

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
PEACE
SEPTEMBER 21
MONTREAL

————— Program 2015 —————

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



On this International Day of Peace, I would like to reiterate the city's commitment to intercultural harmony, peace and social cohesiveness. Our city is an inclusive, open-minded environment that is enriched by the many communities that make it up. All residents have the right to live in a climate of respect, solidarity and peace.

In this spirit, the Montréal Charter of Rights and Responsibilities was created a few years ago. Designed by and for residents, it is a reminder of the wealth that Montréal's diverse population represents, wealth that is enhanced by promoting inclusiveness.

Last spring, when I invited mayors from cities around the world to participate in the Montréal Summit on Living Together, I wanted to launch a reflection on the general principles and commitments to Living Together in cities. The mayors who signed the Montréal Declaration clearly expressed their desire to unite and take action in order to promote inclusiveness for all residents and fight against discrimination.

I wish you a wonderful Day of Peace!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Denis Coderre". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Denis Coderre
Mayor of Montréal

Montréal 

MESSAGE FROM JIM BEIS



Many Montréal communities are marking the United Nation's International Day of Peace. Peace is one of Montréal's most deeply rooted values and we constantly express in many different ways.

Today, I am joining with the Peace Grantmakers Network in calling on residents to take a moment and think how the ways in which each of us can contribute to peace initiatives that are within our reach.

Montréal is a diverse, friendly and inclusive city. It is a centre of peace and freedom, just as it is a home to different communities from around the world. For these reasons, we have a special responsibility to be ahead of the curve when it comes to preserving all that we have achieved and then going on to forge an even more harmonious society.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and flourishes.

Dimitrios (Jim) Beis

Member of Montréal
Executive Committee

Responsible for Procurement, Sports, Recreation
and Communities of Diverse Origins

Mayor of Pierrefonds-Roxboro Borough

Montréal 

MESSAGE FROM THE PEACE GRANTMAKERS NETWORK



In Montreal, we have a degree of social harmony of which we should be truly proud – all the more remarkably given the diversity of cultures and faiths that interact on a daily basis in our city. This social harmony should not be taken for granted, and must not be neglected.

There are a multitude of organizations and individuals who work to ensure that Montreal is and remains peaceful. They work with our youth, teaching them social and emotional learning, communication and conflict resolution skills, and ways to end cycles of violence in their lives, as well as helping them to understand that “difference” enriches our lives, and that diversity should be embraced. In addition, they work with adults, using restorative justice approaches to help victims and perpetrators find empathy and closure, applying tools such as structured dialogue and theatre to help communities work through divisive issues, and providing mediation services so that disputes can be resolved peacefully and effectively. The mandate of the Peace Grantmakers Network is to support these types of concrete initiatives.

One significant initiative that should help our Network to fulfill this mandate is the United Nations International Day of Peace. As you will see from the activities listed in this program, a multitude of organizations and individuals are taking part in this special day, including NGOs, corporations, event organizers, the YMCAs of Quebec, and the City of Montreal, whose Mayor Denis Coderre recently reiterated his commitment to the maintenance of peace and “social cohesion” amongst his citizenry.

And lest we forget: there is the important role played by you! If you are reading this, it means that you have an interest in what we are endeavoring with the International Day of Peace. Or you may be actively taking part in one of the many exciting and inspiring events that make up Montreal’s celebrations of Peace Day. Either way, we thank you very sincerely for being part of this effort, and we welcome you to the ranks of those actively working to make our city a beacon of peace and harmony.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Bronfman', written in a cursive style.

Brian Bronfman

President

Peace Grantmakers Network



MESSAGE FROM OUR MAJOR PARTNER



Fiera Capital is deeply honoured to join the Peace Grantmakers Network in celebrating the International Day of Peace.

There is no question, peace needs to be fostered on a daily basis. It rests on the notions of respect and equality that must be conveyed not only by society as a whole, but also by any company that considers itself socially responsible. At Fiera Capital, employees are urged to maintain an agreeable atmosphere and to uphold a spirit of solidarity that, in my opinion, leads to success.

We strongly encourage the firm and its employees to take an active part in various social causes. Every year, we support over a hundred Canadian organizations. And championing the Peace Grantmakers Network, which promotes initiatives to make society more peaceful, goes hand in hand with our own philanthropic vision.

