



**Some Fifty Activities Will Form the Programming for Peace Days 2021,
Taking Place From September 21 to October 2**

The twelve days will unfold under the theme “Take Action for Equality”

The seventh edition of [Peace Days](#), an initiative of the Peace Network for Social Harmony, will take place from September 21, the UN International Day of Peace, to October 2, the UN International Day of Non-Violence.

This edition’s theme of “Take Action for Equality” asks us to be conscious of the fact that each of our individual and collective actions has a direct impact on our social fabric and our shared living environments. Our actions can help build a just, egalitarian, inclusive, non-violent and harmonious society. This year’s Peace Days is an invitation to become an advocate for equality.

“Take action for equality! That’s not only the theme for Peace Days 2021, but it’s also what our communities need right now. Our society won’t be able to bloom in peace until we have sown the seeds of justice. While it will be an enormous effort to dismantle the historical chains of oppression, it has to start with actions taken by ordinary citizens. Once we join together to build peace, others will follow, from the highest levels of leadership to your neighbour down the street. Let the world know that you are taking matters into your own hands by participating in one of the many activities offered as part of Peace Days 2021. This is your opportunity to involve yourself in a movement that tears down the walls of division and intolerance and replaces them with the bonds of mutual understanding and equality.” — Brian Bronfman, Co-founder and President of the Peace Network for Social Harmony and Peace Days 2021 Ambassador

Twelve days, fifty activities

Over 12 days, approximately [50 activities](#) will be offered by many partners from the community, cultural, educational and philanthropic sectors, such as workshops, exhibitions, yoga sessions, concerts, conferences, panels, meditation and more. They will be grouped into four main categories: In Dialogue, Learning, Community, and Arts and Culture. Moreover, [Peace Days Winnipeg](#) is also a partner for a second consecutive year.

With a focus on living together in harmony while valuing empathy and mutual discovery, the activities of the 2021 programming address a variety of complementary topics, including: immigration, exile and hospitality; ethnocultural, religious and linguistic diversity; gender equality; Muslim, feminist and activist women; citizen action; intergenerational relations; the reality for people with disabilities; health; Indigenous Peoples; racism and systemic discrimination; and peace education and conflict prevention among children and youth.

A virtual celebration marking the International Day of Peace, presented by the Peace Network for Social Harmony and the City of Montreal, will kick off the programming. The event, which will take place on September 21, starting at 11:00 am, is inspired by the “Take Action for Equality” theme and will be dedicated more specifically to a reflection and discussion on Indigenous issues. It will bring together Wapikoni Mobile, a First Nations traveling studio for training and audiovisual creation, the Laboratoire Éducation et Diversité en Région (LEDiR) of the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (UQTR), as well as the organization Initiatives of Change Canada, which aims to reconcile differences and build trust.

Peace Days 2021 will offer both online and in-person activities.

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About Peace Days

In 1981, the United Nations declared September 21st to be the International Day of Peace. The day provides an opportunity to highlight and encourage the development of projects and initiatives aimed at creating a kinder, more peaceful and more harmonious society.

Since 2015, the Peace Network for Social Harmony has had the pleasure of coordinating Montreal's [Peace Days](#)' activities, including events on the International Day of Peace itself. The Network feels privileged to work with so many wonderful partners in this initiative, including those from the community, cultural, educational and philanthropic sectors. These partners organize an array of activities each year that enable Montrealers to contemplate and take concrete action for peace. The Peace Network for Social Harmony assembles these activities under the banner of Peace Days; it is a special moment on the calendar to highlight the peace builders of our city and their tremendous initiatives.

Lead partner: The Dym Family Foundation

Major partners: [Fiera Capital](#), [Brian Bronfman Family Foundation](#)

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About the Peace Network for Social Harmony

Founded in 2009, the [Peace Network for Social Harmony](#) is a Canadian charitable organization that uses the strength of collaboration in pursuit of its mandate. Its work focuses on three central themes: diversity and inclusion, violence prevention, and the promotion of peace and social harmony. Network members come from the worlds of philanthropy and business. In addition, the organization collaborates with NGOs, academic institutions, arts and cultural organizations, researchers, government, and many others. Thanks to its multitude of relationships, the Network is a force for the development of partnerships, the sharing of information and knowledge, and the creation of links between sectors. The Network thus helps to maximize the impact and effectiveness of efforts undertaken by all stakeholders in the fields of peace and social harmony.

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