



International Cities of Peace in the NEWS

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Accessed August 12, 2022.
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<https://rvml.org/event/an-international-city-of-peace-ashland-oregons-impact-by-david-wick/>

Rockford Register Star article: "**How to Make Rockford a City of Peace**" as well as documents for applying to become an International City of Peace. PDF

PEACE COALITION

How to make Rockford a city of peace

For more than a decade Rockford has celebrated International Day of Peace in the month of September. Participation has grown to more than 40 groups providing a wide variety of peace-related activities across our community throughout September and spilling into other months of the year.

We encourage you to join the culturally diverse network of local citizens for this year's "Who Will You Make Peace With?" events that acknowledge and foster peace.

International Cities of Peace (International Cities OfPeace.org) is a global, non-profit organization headquartered in Dayton, Ohio, with a goal to have 100 cities across the world designated as "Cities of Peace" by the end of 2024 and 1,000 "Cities of Peace" identified by 2020. It has long been the desire of peace-minded members of our community to have Rockford become one of the first 100, and the Rockford Rotary Club is proud to lead the application process.

"What is a City of Peace?" you may be asking. The United Nations has suggested that for peace to prevail, a community needs to do the following:

- Foster a culture of peace through education
- Promote sustainable economic and social development
- Promote respect for all



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human rights

- Ensure equality between women and men
- Foster democratic participation
- Advance understanding, tolerance, and solidarity
- Support participatory communication and the free flow of information and knowledge
- Promote international peace and security.

"How does a city become a City of Peace?" International Cities of Peace outline four basic steps to the application process. Rockford Rotary, in collaboration with other community members, has begun the process of:

1. Intention (a letter with supporting organizations/individuals.)
2. Association (a "Culture of Peace" working plan.)
3. Progress (measurable goals and updates.)
4. Proclamation.

Rockford Mayor Larry Morrissey and the City Council will announce the Proclamation of the Intention to be a City of Peace at Monday night's City Council meeting.

"Why did the Rockford Rotary Club decide to initiate this process?" The Rockford Rotary Club will

celebrate its 100th anniversary in June 2016, and we embrace and renew our long and steady commitment to our community through this effort to promote peace. We have a long and rich history of being involved in community service, locally, nationally and globally. Rotary International has a strong presence in the world and has partnerships with the United Nations, UNICEF, Geneva for Disease Control and others to address global humanitarian issues. Rotary Peace Centers, where leaders for achieving peace can be trained, are supported worldwide.

Our six areas of focus are in complete alignment with International Cities of Peace: Prevention and resolution of conflicts and the promotion of peace; prevention and treatment of disease; water cleanliness; mother and child health; basic education and literacy for all; and economic and community development.

At a time when all of us are daily confronted with, and concerned about, peace in our world and in our own backyards, the Rockford Rotary Club is proud to stand with our other local

Peace Month columns

Previous columns

Sunday: Peace illustrates our community's desire to see peace in the world, by Jim and Pam Kurling.

Tuesday: Jefferson Coll. offers Peace Month Col. Honors to support our national schools, by Don Kellor.

Friday: Help our students and children feel, by Bernie Gilroy and Jerry Gault.

Upcoming

Wednesday: Library/YWCA event

Friday: RW's role in the Peace Coalition

Sept. 14: Rockford University official events

Sept. 15: Rockford Symphony concert

Sept. 17: Music festival

Sept. 18: School participation in peace activities

Sept. 19: DGP participation

Sept. 20: Ethnic Festival

Rotary Club, our mayor and City Council, and a culturally diverse group working diligently to create a culture of peace in Rockford and surrounding communities.

Please join us and show your support by participating in Peace Month recognition and celebration events. Ask yourself "Who Will I Make Peace With?" and put that into action for our community and world.

For more information about Peace Month activities visit corner2peace.org.

Nancy Kalchbrenner is president of Rockford Rotary and Linda L. Johnson is a Rockford Rotarian.

