

Peace Education Network: Digest Update 1 (22nd Nov 2020)

(i) Global Campaign for Peace Education

I forward news of an **INVITATION** to support this growing global coalition to mainstream peace education on our planet.

You can do so in a couple of ways....

- 1) Endorse the Global Campaign for Peace Education (GCPE is an established, respected and expanding campaign) **as an individual** by clicking [here](#) (and then click on the RED bar at the top of the webpage to join as **an individual**)
- 2) Invite your school or organisation to endorse the Campaign [here](#)

This could provide a timely opportunity to spread the word, seek allies and strengthen the support for peace education in your context.

More information about the Global Campaign for Peace Education is copied below.

Thanks for contributing to this exciting global initiative that is strongly aligned with our strategic intention: **to reach peace, teach peace.**

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Brendan
on behalf of our Peace Education Project

A Short History of the Global Campaign for Peace Education

The Global Campaign for Peace Education was launched in May 1999 at the Hague Peace Conference, the largest international peace conference in history. Nearly 10,000 people from over 100 countries gathered in response to an appeal launched by the International Peace Bureau, the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, the International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms, and the World Federalist Movement. The conference discussed and debated mechanisms for abolishing war and creating a culture of peace in the 21st century. Participants included hundreds of civil society leaders and representatives from 80 governments and international organizations – including UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, a handful of Prime Ministers, and several Nobel Peace Laureates.

Conference participants concluded that the achievement of the vision of a culture of peace could not be possible without peace education, thus a collective call was made to launch a campaign to facilitate the introduction of peace and human rights education into all educational institutions. This essence is captured in the vision statement of the Global Campaign:

A culture of peace will be achieved when citizens of the world understand global problems; have the skills to resolve conflict constructively; know and live by international standards of human rights, gender and racial equality; appreciate cultural diversity; and respect the integrity of the Earth. Such learning cannot be achieved without intentional, sustained and systematic education for peace.