



SGI Peace News

Newsletter introducing Soka Gakkai International (SGI)'s activities to promote a culture of peace

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[Youth Gather in Hiroshima for a Nuclear Abolition Summit](#)

Hiroshima, Japan, August 28-30, 2015

30 youth activists and experts from 23 countries gathered in Hiroshima for the [International Youth Summit for Nuclear Abolition](#). Working Sessions were held on 28th and 29th including a visit to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. The participants also met with survivors of the atomic bombing, discussed future strategies aimed at ridding the world of nuclear weapons and created a “Youth Pledge” in which they call nuclear weapons a symbol of a bygone age. The full pledge can be read and signed [here](#).

On the last day, some 250 participants joined a wider public forum at which summit co-chairs Rick Wayman of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation (NAPF) and Anna Ikeda of Soka Gakkai International (SGI) presented the Youth Pledge to Ahmad Alhendawi, the UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth.

Alhendawi urged, “Let's be the generation that makes



peace possible.

This youth summit is

sending a strong message to the world, that the youth are for peace and for a nuclear-free-world, and the world must listen.”

The event was coordinated by representatives of ICAN (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons), Mines Action Canada, NAPF, PAX, SGI and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF).



[International Institute on Peace Education Program at the University of Toledo](#)

Ohio, US, July 26-August 2, 2015

Willingness to learn, listen, build community, and transform—these are essential attitudes to bring to the International Institute on Peace Education. An atmosphere of cooperation, openness, and respect filled the campus of University of Toledo in Ohio from July 26 to August 2 as over 60 educators, academics, activists and professionals in the field of peace education representing 18 countries gathered to exchange their knowledge and experiences with each other. SGI attended the intensive 7-day immersion program on “Education for Urban Revitalization toward Social & Ecological Justice: Peace Education in an Era of Globalization.” SGI organized a workshop on “Using and Measuring the Impact of Nonformal Educational Tools for



Peace Education” using the “[Seeds of Hope](#)” exhibition as one of the tools. The participants discussed and explored the effectiveness and outcomes of such experiential learning tools.

NGO CSW/NY Young Professionals Subcommittee Re-starts

New York, US, October 21, 2015

A group of about 30 young professionals gathered on 21 October for the first of a series of conversations intended to connect young people across different sectors working with the United Nations. The discussion topic for this month, in celebration of the 15th anniversary of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 was on "Women, Peace, and Security."

Among the participants were two UN representatives who shared their personal stories and their work: Emilie Juel Christensen, Office of the President of the General Assembly, advisor of Sustainable Development and Climate Change, and the focal point for gender equality in the 2030 Agenda and Sanna Kaskeala, UN Women, Programme Analyst for Peace and Security.



This bimonthly SGI Peace News provides recent updates on SGI's public educational activities to help raise awareness on issues such as nuclear disarmament, human rights, sustainable development, interfaith cooperation and humanitarian assistance.

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