

International Day of Peace

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The United Nations General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.

The United Nations Member States adopted the 17 Sustainable Development Goals in 2015 because they understood that it would not be possible to build a peaceful world if steps were not taken to achieve economic and social development for all people everywhere.



Sustainable Goals

The Sustainable Goals cover a broad range of issues, including poverty, hunger, health, education, climate change, gender equality, water, sanitation, energy, environment and social justice.

Sustainable Development Goal 16 “**Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions**” calls for promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, providing access to justice for all and building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

A peaceful society is one where there is justice and equality for everyone. Peace will enable a sustainable environment to take shape and a sustainable environment will help promote peace.



The Right to Peace

The theme for the International Day of Peace in 2018 is "The Right to Peace – The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70"

The theme celebrates the 70th anniversary of the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a milestone document in the history of human rights. Drafted by representatives with different legal and cultural backgrounds from all regions of the world, the Declaration was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris on 10 December 1948 as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations.

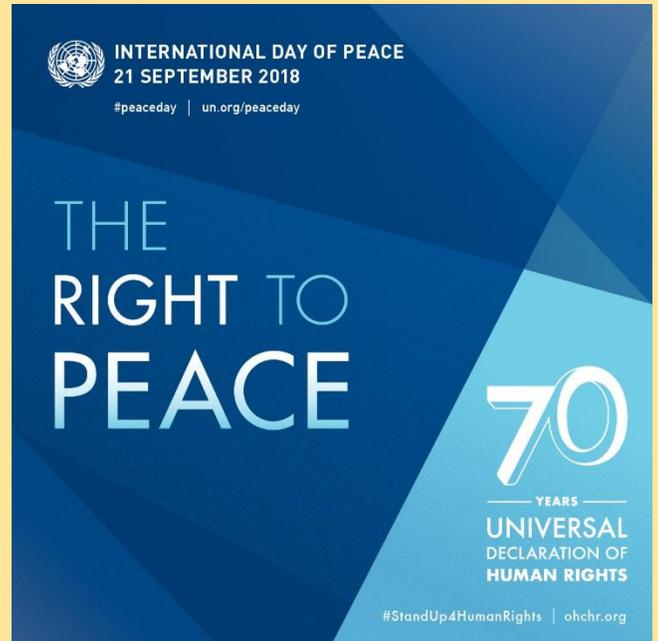
"It is time all nations and all people live up to the words of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which recognizes the inherent dignity and equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human race. This year marks the 70th anniversary of that landmark document."

— Secretary-General António Guterres

The Universal Declaration states in Article 3. "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person." These elements build the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world.

Further Information:

<https://internationaldayofpeace.org/>



Read on for ideas to celebrate International Day of Peace with the children in your care!

Celebrate International Day of Peace with the children in your care!

1. **Teach children to seek peaceful resolution** of conflict when disagreements arise around them, by adopting a non-violent approach to problem solving and reporting potential crimes, including online & playground bullying.
2. **Speak up** when others are at risk and stand with others' human rights at work, in school and around the dinner table. You can reflect how each of us can stand up for rights, every day. Human rights are everyone's rights.
3. Show the clip & **Sing this cute song** about peace:
[A Song of PEACE For Kids by Jack Hartmann](#)
4. **Print out** and encourage the children to colour in these pictures:
<http://www.supercoloring.com/coloring-pages/holidays/international-day-of-peace>
5. **Make** delicious World Peace Cookies!
[Recipe here](#)
6. Teach children how to **shake hands** as a sign of Peace and friendship.

