Come, Create, Participate!

Attending the Peace Event in Sarajevo

You will meet several thousands of people committed to peace mainly from Europe and the region of Western Balkans, speaking out together against war and violence 100 years after the beginning of World War I. People all over the world want to live in peace – but the last century has seen wars and violence at all levels and in most parts of the world, including the former Yugoslavia. We believe and want to show that the power of active nonviolence is the only sustainable way to transform a world of wars and violence into a culture of peace and nonviolence. Current events in Ukraine, Syria, Central Africa, and many other parts of the world, as well as the wars in Yugoslavia in the 1990s and the current social protests in Bosnia and Herzegovina, require our joint commitment and public statement that there are alternatives to war in the form of civil, nonviolent conflict transformation, as shown in many successful nonviolent campaigns as well as in official documents like the UNESCO declaration on a “Culture of Peace.” Our common goal remains the vision of Bertha von Suttner, Mahatma Gandhi, Albert Einstein, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, and many more, namely: a world without war and violence. The more of us who participate and demonstrate this clearly at the Peace Event in Sarajevo, the stronger our signal for “another world possible” will be.

An international Forum

In Sarajevo there will be more than 100 workshops and round tables organized around five thematic issues: a culture of peace and nonviolence, gender, women and peace, peace and social justice, reconciliation and dealing with the past and militarism and alternatives. These workshops, offered by a big variety of local, regional, European and international organizations, will contribute to show the diversity of existing peace work and support a critical analysis and the drawing up of new alternatives. The importance of “dealing with the past and reconciliation” in the Western Balkans and other war-torn societies, as well as lessons to be learned from the history of wars in most parts of the world, including the former Yugoslavia in the 1990s and the current social protests in Bosnia and Herzegovina, require our joint commitment and public statement that there are alternatives to war in the form of civil, nonviolent conflict transformation, as shown in many successful nonviolent campaigns as well as in official documents like the UNESCO declaration on a “Culture of Peace.” Our common goal remains the vision of Bertha von Suttner, Mahatma Gandhi, Albert Einstein, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, and many more, namely: a world without war and violence. The more of us who participate and demonstrate this clearly at the Peace Event in Sarajevo, the stronger our signal for “another world possible” will be.

A Cultural event

We will also present on the squares and streets of Sarajevo with cultural contributions. The Peace Event should be marked by a culture of peace represented in all its facets and made accessible to everyone. Peace is something that should be celebrated.

Join the Youth Camp and cultural exchange!

From June 6th to 10th, 2014, Sarajevo will also be a major meeting point of young people to stand up against war and for a peaceful, just and sustainable future. In our large-scale Sarajevo Youth Camp we will discuss our commitment against war, develop alternatives and present these to the public. This gathering will be a contribution to strengthen the Youth Peace movement in Europe. All of you are invited to come, participate and create. Peace from the bottom

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A Culture of Peace and Nonviolence (CPN)

Storytelling from Religious Traditions to Develop Empathetic Understanding in Diverse Communities: Perspectives from UK Primary Schools (Centre for Religion in Society, York & Johnluke University, UK)

Cultural of Peace & Nonviolence in Africa (Coordination internationale pour une culture de non-violence et de paix)

Investigating the Role of Theatre as a Model of Transformative Peace Education in Post-Gencide Cambodia (Faculty of Education, University of Tzamias, Australia)

New Generation – Media for a Culture of Peace (Coordination internationale pour une culture de non-violence et de paix)

INTERNATIONAL FORUM

List of workshops as of end of March

Gender Mainstreaming Peacebuilding Initiatives (Peace Action, Training & Research Institute of Romania)

Women in Resistance Against Militarization, Criminalization & Violence (World March of Women)

Violence victims é/o violence solidaire (Armes nucléaires Stop/Initiative Féminine Européenne (IFE-EFI)/IAMF-PON/UPP-France)

Militarism and Alternatives (MA)

Humanitarian Consequences of Nuclear Weapons Threat (IPPNW France)

