



FAQ: What We Are and What We Are Not

International Cities of Peace® is a nonprofit, tax-exempt association dedicated to creating an all-inclusive, non-polarizing network of citizens working on the ground to bring peace to our communities.

- There are **220 cities of peace in 50 nations on 6 continents**, including Bradford, England, Victoria City, Canada, and Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- There are **23 cities of peace in the United States**, such as Los Angeles, CA, Norwich, CT, Rockford, IL, and Ashland, NC.
- Peace is defined by the community as the consensus values of **safety, prosperity and quality of life**.
- Each city **self-defines as a city of peace** in a way that best meets its unique needs and legacy of peace building,
- There are no 100% peace cities, but rather the intention to **work toward becoming** a more peaceful community.
- Establishing a community as a City of Peace simply means a **general commitment** to fostering a more peaceful culture.
- There are **no political or ideological agendas** attached.
- Much like the Sister Cities program, the city of peace network **allows children to learn** about other cultures and for citizens to work in collaboration with other cities.
- There are **no fees, dues, or obligations** attached to becoming a city of peace.
- International Cities of Peace **board members are from four continents**.



Most of all, when a city establishes itself as a city of peace, **it gives citizens of other countries great hope and inspiration** to follow rule of law, democracy, and human rights, hallmarks of our country's commitment to peace.

Twelve Benefits to Establishing Your Community as an International City of Peace

- 1. Information:** resources and links to "how to" materials
- 2. Affirmation:** membership in a global association
- 3. Connections:** alliances with important organizations
- 4. Legitimacy:** a higher profile in the worldwide community
- 5. Education:** access to exhibits and teaching tools
- 6. Funding Options:** links to funders and recommendations
- 7. Online Learning:** video and hard-copy documents
- 8. Online Presence:** free website page for your peace team
- 9. Public Relations:** free news release through blog post
- 10. Community:** receive and be featured in newsletters
- 11. Database:** access to ICP database for connections
- 12. U.N. Representation:** ICP has Special Consultative Status with Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

Civic groups and leaders within each city of peace can begin the work of creating a community-wide vision and goals for fostering greater safety, prosperity, and quality of life. Each city receives a free web page on the International City of Peace website to



promote their community and their legacy as well as future plans for building a strong culture of peace. For information: info@internationalcitiesofpeace.org