Thanks to the Network's efforts, Montrealers have many opportunities to gain insight into the relevance of peace in their lives. This year, the theme selected by the United Nations (UN) to celebrate the International Day of Peace is cooperation. It perfectly highlights the importance of working together to strive for peace as there is still work to be done before we reach the objective spelled out in the UN's slogan "Partnerships For Peace – Dignity For All."

In Montreal, in Quebec and throughout Canada, we are blessed to live in a society that supports the pursuit of compromise and understanding, so that people can live with a certain measure of peace. However, for some that peace remains all too elusive.

Let's continue to strive to achieve this goal. On September 21, the International Day of Peace, let's think about the true meaning of this notion.

Fiera Capital is proud to join the Peace Grantmakers Network in encouraging each and every one of us to cherish this enduring, universal value. It is crucial that we support each other today so that future generations will be able to live in harmony and diversity as they take up the formidable challenges that they will encounter.

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Jean-Guy Desjardins

Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

Fiera Capital Corporation



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Celebrating September 21st in Montreal

The United Nations designated September 21st as the International Day of Peace (IDP) in 1981. Since then, this day has been a way of highlighting and encouraging the growth of initiatives designed to build a more peaceful and harmonious society.

The mission of the Peace Grantmakers Network is to increase recognition and support for peace as a domain. So it was only natural that the Network decided to make the IDP one of its flagship events and draw attention to organizations who work to make peace an everyday reality.

This year, activities are being organized by more than 40 groups which have joined forces to give Montrealers a chance to think about peace, take it in hand and get involved in applied peace work, putting peace in action.

Activities won't be limited to September 21st; they will run throughout the month of September until the day after the International Day of Non-Violence (October 2nd).

Partnering and diversity

The theme chosen by the UN to mark the 2015 International Day of Peace is cooperation, a core value for the Peace Grantmakers Network and an overriding condition for all actions it undertakes. The UN's slogan "Partnerships for Peace – Dignity for All" underscores just how crucial it is to weave all social sectors into efforts for achieving peace: we need governments, civil society, the private sector, faith-based groups and NGOs.

This year, the spotlight is on diversity: diverse actors, first of all, but also diversity of languages, cultures and religions. Montreal's broad cultural and religious spectrum is one of its greatest strengths and richest assets. But this diversity also presents a daily challenge to the city's residents who need to maintain conditions for peaceful community life. Through its IDP activities, the Network hopes to contribute to fostering and enhancing opportunities where people from all backgrounds can come together and share ideas.



Montréal



Monday, September 21 – 8 am to 9 am

MARKING THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Montreal City Hall (275 Notre-Dame Street East)

By invitation only

DESCRIPTION

A moment to pay tribute to our partners and present all the activities organised for the International Day of Peace.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

The Peace Grantmakers Network is a group of philanthropic foundations, individual donors, and partners working collaboratively in support of concrete peace initiatives and efforts for the creation of greater social harmony. While we naturally want this type of work to receive the kind of financing it needs and deserves, we do not simply provide donations. We also work to create more awareness of the field, so that others will recognize its value and provide it with more breadth of support. We work for increased implementation of its most promising tools and its proven best practices. And we work to generate more collaboration among those working in the field, in order to create a stronger voice for “peace in action.”

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Just enter the promo code IDOP2015 when you create your account on the web version of the app:

<https://app.omgmeditate.com/#/signup/IDOP2015>



Dawson Centre
for Peace Education

Monday, September 21 – 1 pm to 4 pm

“EFFECTIVE NON-VIOLENT PRACTICES” WORKSHOP

Dawson College, Conrod’s and Upper Atrium (4001 de Maisonneuve Boulevard West)

In English (Bilingual discussion) – Free – Reservations required before September 17

<http://dawson-peace-day-workshop-registration.eventbrite.ca>

DESCRIPTION

The Dawson Centre for Peace Education invites you to participate in our interactive Peace Day Workshop.

Over the course of this 3-hour workshop, participants will have the opportunity to actively explore and practice non-violent communication for use in interpersonal relationships, social interventions and political action.

