



Participating countries
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ICELAND – BRAZIL – LATVIA – PAKISTAN – SWEDEN
ARMENIA – KUWEIT – ISRAEL – SRI LANKA

Painting for Peace

Every year the September 21st represents the International Day of Peace of the United Nations. Since 2016 Shaktya e. V. from Bremen, Germany organizes an International Peace Festival called “Painting for Peace”. It is a celebration for all ages in which we especially give young people, like children and students, the chance to get active for peace in a very colorful manner. Everyone will get the opportunity to paint colorful pictures that will be used to create a diverse landscape of peaceful images. This festival is celebrated in different parts of the world and you are welcome to participate.



How can you participate?

Shaktya e. V. invites you to participate at your own venue, which could be a school, a kindergarden, a youth club, university, college, an organization, or what ever feels right. We kindly ask you to:

- ◆ offer a place for the children/students to get together (school hall, art room, etc.),
- ◆ provide working spaces with paper, colors, brushes, and the like, and
- ◆ create an atmosphere for the children/students to be creative.

In order to spread the message throughout the world we would like to ask you to provide us with:

- ◆ the number of participants and the age group and
- ◆ photos of the event that we can publish online – Please ensure to have respective authorization

According to the number of participants we will send you certificates so everyone will be appreciated for his or her work and contribution. We would also like to add you or your organization to the participation list on our website painting-for-peace.com.





Act for Peace in advance

We would also like to encourage you to create an experience of what peace can be for the participants some time in advance of the event. We know that it may be a difficult task to ask a person to paint a picture of what he or she sees peace to be. Not all come from experiences, backgrounds, families or living situations where peace is a normal and familiar term. Some may not be completely aware of what the term „Peace“ is supposed to mean, or how to draw a picture of what they want to portray. We feel that if the participants are to paint a picture of peace, they should also experience what it is that peace is. If it is a day of peace that they are celebrating, they should also understand it, immerse themselves in it, and feel the joy of what peace is themselves.



Here are a few ideas of what you could do beforehand to help the participants develop an understanding and a feeling for peace:

- ◆ Have them experience peace in a variety of different ways that will focus on their senses, such as looking at a peaceful picture, touching something that brings a feeling of peace, security, or happiness, tasting something that calms them (such as perhaps a warm drink or something that they connect with home and/or a peaceful situation), etc.
- ◆ Have them share their feelings and opinions about what they feel peace is.
- ◆ Have a question circle where they can identify what peace means to them.
- ◆ Show or have them listen to both peaceful and non peaceful situations, have them discuss what the differences are, why is peace better.
- ◆ Have them perform different activities, that they consider peaceful, like dancing, singing, or just being silent, etc.
- ◆ Organize talks, seminars, conferences, etc. about peace
- ◆ Yoga and meditation

Intentions and Motivation

With Painting for Peace our intentions are to create and spread the vision of a peaceful world among the people. This vision unfolds differently in everyone's fantasy and gains particular expressiveness through participation. Colors are one of the best instruments to illustrate thoughts and feelings without verbal expression. In this way we can create entire landscapes of colorful ideas that enhance our mutual understanding of peace.

We work on the development of a global community that carries the mutual wish of a peaceful world. Within this collective body each member self-organizes his individual project. Doing so everyone is invited to get in touch with each other.





Shaktya e.V.

Who we are

Shaktya e. V. is a charitable organization for international understanding, tolerance and intercultural exchange. We believe that peace happens within every individual as a result of self-fulfillment, purposeful living, and social interaction. This is what we call the integrity and unity of each individual. Regarding these, every person can find peace for his- or herself and share it with the world. Social exchange has large impacts on the happiness of people, what represents a very peaceful state of being. In that sense we are creating events that allow the individual to contribute to a peaceful world by actively taking action.

Get in touch with us

We would be happy to hear from you. Please feel free to contact us for further information or ideas.

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