with 'ministry for peace', (an organization working for the creation of a Ministry of Peace within government), in the United Kingdom.

- *Peacebuilding, War Prevention and Conflict Transformation for Governments and Diplomats:* A two day seminar for government officials, EU, UN, OSCE, CoE, members of parliament, national and local political leaders, diplomats, researchers and practitioners; June 13-24.
- *Building Peace Within and Between Religions and Faiths: The Role of Religion and Spiritual Faith in Escalating and Transforming Conflicts in the World and Our Communities;* June 15-16.
- *Training of Peaceworkers –Conflict Transformation & Peacebuilding in Practice, Skills, Tools & Methods for Practitioners:* A one-day intensive introduction to the Transcend Approach for practitioners and those working in or interested in working in peacebuilding and conflict transformation; June 17.
- *Dealing with Conflicts and Violence in Schools and the Community: Developing a Practical Curricula and Pedagogies for Peace Education:* This one-day program has been specially designed for professionals working in education in the UK and internationally; June 18.
- *Globalization and People's Struggles to Overcome Direct, Structural and Cultural Violence:* A Transcend Workshop linking Local and Global Movements for Social Justice and Peace; June 19.

Deadline for applications is **June 3, 2005**. For more information or to apply please visit

<http://www.transcend.org> or write to Cristina Muresan, Program Coordinator: uk@transcend.org

Sowing Seeds, Humane Education Workshop

Guelph Turfgrass Institute, Ontario, Canada

June 25-26, 2005

Organized by the International Institute for Humane Education (IIHE), the Sowing Seeds Workshops offer new approaches for teaching about animal protection, human rights, environmental preservation, media and culture. Humane education addresses the pressing issues of our time and promotes positive choice-making on behalf of people, animals, and the Earth. Participants at *Sowing Seeds* workshop learn how to:

- Present accurate information and teach critical thinking about relevant issues
- Teach about consumerism and media, environmental preservation, social justice, animal protection and the connection between these issues
- Improve communication skills
- Develop a series of presentations and activities for schools, camps, or community groups

Additional workshops will be held in different cities within the United States.

For more information or to register please visit <http://www.IIHE.org> or e-mail sowingseeds@IIHE.org

Summer Courses and Workshops in Peace Education

Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, USA

July & August, 2005

The Peace Education Center, through the Center for Educational Outreach & Innovation (CEO&I), offers an innovative set of Peace Education trainings and workshops for educators, curriculum and policy developers, community-based and civil society organization members as well as other constituencies concerned about the needs and possibilities of education on issues of security, peace and war, human rights, social justice and ecological balance.

"Democratic Education through Critical Pedagogy" - July 8, 9 and 15, 16

"Human & Social Dimensions of Peace: Planetary Ethics and Education" - July 8, 9 and August 12, 13, 14

For further information please visit the Center for Educational Outreach & Innovation website at <http://www.tc.edu/PeaceEd> or write to peace-ed@tc.edu. To register for the trainings and workshops e-mail ceoi_mail@tc.columbia.edu

PEACE EDUCATION RESOURCES

Peace Studies in Schools

Ryo Sasayama, a producer of NHK Japan Broadcasting Hiroshima Station, contacted us with some concerns about the memory of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima which he said, "is fading out year by year". This year is marked both by the 60th anniversary of Hiroshima's bombing and the review of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) at the United Nations and thus, this is a perfect time to push for educating our children about these important issues.

Ryo pointed out: "There are kids who don't know anything on Hiroshima's bombing, right here in Hiroshima". Ryo is currently conducting research on peace studies in schools around the world. He is looking for information about classroom projects or teachers (peace educators).

To contact Ryo Sasayama please write to sasayama.r-ha@nhk.or.jp

Vice President, Global Human Resources

Full Time Position

Christian Children's Fund (CCF)

Richmond, Virginia, USA

The Christian Children's Fund (CCF) is now recruiting for the newly created position of Vice President, Global Human Resources (VP Global HR). As the organization grew in size and sophistication, the HR function was neglected in favor of programming so appointment of this VP will be the beginning of a global HR operation. Senior Management, the board, and staff around the world have been preparing for a year, and the new VP can expect strong support. A generalist familiar with all aspects of HR, with experience in large organizations and developing countries, is needed for this position.

For further information on the CCF and their activities please visit <http://www.christianchildrenfund.org>

If you are interested to apply send your resume and letter to sjames@phillipsoppenheim.com

Online Resources for Teachers on Peace and Mass Violence

Office of Teaching Resources in Psychology (OTRP)

Webster University, Missouri, USA

Three new resources developed by Mike Hulsizer and Linda Woolf are available for free download from the OTRP website. These include annotated bibliographies, recommended resources, and curriculum materials.

- *Psychology of Peace and Mass violence -- Genocide, Torture, and Human Rights (informational resources)*
- *Psychology of Peace and Mass Violence -- War, Ethnopolitical Conflict, and Terrorism (informational resources)*
- *Psychology of Peace and Mass Violence (instructional materials)*

For further information about OTRP please visit <http://www.lemoyne.edu/OTRP/index.html>

To download the three resources cited, go directly to

http://www.lemoyne.edu/OTRP/otrpresources/woolf_hulsizer.html

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 helene@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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