Nathalie Hazan – peace educator, artist and social entrepreneur, Normand Beaudet – peace worker and internationally-experienced nonviolence trainer, and Dr. Tara Wilkie – educational psychologist with expertise in social and emotional learning, come together to facilitate practical skill development in non-violent communication (NVC), non-offensive assertion and effective non-violent group action. Join us to improve your individual and our collective peace competencies.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

The Dawson Centre for Peace Education is a hub for learning, innovation, knowledge, mobilization and action. Officially opened on September 12, 2014 at Dawson College, the Dawson Centre for Peace Education understands peace as a lifelong individual and collective project. Our vision is to achieve peace and non-violence through education. To this end, we offer a Peace Studies Certificate to Dawson College students, as well as a Peace Lecture Series and educational workshops that are open to the public. As a new and growing organization, we welcome opportunities to collaborate. For further details, please visit our website: <http://www.dawsoncollege.qc.ca/peace-centre/>

For more information : Julie Mooney, (514) 931-8731 # 1414

peacecentre@dawsoncollege.qc.ca



Monday, September 21 – 3 pm to 7 pm

REFLECTING TOGETHER ON PEACE AND DIVERSITY

Place Gérald-Godin (Mont-Royal metro station) 470 Mont-Royal Avenue East
Bilingual – Free – Open to everyone

In case of rain, the activity will take place the next day

DESCRIPTION

You are invited to join with others to think about the challenges associated with peace and diversity in 2015. In a festive spirit, we will ask passers-by to express their thoughts freely and spontaneously on the idea: “To make the most of diversity, I need to ... What’s getting in the way is...” The answers will be collected and posted in order to create a space where people can meet, share ideas and keep an open discussion going.

- **Music:** Artists appearing at the event include Kyra Shaughnessy (folk) and domlebo (Québécois folk-pop), who will sing on the theme of peace.
- **Free BBQ:** Chicken hot dogs and juice for all.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

The Collectif 21 septembre has been celebrating the International Day of Peace since 2013. It comprises several community groups, including: The House of Friendship, the Mennonite Central Committee, Initiatives of Change, the Centre de formation sociale Marie-Gérin-Lajoie, Religions pour la Paix - Québec and Antennes de paix. Their aim is to make the International Day of Peace a not-to-be-missed event by organizing a variety of awareness activities around peace issues. For more information on the Collectif, visit their website: <http://www.paix-21septembre.org> (in French).

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Monday, September 21 – 6 pm to 10 pm

YMCAs OF QUÉBEC PEACE MEDALS GALA DINNER

Marché Bonsecours 350 Saint-Paul Street East

Bilingual – \$350 (Proceeds will go to youth programming at the YMCAs of Québec)

DESCRIPTION

Every year, the YMCA awards Peace Medals to individuals or groups, celebrating those who have helped make their community, our country or our entire world a more peaceful place through their actions and dedication. This year the Peace Medals Ceremony will take place during a gala dinner.

The funds raised by this event will be invested in community programs for youth such as Alternative Suspension, which aims to keep kids in school, and Youth Zones, which helps young people develop their social, leadership and conflict resolution skills.

This year, to mark the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camps, an honorary medal will be awarded to the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre. The YMCA will recognize the efforts of survivors who volunteer at the centre. Please join us as we honour the remarkable social engagement of these volunteers and survivors as they deliver their message of peace.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

At the **YMCAs of Québec**, we build stronger communities by providing opportunities for everyone to lead fulfilling, active, healthy and engaged lives.

Registration required : Chantal Mallette 514-849-5331, # 1297

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<http://www.ymcaquebec.org/en/About-Us/Events/Peace-medals>



Centre commémoratif
de l'Holocauste à Montréal

Monday, September 21, 7 :30 pm

THE INDIANS, THE EAGLE AND THE TURKEY

Campus McGill – Room ARTS W 125 (853, Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal)

Free – Registration required : <http://goo.gl/UoUInh>

DESCRIPTION

For the 5th edition of the Indigenous Awareness Week and on the International Day of Peace, the MHMC in collaboration with Wapikoni Mobile present the amazing documentary, The Indians, the Eagle and the Turkey. It takes a look at what it means to be an 'Indian' today. Featuring Samian, Melissa Mollen Dupuis, Marie-Pier Ottawa, Kevin Papatie, and Raymond Caplin, we go on a journey with them and try to answer a simple question: how do you know who you are when you have been stripped of your identity? Movie will be followed by a discussion (presented in French with subtitles in English).

ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS :

The Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre educates people of all ages and backgrounds about the Holocaust, while sensitizing the public to the universal perils of antisemitism, racism, hate and indifference. Through its Museum, its commemorative programs and educational initiatives, the Centre promotes respect for diversity and the sanctity of human life.

Wapikoni Mobile is an organization that combats isolation and suicide among First Nations youth while developing artistic, technical, social, and professional skills; broadcasts films and various public awareness issues facing First Nations while enhancing a rich culture, too often overlooked; contributes to the preservation of First Nations cultural heritage.



September 1 to September 22

“QUÉBÉCOIS AND MUSLIM... WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?” EXHIBITION

Downtown YMCA 1440 Stanley Street

Bilingual – Free – Open to everyone

Hours : Weekdays from 6 am to 10:45 pm, Weekends from 7:15 am to 7:45 pm

DESCRIPTION

Muslims in Quebec – who are they? Where do they come from, what do they do, what are their concerns, their hopes and dreams? This photo essay, including 15 portraits of men and women, aims to answer these questions.

These images capture the daily lives of 15 people as they participate in society, observe their faith or religion and practise their professions here in Quebec.

The exhibition highlights the range of paths and backgrounds, as well as the ways in which Muslim Montrealers contribute to the city. It gives a glimpse into the vast diversity of ethnic backgrounds, professional careers, ways of living one’s faith and interests of Muslims or people perceived as Muslims.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

The Centre justice et foi was founded in 1983. It focuses on social analysis, research and reflection, taking a critical look at social, political, economic, cultural and religious issues. It publishes the Relations magazine and the webzine Vivre ensemble. This exhibition was set up jointly with **La Voie des Femmes**, a non-profit organization working on the social, cultural and political levels to encourage Muslim women to become actively engaged in Quebec society through volunteering. In this way, everyone involved gets to know and understand each other better. The project was coordinated by Espace Nodal and the captions were written by the Pied-de-Biche collective, with support from the Fondation Béati and Brian Bronfman Family Foundation.

The Downtown YMCA will host this exhibition. The YMCAs of Québec strive to build stronger communities by providing opportunities for everyone to lead fulfilling, active, healthy and engaged lives.

For more information : Élodie Rousselle, 514-277-8889, erousselle@cjf.qc.ca, www.cjf.qc.ca



September 21 to October 2

“WHAT IS YOUR TOOL OF PEACE” CAMPAIGN

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In French – Free – Open to everyone

DESCRIPTION

What is peace really, all clichés aside? Through their daily activities, the 12 member organizations of Tools of Peace show what applied peace work is, what peace in action truly means. Over the years, these groups have acquired the practical expertise needed to come up with, test and apply alternative approaches to dispute resolution, including mediation, restorative justice, forgiveness and reconciliation, non-violent communication, managing emotions, cross-cultural dialogue, etc.

Twelve vignettes exemplifying this peace work will be circulating on social media between September 21st and October 2nd, the International Day of Non-Violence. Please ‘like’ them and share them to your heart’s delight!

Tools of Peace member groups: Centre de formation sociale Marie-Gérin-Lajoie, Centre de ressources sur la non-violence, Centre de services de justice réparatrice, ENSEMBLE for the respect of diversity, Equitas, Initiatives of Change, Institut Pacifique, LOVE Québec, Mise au Jeu, Projet accompagnement Québec-Guatemala, YMCAs of Québec, YWCA Montreal.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

Tools of Peace is a network of 12 community groups who all work to promote and develop peace skills within the community, with the aim of preventing violence and dealing with its many and varied forms. Tools of Peace members are committed to fostering social harmony in Quebec, Canada and internationally. They encourage citizen dialogue and respect for differences and diversity, and strive to change violent attitudes and behaviours, which in turn leads to lasting social change.

