

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
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Overview

Celebrating the International Day of Peace in Montreal

In 1981, the United Nations declared September 21st to be the International Day of Peace (IDP). This day has become an occasion to recognize and encourage the development of initiatives intended to create more peace and harmony within the world's societies.

The Peace Grantmakers Network, which regroups a variety of philanthropic foundations, institutions and corporations, has made it its mission to support peace initiatives in the fields of peaceful conflict resolution, diversity, inclusion and prevention of violence. As such, it is only natural that the Network would make IDP an important anchor in its peace-related activities, as it endeavours to put the spotlight on those who work to make peace an every day reality in our communities.

For a third consecutive year, a great number of activities – running from mid-September to mid-October – will take place in the context of IDP, encouraging Montrealers and Quebecers to reflect on the importance of peace in their lives and to commit themselves to putting “Peace in Action”.

Our Theme for 2017: “My Commitment to Peace”

Each and every one of us has an important role to play in maintaining peace and fostering harmonious relations. You need only think of the small gestures you make every day to realize it is possible to make a difference. All it takes is saying “hello” to your neighbour who just came to this country, standing up for someone being bullied in the schoolyard, defusing a colleague’s hurtful words, or demonstrating respect to your co-worker’s religious affiliation. For this year’s International Day of Peace, we encourage you to ask yourself these questions: What do you do for peace in your daily life? How do you help to ensure that your world is more inclusive, respectful, non-violent, and harmonious? Thème des Nations unies en 2017 : « Ensemble pour la paix : Respect, dignité et sécurité pour tous »

United Nations Theme for 2017: “Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All”

This year, the United Nations is using the International Day of Peace as an opportunity to build awareness on the realities of refugees and migrants. In this period of great instability and disruptions, the United Nations wants to highlight the commitment and mobilization of individuals who, from all around the planet, welcome children, women and men forced to leave their countries because of economic insecurity, ethnic conflicts, civil war or natural disasters. The choice of this theme was inspired by the global TOGETHER campaign, which promotes respect, safety and dignity for the world’s many migrants and refugees. This 21st of September will be the occasion to discuss the concerns, challenges, and benefits of migration, while remembering first and foremost that we are all human and we must all be united.

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Message from the Mayor



The International Day of Peace is a perfect time to reiterate the emphasis we all place on inclusiveness and respect.

In a world in of Living Together across borders, dialogue and openness to others are now, more than ever before, guarantees of social harmony.

Solidarity is always on display here in Montréal and I am very proud our fellow citizens are so deeply committed to peace.

Incidentally, for its 375th birthday year, which also happens to be the 10th anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Montréal has introduced a symbol in the city's coat of arms and flag that stands for the historic contributions of Indigenous Peoples and serves as a token of reconciliation.

I would like to extend my thanks to members of the Peace Grantmakers Network and to all organizations committed to forging lasting peace. Your good work supports citizens' initiatives and makes communities around the planet aware of the necessity for dialogue and reconciliation.

Have a wonderful International Day of Peace!

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Denis Coderre
Mayor of Montreal

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Message from Jim Beis



This year we will look at the worldwide push toward solidarity on a local scale, under the heading My Commitment to Peace.

On this day of September 21st, 2017, the Peace Grantmakers Network will be focusing on citizen efforts as a tool for promoting peace. This international event is also highlighting the need for openness and harmony.

Celebrating this International Day of Peace is an opportunity to highlight the work of pioneers in peace dedicated on a daily basis to maintain a healthy and welcoming society.

Our community attaches great importance to solidarity. This is one reason Montréal adopted the Montréal Charter of Rights and Responsibilities, which reasserts our collective commitment to keep on making our metropolis an even better place to live!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all partners of the Peace Grantmakers Network and I invite our fellow citizens to become part of this broad-based effort to build a more inclusive world one brick at time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Beis'.

Dimitrios (Jim) Beis
Member of Montréal
Executive Committee
Responsible for Procurement, Sports, Recreation and Communities
of Diverse Origins
Mayor of Pierrefonds-Roxboro Borough

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Message from the Peace Grantmakers Network



Sadly, it is becoming increasingly difficult to say that we live in a world of peace. Simply reading these words likely conjures up in your mind some of the challenges and difficulties that our world is living through.