NORTHERN IRELAND

PARTIAL LIST OF MEDIA COVERAGE of the Derry-Londonderry, Northern Ireland event on Peace Day as they joined our 390 Cities of Peace, as the 391st International City of Peace. BBC television, which is beamed globally to over 200 countries, also covered the event but cannot find the links. As we grow together, peacemaking will be broadcast in ways that have potential to overcome the dominance of violence. Here are current announcements:

BBC News: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-66887246>.

Belfast Live: <https://www.belfastlive.co.uk/news/derry-hailed-inspiring-case-study-27761013>.

Irish Central: <https://www.irishcentral.com/news/thenorth/derry-international-cities-of-peace-network>.

Irish Star: <https://www.irishstar.com/news/ireland-news/northern-irelands-derry-city-declared-31009778>.

Derry Now: <https://www.derrynow.com/news/local-news/1304205/derry-declared-an-international-city-of-peace.html>.

iTVx: <https://www.itv.com/news/utv/2023-09-21/londonderry-declared-first-city-of-peace-on-island-of-ireland>.

Derry Journal: <https://www.derryjournal.com/news/people/derry-to-join-international-cities-of-peace-network-4164377>.

Derry-Londonderry Mayor's Office: <https://www.derrystrabane.com/news/young-people-celebrate-joining-international-cities-of-peace-network>.

<https://www.derrystrabane.com/news/derry-to-join-international-cities-of-peace-network>.

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJmQwhOQIRQ>.

Microsoft: <https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/derry-hailed-inspiring-case-study-as-it-s-named-international-city-of-peace/ar-AA1h3TZo>.

Knowledge: <https://news.knowledia.com/GB/en/articles/derry-hailed-inspiring-case-study-as-it-s-named-international-city-of-4a4a1b16c8c1fba78a9696a2b9b8c132df330b5d>.

On September 21, 2023, in the historic Guildhall, Derry-Londonderry, Northern Ireland acknowledged its long journey from violence to peace as the 391st International City of Peace. Over 300 students from 14 Derry schools and colleges, with backgrounds of Protestant and Catholic roots, came together to envision the future of peace and how they can engage the world to teach the world of courage and hope. J. Frederick Arment, Mayor Patricia Logue, and the peacemaker David Latimer keynoted the event. Congratulations from other City of Peace leaders from all six inhabited continents sent their good wishes and embrace.

https://youtu.be/NEDTbG1_DJo.

Derrysrabane.com

<https://www.derrystrabane.com/Council/News/Strategic-Growth-Partnership-meets-at-St-Columb-s->.

Derryjournal.com

<https://www.derryjournal.com/news/people/derry-to-bid-for-irelands-first-international-city-of-peace-title-3904437>.

CHINA

"Weifang will continue to explore new ways to spread peace culture and tell the world the story of China's peace. At the same time, we also look forward to spreading the idea of peace with you and the members of the ICP family, so that the flower of peace will bloom in every corner of the world!" -- Sun Li, Retired Liaison for Weifang: International City of Peace

Xinhua News Agency:

Reference News Special Report | Painful Historical Memories and Eternal Echoes of Peace

<https://h.xinhuaxmt.com/vh512/share/12035343?d=134d891&channel=weixin>
(xinhuaxmt.com)

China Daily:History of WWII internment camp bonds Westerners, Chinese friends
<https://enapp.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202406/24/AP6678adf0a31066523d47021b.html>

China Daily's domestic news page publishes in-depth articles: Liu Yun, Secretary of Weifang Municipal Party Committee, talks about the practice of Chinese path to modernization in Weifang:

<https://enapp.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202406/25/AP667a17b2a31066523d4703ca.htm>

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The peace education curriculum inspection and exchange activities were successfully held:

<https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/8qytB221aEQpOBctCEgiSQ>

Weifang Guangwen Middle School and Weifang Wenhua School held a peace education seminar:

<https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/2pxp76egi99qBAXOmclJkg>

Exploring the Path of Peace Education and Lighting up the Light of Future Peace - Overview of the Promotion of "Peace Education" at Sunjia Primary School in Kuiwen District:

<https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/OZNYW34BxdZEB9Sp-JAMLw>