For more information : Adriana Eslava, 514-276-4853

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Social Pastoral Service

Tuesday, September 29 – 1 pm to 4 pm

INTERFAITH WALK – VILLERAY DISTRICT

In French – Free – Registration required

Élodie Ekobena, 438-869-4199, pastosocialevilleray@gmail.com

DESCRIPTION

Visit a mosque, a church and a Hindu temple and come to discuss the discoveries you'll make!

The Interfaith walk in Villeray is an opportunity to discover some places of worship and the people who attend them. Through a journey on foot and by bus, we will visit a mosque, a church and a Hindu temple. This will also be the opportunity to discuss with representatives of the various religions that will be our hosts. Who are the religious communities of the neighborhood? What are the rituals and activities sheltered by those buildings? A discussion to share this unique experience will end the day.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

The Social Pastoral Service is an activity that promotes social justice and helps the poor. It is a way to connect with people who have very little and work with them to address their concerns. In concrete terms, the Social Pastoral Service partners with organizations in Villeray to foster social transformation and address unequal social relationships and structures. It also raises awareness of the realities many neighbourhood residents are coping with, as well as the difficult social and living conditions faced by people from developing countries.

The **Rapprochement interculturel de Villeray (RIV)** is a project designed to promote inclusion of people from all backgrounds in community life through by working together with a wide range of community groups and institutions. It is a network, a place for sharing, training and taking action on issues of inclusion, and engaging people in Villeray from all walks of life as active citizens.



Wednesday, September 30 – 7 pm to 10 pm

FILM & PANEL DISCUSSION: “SELMA”

D.B. Clarke Auditorium (Henry F. Hall Building, Concordia University)

1455 De Maisonneuve Boulevard West

In English – \$20 – Tickets on sale : www.montralblackfilm.com

DESCRIPTION

SELMA

Ava DuVernay – USA 2014 – 128 min. – English with French subtitles

Selma chronicles Dr. Martin Luther King’s historic struggle to secure equal voting rights for all citizens. This dangerous and harrowing campaign ended with an epic march from the City of Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, which led to President Johnson signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The screening will be followed by a panel discussion entitled
**“The Power of Non-Violence:
an Interfaith Perspective on Martin Luther King’s Legacy.”**



Guest of Honor:

Martin Luther King III

Civil rights activist, global humanitarian, political leader

with

- Rev. Darryl Gray, Special Assistant to the National President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference
- Dr. Victor Goldbloom, President, Jewish-Christian Dialogue
- Afra Jalabi, Journalist and Peace Activist
- Thupten Jinpa Langri, Author and Translator for the Dalai Lama

Facilitated by Laura Gallo, Interfaith Facilitator at the Concordia Multi-faith Chaplaincy

For more information : Alexe Louisa, 514-288-3888 # 330

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Saturday, October 3 – 7 pm to 9 pm

FILM & PANEL DISCUSSION: “EN QUÊTE D’IDENTITÉ(S)”

D.B. Clarke Auditorium (Henry F. Hall Building, Concordia University)

1455 De Maisonneuve Boulevard West

In French – \$10 – Tickets on sale : www.montralblackfilm.com

DESCRIPTION

EN QUÊTE D’IDENTITÉ(S)

Elie Séonnet & Floryd Mbakata – France 2015 – 53 min. – French

Elodie, Gül, Hicham and their classmates leave Evry, a Parisian suburb, and head for Montreal, Quebec. Coming from a range of backgrounds, religions and social classes, this trip gives these young suburbanites a chance to see what diversity looks like elsewhere. Is life easier in Montreal when you are 18 and part of a minority group?

**The screening will be followed by a discussion entitled
“Minorities: Quebec, a model for France’s future?”**

With the participation of the film’s two directors and:

- Valérie Amiraux, Professor at the Department of Sociology, Université de Montréal
- Bochra Manai, Doctor in Urban Studies, Researcher and activist

ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS :

The Montreal International Black Film Festival (MIBFF) is now Canada’s largest film festival dedicated to featuring black cultures from around the world.

The MIBFF wants to promote a different kind of cinema, cinema that hails from here and from abroad and that does not necessarily have the opportunity to grace the big screen, groundbreaking cinema that moves us, that raises awareness and that takes us all by surprise! The MIBFF wants to push boundaries, continuing to look outward and provide opportunities to meet, share, mix it up and be entertained.

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