



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 over **220 cities of peace in 50 nations on 6 continents**, including those in England, Nigeria, Canada, Argentina, Nepal, New Zealand, the United States and many more.
- 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 as well as specific goals unique to your work and community.
- There are **no political or ideological agendas** attached.
- Much like the Sister Cities program, the city of peace Global Family 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** and leaders include hundreds of peace builders and those desiring to become an important part.

Most of all, when a community establishes itself as a city of peace, **it gives citizens of all 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.

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HOW TO ESTABLISH A CITY OF PEACE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Creating an International City of Peace ensures a sustainable platform for the entire community to begin working toward a culture of peace. Is it time for your community to be a part of this hopeful and practical movement? Here's is the details of the process:

To create an initiative is very simple and costs no money. You can emphasize the work you are currently doing, or create a new organization for community peace building. We believe that each community has a legacy of peace that can be highlighted, especially in terms of giving hope and encouragement to children and adults alike. We are not a funding organization but individual cities of peace have the option of working with other cities through our Global Family Program. Many leaders have received recommendations for their work, which allows them to have increased creditability to approach global funding organizations with a solid program.

One person, perhaps you, will be included on our Advisory Council of Leaders. We will make the announcement about your initiative when the following are received:

1. Letter of Intent with signatures (print, get signatures, and scan to return)
(Letter of Intent available on our website: www.internationalcitiesofpeace.org)
2. A vision, mission, and goals statement (as detailed as possible)
3. Photos and captions of local events, locations, or historical events
4. A photo and bio for the leader of the group
5. If possible, a statement about the peace legacy of your community

Once the unique web page for your community is created, we will make the announcement to our membership and the world. Get ready for a life-changing and world-changing experience. Imagine a world of 1000 cities of peace!

For a dialogue with our staff, send an email with questions.

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