



Mayors for Peace Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education and Training Activities

June 2020 – May 2022

Executive Summary

As part of its efforts to foster and increase international public support for a world without nuclear weapons, Mayors for Peace runs the following peace education initiatives to encourage younger generations to get involved in peace activities. **(1) *Peace education webinars:*** where young people give presentations about their peace activities and have a discussion. **(2) *Hiroshima peace workshop for young local government officials:*** young officials from Japanese member cities are invited to Hiroshima to join a training program which includes learning about the realities of the atomic bombing and Hiroshima City's peace programs. **(3) *Children's art competition on the theme of "peaceful towns."*** **(4) *Promotion of peace and disarmament education.***

The internship, which originally planned to host young officials from international member cities in Hiroshima, as well as sending Japanese high school students to the NPT Review Conference, was cancelled due to the evolving situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Full Report

1 Peace Education Webinars

Outline

With an aim to further stimulate youth-led peace activities for nuclear weapons abolition, Mayors for Peace holds peace education webinars involving young people who are engaged in peace activities in member cities around the world.

Major activities between June 2020 and May 2022

(1) *"No more Hiroshima! No more Nagasaki!" — Future Leaders of Peace Activism (August 4, 2020)*

Marking 75 years since the atomic bombings, Mayors for Peace held a peace education webinar with a theme, "No more Hiroshima! No more Nagasaki!" Youth who are presently involved in peace activities in Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and other member cities around the world were able to learn about the current situation surrounding nuclear weapons. They also gave presentations and participated in discussions relating to the topic.

For a list of the participants and an outline of the event, please refer to the following webpage:
http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/vision/initiatives_webiner/2020_result.html

(2) *Mayors for Peace Youth Webinar for Peace Action (August 26, 2021)*

Young peace activists from member cities and other organizations shared their activities in this webinar which was livestreamed on YouTube. Online viewers were able to join in the discussion and share their thoughts after presentations had finished.

For a list of the participants and an outline of the event, please refer to the following webpage:

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/vision/initiatives_webiner/2021_result.html

2 Hiroshima Peace Workshop for Young Local Government Officials

Outline

Mayors for Peace invites young officials from its Japanese member cities to Hiroshima so that they can learn the realities of the atomic bombing and Hiroshima City's peace promotion efforts. This program aims to nurture leaders who aspire to spearhead peace initiatives in each municipality and develop a network among Japanese member cities.

Officials hosted between June 2020 and May 2022

January 30-31, 2020

One each from 14 local governments

March 18-19, 2021

One each from 13 local governments

Sessions

- Learning the realities of the atomic bombings (visit to the Peace Memorial Museum, listening to an atomic bomb survivor's testimony, etc.)
- Briefing on the peace promotion programs of Hiroshima City and Mayors for Peace
- Discussions with the purpose of designing a 'Proposal of Peace' for promotion projects in the participants' local governments.

For a list of the participants and an outline of the event, please refer to the following webpages (Japanese only):

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/jp/vision/initiatives_youth_support/2019_HPS_result.html

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/jp/vision/initiatives_youth_support/2020_HPS_result.html

3 Children's Art Competition "Peaceful Towns"

Outline

In order to further promote peace education in member cities, Mayors for Peace holds an annual children's art competition with the theme of "Peaceful Towns" for children from 6 to 15 years of age in its member cities. For each age category, 6-10 and 11-15, one 1st place, two 2nd place, and three 3rd place winners are chosen. From the two 1st place finishers a "Mayors for Peace President's Award" recipient is selected for most outstanding artwork. The Award-winning artwork is printed on Mayors for Peace clear folders and utilized on various occasions to spread awareness on the

importance of peace education.

Activities in 2020

Applications were open from April 10 to November 20, 2020. 3,122 applications from 99 cities in 19 countries were submitted for the two age categories in total.

Selection results:

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/vision/initiatives_art/2020_result.html

Activities in 2021

Applications were open from April 12 to November 1, 2021. There were 4,166 applications from 105 cities in 18 countries for the two categories in total.

Selection results:

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/vision/initiatives_art/2021_result.html

4 Promotion of Peace and Disarmament Education

(1) Sharing good examples of peace education

Outline

Among the high priority action items in the Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2021-2025), which was adopted at the 12th Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace in 2021, is our efforts to conduct peace education. We hope that by focusing on these efforts, we are able to raise awareness among future generations and help with the goal of realizing lasting world peace.

In accordance with this, the Mayors for Peace Secretariat collects good examples of initiatives to foster a peace-seeking spirit conducted by our member cities. Through sharing them in the Mayors for Peace monthly newsletter and on our website, we are hoping that more cities will follow suit and become inspired to launch their own peace education programs.

Examples from international member cities

9 examples from 4 member cities, such as Manchester (UK), Oldham (UK), Ypres (Belgium), and Évora (Portugal)

Examples from Japanese member cities

15 examples from 18 member cities

Compilation of major examples:

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/vision/initiatives_edu_examples.html

(2) Nuclear Disarmament Archive

Outline

Mayors for Peace launched a nuclear disarmament archive on its website in October 2021. This archive shares relevant information about nuclear weapons from four aspects: status of world nuclear forces; the inhumanity of nuclear weapons; today's nuclear disarmament; and references.

<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/library/index.html>

(3) Encouraging more universities to establish Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Courses

Outline

The Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation (HPCF), where the Mayors for Peace Secretariat is housed, recognizes “Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Courses,” which are university courses that aim to communicate the realities of the atomic bombings, the cruelty of war, the inhumanity of nuclear weapons, and the value of peace in the context of academic disciplines. As of May 2022, courses at 51 universities in Japan and 24 overseas universities have been recognized as Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Courses.

Once an approved course has been established, Public Collaboration for Peace Division of the HPCF provides assistance in the form of study materials, introduction to atomic bomb survivors and other academics, as well as opportunities for fieldwork in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Mayors for Peace works to invite universities to establish a “Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Course” using its network of over 8,000 member cities.

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/hnpc/hnpc_top.htm