The commemoration event of Weifang's third anniversary of its successful accession to the International City of Peace was successfully held on February 3rd at the Courtyard of the Happy Way and Weihsien Concentration Camp Museum. <http://www.wfcmw.cn/334165/2024/02/31132840.html>

China Daily

<http://ex.chinadaily.com.cn/exchange/partners/82/rss/channel/cn/columns/j3u3t6/stories/WS65be13b6a31026469ab175a0.html>

People's Daily Online: <http://app.people.cn/h5/detail/normal/5656674790196224>

New Horizon (China, Japan, and South Korea)

<https://h5.sdchina.com/#/pages/news-detail/news-detail?id=1751890347626766338&lang=en> ,

<https://h5.sdchina.com/#/pages/news-detail/news-detail?id=1751879265080221698&lang=kr> ,

<https://h5.sdchina.com/#/pages/news-detail/news-detail?id=1750350901529595906&lang=zh-Hans> .

Recently, the City of Peace leaders in Weifang City, China attended many schools in Weifang City, carried out peace education, and led the children to do activities related to peace.

<https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/8nAhZYk3a4i-2KYabMeG2g>

https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/nXaaNy-keK1zKbkJga_yBw

In Weifang, a special issue of peace city.

<https://book.yunzhan365.com/dlyu/npqi/mobile/index.html>

PRnewswire. **When Nanjing meets Madrid: a meeting of peaceful visions.**

<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/when-nanjing-meets-madrid-a-meeting-of-peaceful-visions-301975544.html>

PUBLICATIONS

CHINA

China Journal of Peace Studies: “We hope that through our journal, scholars from various countries can build bridges of exchange and communication, enhance understanding and friendship, and promote peaceful development in the world.” — Zheng Haiyan, Editorial Director

Comment to Fred Arment’s “Peace is a Verb” article:

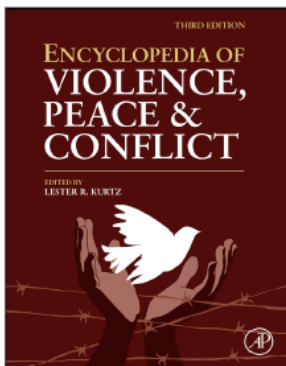
J. Frederick Arment’s article *Peace is a Verb* provides an important step forward in evolving our consciousness about this vital word and the real-world influence it has. How we use and think about the word Peace has a significant impact on our mindsets and the resulting actions. This is emphasized in the Constitution of UNESCO which begins with, “Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed.”

-- David Wick, Pathways To Peace; Rotary E-Club of World

"International Peaceful Cities Series" 10 volumes in the first series; From Cheng, L., 2022. Peace Studies of Asian Countries. In: Kurtz, L.R. (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Violence, Peace, and Conflict*, vol. 1. Elsevier, Academic Press, pp. 130–138. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-820195-4.00183-7> ISBN: 9780128201954. Copyright: 2022 Elsevier Inc.

The Symbiosis between the City of Peace and Peace Education

Announcement by Professor Liu Cheng, UNESCO Chair of Peace Studies in China



in the *Encyclopedia of Violence, Peace & Conflict*. "After two years of preparation, the Institute of Peace Studies of Nanjing University and the Institute of Nanjing Massacre History and International Peace jointly applied to the International Cities of Peace (COP), which announced to the world on September 4, 2017, that Nanjing has been declared the world's 169th International Peace City, also making it the first of its kind in China. While peace studies and peace education at Nanjing University have helped pave the way towards making Nanjing one of the International Cities of

Peace, this success would not have been possible without the strong support from the Government of Jiangsu Province and the Nanjing Municipal Government. Needless to say, a COP should be home to a culture of peace."

UNITED KINGDOM

Thesis presented to the University of Essex, United Kingdom. “Motivation and Contribution in Building a Culture of Peace: A case study of International Cities of Peace” by Thomas Dodge, January, 2020.



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BOLIVIA

Answer on Jeopardy: Over 10,000 feet in elevation this South American capital is one of the International Cities of Peace (answer La Paz)

<https://answers.gg/jeopardy/over-10000-feet-in-elevation-this-south-american-capital-is-one-of-the-international-cities-of-peace/>

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