



FAQ: What We Are and What We Are Not

International Cities of Peace® (ICP) is a nonprofit, tax-exempt association dedicated to creating an all-inclusive, non-polarizing, citizen network that works to bring peace to our communities.

- Cities of Peace is an association of **hundreds of cities, towns, villages and other municipalities in over 60 nations on 6 continents**, including as examples: Amsterdam, Netherlands; Kumara, New Zealand; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Nanjing, China; Lagos, Nigeria; and Los Angeles; Rockford; and Ashland in the United States.
- Peace is defined by ICP 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 respects the community's efforts and legacy of peace building.
- There are no 100% peace cities, but rather the intention to **work toward becoming** a more peaceful community.
- A City of Peace can be established by a **citizen committee or by a civic Proclamation**.
- The Association champions **no political, religious, or ideological agendas**.
- Much like the Sister Cities program, the **City-to-City Cooperative Program™** enables citizens to work with other Cities of Peace to achieve mutual goals.
- There are **no fees, dues, or obligations** attached to becoming a city of peace.
- Noprofit parent company Cities of Peace, Inc. includes **board members** from five continents as well as trusted and learned advisors from around the globe.
- When a city is established as a city of peace, **it inspires people in all countries** to strengthen such culture of peace essentials such as rule of law, democracy, and human rights.
- Two way communication is provided by a volunteer **City of Peace Liaison** who lives in the community, understands the challenges and builds a peace team to implement solutions.
- To ensure the altruistic nature of International Cities of Peace, everyone associated with association is a **volunteer** and receives no monetary compensation or benefits.

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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 presentations and ICP Valued Providers
- 6. Funding Options:** links to funders and recommendations
- 7. Online Learning:** access to the free Skills Development Program™
- 8. Online Presence:** free website page for your peace team
- 9. Public Relations:** free news release through blog post
- 10. Community:** access to the City-to-City Collaboration Program™
- 11. Database:** access to ICP Global NewsCast for information distribution
- 12. U.N. Representation:** ICP is in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the United National body for NGOs

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 presence 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.

More documents, presentations, case studies and other information is included on our website or by contacting: info@internationalcitiesofpeace.org