EDITORIAL

Federico Mayor

"Forging free and responsible citizens"
Article I of the UNESCO Constitution

I like to add “learning to persevere” because after “daring to know”, it is essential to “knowing how to dare”. Risk without knowledge is dangerous, but knowledge without risk is futile.

Free and responsible to face the challenges of our times and to leave future generations the legacy that they deserve.

Free to fly high in the limitless space of the spirit, with nothing to weigh us down.

Responsible, with a sense of solidarity, knowing how to express ourselves and to listen, to participate, to mobilize and raise our voices as part of that popular outcry that is capable of changing current tendencies...

Free and responsible to achieve that historical transition from force to words.

In Francisco Giner de los Ríos’ excellent definition, education is the capacity to “sensibly manage one’s own life”.

Education is frequently confused with erudition, with profound knowledge of a specialty or a profession.

Education is the opposite of dependence and submission.

Education is being one’s self, acting on one’s own instincts, using the unique human capacity to think, imagine and create!

The report on “Education for the Twenty-first Century” prepared by a task force headed by Jacques Delors defines the four essential pillars of the educational process:

- Learning to know
- Learning to do
- Learning to be
- Learning to live together.
Our world is in crisis. And it will only survive it with the determination, commitment and courage of those who loudly and clearly advocate democratic values and an essential respect for human rights.

Let’s not allow economic and financial oligarchies control the legitimate desires of the people for their exclusive benefit.

It’s not enough to feel outraged.

It’s necessary to develop together this new world Culture of Peace and Justice.

*Stéphane Hessel is one of the twelve drafters of the “Universal Declaration of Human rights and the author of “Indignez Vous!” (Get angry!)
Peace is possible: 20 years after of El Salvador Peace Accords


The El Salvador Peace Accords were signed on January 16, 1992 in the Chapultepec Castle.

Presentation of “Poets in Peace” Project

Foundation for a Culture of Peace and singer-songwriter Paco Damas, together with other entities such as Movement for Peace, presented the “Poets in Peace” Project – Let bullets cease to fire”. The event was held in Madrid on January 25 in the SGAE headquarters, where it was presented by singer Cristina del Valle with Federico Mayor Zaragoza, Paquita Sauquillo, Paco Damas and Luis Eduardo Aute in attendance.

“Poets in Peace – Let bullets cease to fire” is an educational project that seeks to combine poetry, music and education in values to prompt citizens to contribute to building a better world, while sharing objectives with the highest national and international entities such as the Government of Spain or UNESCO.

The educational proposal is available on the web site: http://www.pacodamas.com

15th Anniversary of AIPAZ

The 15th Anniversary of the founding of the of the founding of the Spanish Association for Peace Research (AIPAZ) was commemorated in Granada on January 27-28, during which the Andalusian minario Culture of Peace Seminar was held. In addition a commemorative session was held in which the AIPAZ Prizes were awarded to several people in recognition of their work in building peace.

Prizes were awarded to:

Jesús María Alemany Briz, Angel Iglesias Díaz, Alberto Piris Laespada, Federico Mayor Zaragoza, Llorenç Vidal Vidal. También, con carácter póstumo, a Gonzalo Arias Bonet, Joaquín Herrera Flores and Xesús R. Jares.
"Education at all levels is one of the principal means to build a culture of Peace"

School Day for Non-Violence and Peace

On January 30 the Seminario Galego de Educación para a Paz conducted several activities to celebrate the “School Day for Non-Violence and Peace”, which was devoted this year to education for democracy in schools.

Among others, the work of the preschool and elementary school children in the Umbrellas for Peace project was particularly noteworthy.

Likewise on January 30 the Galician Seminar for Education for Peace awarded the 2012 PORTAPAZ Prize to Paul Ríos, portavoz de Lokarri, spokesperson for Lokarri, in recognition for his extensive work and efforts to achieve the end to ETA’s armed violence.

