

Peace Event Sarajevo 2014

From a World of War and Violence to a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence

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From a World of war and violence...

The year 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I, which was triggered by the assassination of the Austro-hungarian heir to the throne in Sarajevo on June 28th, 1914.

This can be seen as a symbolic date for a century of a “Culture of War and Violence” with two world wars and numerous regional wars - among them the one in the former Yugoslavian countries in the 1990’s when Sarajevo suffered from the siege of the city during the “last war in Europe” - as well as for the global dominance of structural and cultural violence.



Memorial plaque at the location of the Sarajevo assassination

... to a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence.

But the 20th and the beginning of the 21st century have also seen a world-wide rise of nonviolent actions and achievements as an alternative to war and violence, and increased efforts for global and social justice, human rights, peace and reconciliation which was reflected in the declaration of the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence (2001–2010) by the United Nations.



A view of the city of Sarajevo

So, building on the experience of three “Salons des Initiatives de Paix” in Paris in the course of this Decade, the idea came up: **Let's make of Sarajevo the place to trigger a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence in 2014.**

A CORE EVENT

A European and International Event

In September 2012 a first meeting of organizations interested in and thinking of organizing a Peace Event in Sarajevo 2014 took place, attended by several Bosnian and other European movements and NGOs.

In this meeting these organizations decided to organize a Peace Event in Sarajevo 2014, and to open up for participation in the planning and realization to all those willing to contribute to a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence.

Thousands of people from the city of Sarajevo, the country of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the region of the former Yugoslavia, all of Europe and even from countries around the world will be expected to participate to this Event.

Linked to many other events

This Peace Event could be embedded into a more extended series of events in Sarajevo and in different countries in Europe. It would create a “European Season for a Culture of Peace and

Nonviolence”, e.g. from June 2014 till September 21st, the International Day of Peace and October 2d, the International Day for Nonviolence.

Different decentralized previous or simultaneous events could be organized in many places in Europe.



A view of the city of Sarajevo

Peace Event Sarajevo 2014 will be:

- A meeting and exchanging place for activists, practitioners and researchers of peace and active nonviolence.
- An opportunity to review the achievements and challenges related to peace and nonviolence in Europe.
- An opportunity to present a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence in its diverse dimensions.

THEMES AND ACTIVITIES

EDUCATION FOR PEACE

Education for Peace and Nonviolence
Curriculum for Peace
Teachers for Peace

SCIENCE AND PEACE

New technologies and Peace
Scientists for Peace

WOMEN FOR PEACE

Role of women in/after war
Gender issues and gender equality

ECONOMY AND WAR/PEACE

War industry
Arms trade
Conversion of these industries

ARTS AND PEACE

Peace artists
Music for peace
Forum and Playback Theatre

ACTIVE NONVIOLENCE

Nonviolent actions for social justice
Nonviolent revolutions

NETWORKING

Strengthen the movements for peace
Involve young people

DEALING WITH THE PAST

Reconciliation
Peace memories
Culture of remembering

HUMAN SECURITY

Human rights, economic, food, health and development security

HISTORY AND PEACE

Demilitarization of the History
Histories of peace movements

MEDIA AND PEACE

Journalists and Press agencies for Peace
TV, Radios, Internet

INTER-CULTURAL DIALOGUE

Religions and cultures in Peacebuilding
Cultural diversity

ACTIVE PEACE POLICY

A new European policy for Peace
Ministries of Peace, Conflict transformation and Civil Peace corps

ACTIVITIES

Sarajevo Peace Event 2014 will include different types of activities as conferences, workshops, booths, public events, street actions, artistic performances, animations in/with schools, exhibitions, Youth camp, film festivals.

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