Militarization of Science 1914 & Today (International Network of Engineers Against Nuclear Arms, International Peace Bureau)

Rosa Luxembourg & WWI (Rosa Luxembourg Foundation Southeast Europe)

The Role of Faith-based Organizations in Issues of Military Spending (pass chrivist international, International Peace Bureau)

Integration of Roma People into Society (Arbeitsgemeinschaft Frieden & Gedenken Germany)

5 Round Tables

in the Bosanski Kulturs Centar and main halls of the workshop facilities:

1 A Culture of Peace & Nonviolence
2 Gender, Women & Peace
3 Dealing with the Past
4 Peace & Social Justice
5 Militarism & Alternatives

Among other confirmed speakers at the round tables are:

• Jeremy Corbin (Member of Parliament, UK) 
• Joseph Gerson (American Friends Service Committee, USA) 
• Safia Gorani Brice (Women Peace Center, Senegal) 
• Senator (United Humanity) 
• Jeffrey Brown (International Peace Bureau, New York) 
• Katharina Krausev (Right Livelihood Award, Croatia) 
• Julia Kowalska-Mishore (Foundation CURE and CAFÉ International, Senegal) 
• Busy Woman (Attorney, Germany) 
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**ART & CULTURE**

Many squares in the inner city will be turned into vibrant cultural centers where different activities will be taking place during the Peace Event Sarajevo 2014, integrating cultural events, such as music, literature, cinema, and nonviolent projects. Furthermore, numerous galleries, theatres and other institutions will participate in peace exhibitions and activities during the Peace Event. In addition, a “Kids Zone” will be set up in an open area in downtown Sarajevo and will be dedicated to activities for children (up to 12 years old).

Many cultural activities proposed by local and international organisations.

Among others:
- An open air cinema by the Prazo Ljudski Film Festival
- A peace concert by the Pontanima choir
- The “STOLICA” film presentation by the film directors Elisabetha Lodoli & Octavio di Leo
- A Pete Seeger memorial concert with local & international musicians performing his songs for peace & against war
- Short animation movie “MOMuMEN’T” – The Art of Dealing with the Past in the Western Balkans, by forumZFD, Muhamed Kafedžić Muha and of young artists and students from the Western Balkans and Germany
- An exhibition on “Pacifists during the World War I”
- The “Post War – What Now?”, street art project by the International Peace Center of Sarajevo
- The “Create Peace Project”, a collaborative mural with storytelling activities

Exhibition: "MOMuMEN’T” – the changing face of remembrance, by Forum Zivier Friedensdienst e.V. in BiH (forumZFD) and Marko Krajčić.

And much more...

On Saturday in one of the squares we will hold the “Peace Fair”: a unique opportunity for peace organizations to display information and materials, for activists and interested people to discover more about peace and to get involved into the change from a world of war and violence into a culture of peace and nonviolence. A Peace Fair to learn, discuss, exchange and find new concrete ways to contribute to a better world. Everyone who wishes to participate is invited to come and offer support for cultural activities on www.peaceeventsarajevo2014.eu.

For general questions please send an email to: culture@peaceeventsarajevo2014.eu

**YOUTH CAMP & ACTIVITIES**

The Youth Camp of the Peace Event Sarajevo 2014 offers young people from all over the world the time and space for mutual learning and understanding as well as inter-cultural dialogue and exchange. More than 10 self-organized workshops and activities will be conducted, plenty of space for creative and sports activities is available and around the camp. All participants may engage in all activities of the Peace Event Sarajevo 2014. The Youth Camp will take place from June 6th - 10th in the camping ground KAMPAZA, about 8km away from the city center of Sarajevo. The Youth Camp has good access to public transportation and all facilities needed for camping. Participation fee is 15 Euros (reduced), 40 Euros (regular) or 80 Euros (solidarity). It covers camping in a tent as well as one meal per day.

More detailed information you can find in the FAQs of the Youth Camp and in the list of activities on the website. For additional information please contact: youth@peaceeventsarajevo2014.eu

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