Fortunately, though, there is a spot on the calendar recognized by all 193 member states of the United Nations as a day for reflecting on and acting for peace: September 21st. The International Day of Peace can be a rallying cry for all that is right with the world. It can be a day to celebrate diversity, to push for inclusion, to reject violence, to strive for peaceful conflict resolution, and to commit to generating a harmonious society. And that is what we are doing in Montreal, a city that is one of the great examples of peace, harmony and vivre ensemble on our planet. With diverse communities living productively and harmoniously on one island and its surroundings, Montreal is a beacon of peace for our world.

But this peace doesn't happen by itself. It must be engrained in the values that we share and we celebrate, it must be developed by the everyday actions of its citizens, and it must be maintained by the organizations and institutions that are at the heart of its functioning. The International Day of Peace Montreal 2017 shines a spotlight on these values, these actions, and these institutions, through the two dozen or so activities that are gathered under the banner of IDP Montreal which take place over a one-month period on and around September 21st.

This year, we are asking the question: "What is your commitment to peace?" As coordinators of IDP Montreal, the Peace Grantmakers Network and its 18 members from the realms of philanthropy and business are proud to show their commitment to peace through the projects they launch, develop and coordinate, with violence prevention and the celebration of diversity as their main focus. Whether you join our Network – which is firmly grounded in collaboration – to pursue your commitment to peace, or whether you have plans for yourself, your family, your organization or your community, we welcome you as part of the movement to celebrate, promote and support this city of Peace in Action!

Yours in peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Bronfman".

Brian Bronfman
President, Peace Grantmakers Network



2017 PROGRAM

Official Events

September 20th, 11:30 am

Commemoration at Montreal City Hall

By the City of Montreal and the Peace Grantmakers Network

September 20th, 12 pm

Launch of “Montreal, Peace in Action” Website and “Peace Stories of Montreal” Project

BY the Peace Grantmakers Network and Tools of Peace

September 20th, 5:30 pm – 10 pm

Peace Medals Gala Diner

BY the YMCAs of Quebec

September 21st

“Coding for Peace” Launch

Impact journalism initiatives culminating in a day of sharing success stories in tech for

By Coding for Peace

Educational Activities

September 13th, 2:30 pm – 5 pm and September 15th, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Pop-Up Art Hive: Come explore well-being and community building through Art

BY Dawson College Peace Centre

September 13th to 21st, 12 pm – 2 pm

Daily Yoga and Meditation

BY Dawson College Peace Centre

September 13th, 19th and 20th

Projects for Peace: Urban Restoration

BY Dawson College Peace Centre

September 16th, 10 am – 6:00 pm

Peace Rally: Learning to Make Peace with Others, the World and Ourselves

Participative workshops to promote peaceful attitudes and forge a harmonious society.

BY Art'as Canada

September 20th, 3 pm – 8 pm and September 24th, 1 pm – 4 pm

Art Hive – Montreal Museum of Fine Arts

Creative space, supervised by an art therapist.

BY Montreal Museum of Fine Arts

September 21st, 3 pm – 6:30 pm

Festive Public Discussion about Peace

Citizen mobilization to reflect and act on peace.

BY Collectif du 21 septembre

September 21st, 11 am – 12 pm

Yoga for Peace

Yoga class for all levels, centred on inner peace.

BY Montreal Museum of Fine Arts

September 21st, 2 pm – 5 pm

Art Therapy Workshop

Art therapy workshop on the theme of reconciliation. Free and opened to all. A great opportunity to create in liberty, within a safe space. Places are limited, RSVP at 514-933-3737/ csjr@csjr.org.

BY Centre de services de justice réparatrice and Montreal Museum of Fine Arts

October 4th, 5 pm – 8 pm

Educational Guide Launch: “Immigrant, Indigenous and Quebec Women: Feminisms in Dialogue”

Presentation of intercultural mediation tools to stimulate dialogue and solidarity amongst women of all backgrounds.