Prizes for Promoting a Culture of Peace and Convivence

The Education Department of the Government of Andalusia has announced the winners of its “2012 Prizes for Promoting Culture of Peace and Convivence in School”. This year the prizes were awarded to eight Andalusian educational institutions that have contributed to promoting a culture of peace by improving peaceful coexistence in schools and seeking amicable negotiated dispute resolution.

Fifth High-level Dialogue on Financing Development

The Ubuntu Forum was invited to participate in the Fifth High-Level Dialogue on Financing Development (December 7-8) que se llevó a cabo en Nueva York, held in New York. In that context, together with the Friedrich-Ebert Foundation and the NGO Committee on Financing for Development, the UBUNTU Forum organized a Civil Society Forum, as well as a side event entitled “Nurturing Development: The Role of Innovative Financing for Development and its Implications on Economic Governance”.

Download activities report
A Thematic Social Forum was held in Porto Alegre (Brazil) on January 24-29 to prepare the United Nations Rio+20 Conference. Forum UBUNTU organized two side events: “Food Sovereignty and Global Democracy” on the 25th and a round table on “World Governance, Environmental Governance: Proposals and Challenges” on the 28th. In addition, Ubuntu participated in the debates of the Thematic Group on Governance and Power Architecture.

Agreement Signed with Consorci de la Zona Franca

In December, 2011 the Culture of Peace Foundation signed a collaboration agreement with Consorci de la Zona Franca, whereby the Foundation and related groups (Foro UBUNTU), may occupy space in the Nexus II building, as well as establishing the framework for a possible future International Documentation Center.

The Culture of Peace Foundation Signed an Agreement with the Anastasio de Gracia-FITEL Foundation

El día 15 de febrero de 2012, Federico Mayor Zaragoza, President of the Foundation for a Culture of Peace Paz and Manuel Fernández López, “Lito”, President of the Fundación Anastasio de Gracia-FITEL, signed a Collaboration Agreement between the two institutions with a view to promoting cooperation toward achieving of a culture of peace by implementing action programs in different areas: education, culture, science, environment, human rights and social communication.

As director of the Ubuntu Forum Manuel Manonelles was invited by the government of Finland to participate in the Helsinki +10 Conference held in Hanasaari (Helsinki) on February 13-14.

The UBUNTU Forum was likewise a major participant in the first stage of this process (2002-2008) led by Finland and Tanzania, devoted to principal challenges and proposals in the areas of world governance (economic, environmental, etc.) from the perspective of the involvement of all related protagonists: governments, civil society, academia and the business community.

The Helsinki+10 Process

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The 2011-2012 Women’s Knowledge International pilot project is now underway. Initial actions revolve around the theme of gender violence as an endemic structural problem and the great challenge of advancing toward a culture of peace.

First, there was a post-graduate student exchange program between the Universidad Complutense in Madrid and the Universidad del Sagrado Corazón (USC) in San Juan, Puerto Rico, culminating in a research project and report on comparative models and practice in Spain and Puerto Rico.

Preparations are presently underway for an International Conference and a series of educational initiatives involving marginal areas in that country in collaboration with USC and three other entities: the Centre for Puerto Rico-Fundación Sila M. Calderón, the Universisversity of Puerto Rico-Río Piedras and a network of 55 universities coordinated by New York University’s York-Faculty Resource Network.

Agenda March 2011—April 2012

1 March - 1 May. Contest “Tales for a Culture of Peace”
The Culture of Peace Foundation is organizing a contest, seeking stories and drawings in Andalusian schools within the framework of the project “Schools: Areas for Peace”.

8-10 March. Segovia Social Forum 2012. Workshops “Another world is neccesari, another world is possible”. Federico Mayor will give the opening address on “From subjects to citizens, the great transition”.


22 de marzo. Debate “Fostering cross-cultural understanding for building peaceful and inclusive societies”, en la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas, en el que participará Federico Mayor Zaragoza.