BY the Research committee “Femmes et féminismes en dialogue : les médiations interculturelles comme vecteurs de recherche et de solidarité internationale de recherche»

Conferences

September 14th to 16th

“Problematizing Religious Diversity in a Secular Age”

BY McGill-CREOR Graduate Student Conference

September 14th, 10 am - 12 pm

“Quebec’s Religious Communities on Religious Diversity & Public Policy”

September 14th, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

“Situating Academia in the Debates on Religious Diversity in Quebec”

September 15th, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Lecturers: Charles Taylor and Rowan Williams

September 15th, 4 pm – 6 pm

“Charles Taylor’s Legacy to Québec”

September 16th

Student Panels

September 14th, 7 pm

Lecturer: Alaa Murabit

Founder of the Voice of Libyan Women, Sustainable Development Goals Advocate and United Nations High Level Commissioner for Health Employment and Economic Growth.

BY Dawson College Peace Centre

September 18th, 1 pm

Lecturer: Nadine St Louis

“Indigenous world views for a better understanding of the Sacred Balance”

BY Dawson College Peace Centre

September 19th, 10 am

Lecturer: Nikki Schiebel

BY Dawson College Peace Centre

BY Dawson College Peace Centre

September 19th, 7 pm

Lecturers: Eric Abitbol et Tatiana Fraser Local

“Successes and Big Picture Shifts - How will we know when change has happened?”

BY Dawson College Peace Centre

September 21st, 1 pm

Keynote Speaker: Alex Tyrrell

Green Party of Quebec

BY Dawson College Peace Centre

Multi-faith Dialogue

September 23rd, 3 pm – 5:30 pm

Faith Communities, Tools of Peace

An Interfaith Dialogue for Peace in Côte-des-Neiges

BY Pastorale sociale, Conseil des Églises of Côte-des-neiges and the Peace Grantmakers Network

September 25th, 9 am – 5:30 pm

Villeray Multi-faith Walk

Visit of the Temple El-Beth Sholom Synagogue and the Holy Family Church,

BY Pastorale sociale de Villeray, Corporation de développement communautaire Solidarités Villeray and the Peace Grantmakers Network

September 26th, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Multi-faith Day of Action for Peace

Mobilizing activity for students of all backgrounds and faiths.

BY Multi-faith and Spirituality Centre of Concordia University

September 27th, 10 am – 11 am

Breakfast for the International Day of Peace

Mobilizing activity for students of all backgrounds and faiths.

BY Multi-faith and Spirituality Centre of Concordia University

October 15th

Outremont: Neighbourly Solidarity

Celebration for diversity and solidarity between neighbours of all origins in Outremont.

BY Pont d'Outremont and the Peace Grantmakers Network

Exhibitions and Projections

September 15th, 11 am – 1 pm

Grand Opening of Cinema Politica! “No Land, No Food, No Life”

BY Dawson College Peace Centre

September 22nd and 23rd

Peace films

What are some effective ways to bring about peace? This series of documentaries shows how education, art, philosophy and music can help build bridges between communities and

BY Peace Grantmakers Network and PAX Montreal

Until October 9th

REVOLUTION “You Say You Want a Revolution”

Exhibition bringing together over 700 works and that reveal the lifestyle, dreams and demands of this optimistic, militant and pacifist generation wanting to break with the values of the past.

BY Montreal Museum of Fine Arts

Until October 22nd

LOVE IS LOVE: Wedding Bliss for All à la Jean Paul Gaultier

Exhibition built around a huge wedding cake, and featuring couples of all inclinations (heterosexual, homosexual, intercultural and interracial), dressed in a celebration of love and diversity. pour célébrer l’amour et la diversité.

BY Montreal Museum of Fine Arts

Peace Walk

A series of contemporary works displayed in the Michal and Renata Hornstein Pavilion for Peace of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, the first legacy project of the Government of Quebec for Montreal’s 375th anniversary.

BY Montreal Museum of Fine Arts

Youth

September 13th – October 5th

Contest: “My Commitment to Peace!”

Contest centred on video clips created by elementary, high school and CEGEP students. Students are invited to share their ideas, actions, and commitment to the creation of peace in their schools, families and communities.

BY the Peace Grantmakers Network

September 18th to September 22nd

Promotional Campaign “United against Hate!”

Distribution of engaging stickers and fortune cookies in 10 schools. More than 2000 students will be invited to commit themselves to building an inclusive, respectful and open environment in their society.

BY Ensemble for the Respect of Diversity

September – October

Musical Production Workshops on the Themes of Peace and Social Inclusion

BY Rock Camp for Girls, Ensemble for the Respect of Diversity, “NO Hate Speech Movement” and Project 10.

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