23-25 April. Foundation Letter of Peace addressed to the UN and the University of Barcelona will be hosting “Building Peace at the 21st century”. Federico Mayor will participate in the opening session. Manuel Manonelles is one of the members of the Advisory Committee.

23-29 April. The World Campaign for Education in Spain organizing Global Action Week for Education which this year under the theme “With Rights from the Start. For Early Quality Education” seeks to underscore the importance of Early Childhood Attention and Education (ECAE).
Learn by Telling Workshops: 1325 women weaving peace

Narratives and Visual Strategies for Communication for Peace and Equality

From March to December, 2012, CEIPAZ - Foundation Culture of Peace organize Workshops on “Learn by telling: narratives and visual strategies for communication for peace and equality”. These workshops address the role of women in building peace and promoting development. They are organized around testimonies and life histories of women who work for peace; communicative and visual strategies that demonstrate women’s contributions to peace; and the role and importance of women’s networks internationally: the history of the Women International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF).

The workshops are intended for educators, women’s organizations, youth groups and town organizations and will include three four-hour modules (see brochure for more information)

Theatre Adaptation of the Book “1325 Mujeres Tejiendo la Paz”!!

The Portuguese Group of theatre Peripecia, has adapted the book "1325 mujeres tejiendo la paz". for the theater. It premiered in Vila Real will tour Portugal.

See video of the performance

Publications

Donde no habite el miedo

Donde no habite el miedo is a book by Federico Mayor Zaragoza and María Novo who in a poetic duet reflect upon how fear invades and assaults our freedom, but also on the necessity to resist, to return life to the center of our societies and to embrace the commitment that mobilizes utopias and gives sense to life.

10 ANYS DE CULTURA DE PAU, 10 ARTICLES

Fountion for a Culture of Peace – Barcelona has published the book “10 Years of Culture of Peace, 10 articles”, a collection of articles published to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly’s approval of the Declaration and Programme of Action for a Culture of Peace (1999 -2009) IPS News Agency has participated in the publication of this volume, which includes ten articles that reflect upon different aspects of a Culture of Peace, written by well-known experts on the subject. The publication was supported by the Department of the Presidency of the Government of Catalonia.
Recommended Resources

**Animations for Peace.** This is a Project of the Fundació per la Pau (Foundation for Peace), that collects audiovisual resources, short films and spots, related with culture of peace to promote the awareness on peace education. The audiovisual material was created for the Animation’s for Peace Awards, that the Fundació per la Pau organizes. The deadline for animation’s reception is **May 30th, 2012**.

**TICAMBIA: learning for peace and solidarity,** is an educational space that offers educational resources and conceptual frameworks in five thematic areas: development and the fight against poverty, human rights and peace, gender equality, environmental sustainability and cultural diversity. Its objective is to contribute to reinforcing the skills necessary to understand the world in which we live, using Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

Coinciding with the celebration of several international days, TICambia will offer content and educational resources related to these celebrations:
- 08 March – INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY
- 15 March – WORLD CONSUMER RIGHTS DAY
- 07 April – WORLD HEALTH DAY
- 21 May – WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY, FOR DIALOGUE AND DEVELOPMENT
- 05 June – WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Founded in 2000, the fundamental objective of the **Foundation Culture of Peace** is to contribute to building and consolidating a culture of peace through reflection, research, education and on-site action in accordance with the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace and those derived from the “International Decade for the Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010).

The Headquarters of FCP is in Madrid, and it has two external offices and a Center of Education and Research for Peace.

- **Foundation Culture of Peace Barcelona Office**
  **Director:** Manuel Manonelles i Tarragó

- **Foundation Culture of Peace Santiago de Compostela Office** (Seminario Galego de Educación para a Paz)
  **Director:** Manuel Dios Diz

- **Center of Education and Research for Peace. (CEIPAZ)**
  **Director:** Manuela Mesa Peinado

**From Force to Words, the Great Transition.**