"You be the change you want to see in the world"

Mahatma Gandhi

"You be the change": I saw that saying years ago, written on a wall in San Francisco. I later discovered that it was a saying of Gandhi’s. But it had already made an impact on my own attitudes and on my deep desire to contribute to the profound changes that I believed the system required.

I don’t know who had the idea of expressing in such a simple, forceful and attractive way, what would henceforth constantly dominate my thoughts: that change must start with our behavior and the manner in which we personally address the matters at hand.

But, in addition, this has a “multiplying effect”: when you realize what you can achieve individually, the desire to join forces with others is clearly a guarantee of success. "Nosotros" ("we" and "others"). Together we can be instruments of radical change. Like Miguel Hernández and his friend Ramón Sijé, with whom he loved so much.

Together we can be the change that is now so urgently needed. A systemic and global change, because we will cease to be subjects, to once and for all take control of our own destinies.
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Training Course on Film History and Aesthetics

During the month of March, 2012 Antonio Brea and Manuel Dios taught an eminently practical 30-hour course on Film History and Aesthetics at the Educational Museum of Galicia (MUPEGA), addressing, among others, the use of film as an educational resource in education for peace and in improving peaceful co-existence in schools.

Conference on “Promoting Transcultural Understanding to Build Peaceful and Inclusive Societies”

Within the framework of the conference on “Promoting Transcultural Understanding to Build Peaceful and Inclusive Societies” held in New York on 22 March 2012 and co-organized by the Alliance of Civilizations and the United Nations, Professor Mayor participated in a round table on “Young People as Partners in Progress Towards Transcultural Understanding: Good Practices and Challenges.”

International Conference on “Building Peace in the 21st Century”

The International Conference “Building Peace in the 21st Century” was held in Barcelona on 23-25 April 2012, organized by the Letter of Peace addressed to the UN Foundation and the University of Barcelona. Over 60 experts from different disciplines participated in the conference, including Boutros Ghali and Federico Mayor Zaragoza, who were present by means of videos that they sent with their messages.

Manuel Manonelles participated in the Group of Experts on “Communications Media and Peace”.

Work groups
Global Action for Education Week

The Foundation for a Culture of Peace participated in the official event Global Action for Education Week, held on April 25 in Madrid. Once again, this annual event sought to present the needs of the Global Campaign for Education to society and to the Spanish government.

During the event “The Great Image” was completed with drawings and collages from over 200 students from the 14 participating schools.

II Conference of Schools with Mediation Services

The II Conference of Schools with Mediation Services was held on 11-12 May in Fisterra, bringing together educational institutions that have already implemented mediation services with those that are in the process of doing so. Participating in the conference were Manuel Dios Diz, President of the Seminario Galego de Educación para a Paz, and José Antonio Binaburo Unturbe, coordinator until 2010 of the Andalusian network “School: Places Peace”.

World Education Forum

A meeting of the World Education Forum (WEF) was held in Florianopolis (Brazil) on May 28-28 with the participation of Manuel Dios Diz, as a member of the International Committee of the Forum.

The WEF is a movement for citizens and for the universal right to education.

Pros and Cons of an International Financial Transactions Tax

Within the framework of work in support of a financial transactions tax, a conference on the “Pros and Cons of and International Financial Transactions Tax”, was held on 26 April 2012 at the headquarters of the Catalan Journalists Association, with the participation of Xavier Vidal-Folch (“El País”), Hernán Cortés, and Manuel Manonelles of the Ubuntu Forum. During the conference a document “Financial Transactions Tax: Debunking the Miths”, was presented, prepared by a group of international civil society organizations (Institute for Policy Studies, Stamp Out Poverty, TUAC and the Ubuntu Forum).
Rio+20 Conference: challenges and perspectives

A conference on "The Cimera of Rio+20: challenges and perspectives" was held in Barcelona on 21 May 2012, co-organized by the Ubuntu Forum and the Department of Territory and Sustainability of the government of Catalonia within the framework of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development to be held in June in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil). Conference participants included Federico Mayor Zaragoza, Lluís Recoder (Councilor for Territory and Sustainability), Aniol Esteban (Head of Environmental Economy, New Economics Foundation), Cristina Ribas (President of the Catalan Association of Scientific Communication) and Manuel Manonelles (Director of the UBUNTU Forum).

Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

Ubuntu Forum will be present at the next Earth Summit “RIO+20”, officially known as the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held on 20-22 June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil). This summit is a new attempt by the United Nations at the commencement of this millennium to advance in the commitment of governments and the international community with respect to the great changes of this 21st century. It will take place 20 years after the first summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992.

Memorial Joan Gomis

The Foundation for a Culture of Peace, Cristianisme i Justicie, Fundació Per la Pau, Justícia i Pau and the magazines El Ciervo and Foc Nou, have announced the VII Premio de Periodismo Solidario “Memorial Joan Gomis”, for individuals and collective institutions that combat North-South inequalities, poverty and social exclusion, and that are known for their commitment and activities to promote peace, human rights and understanding among countries and religions.

The deadline for presenting candidates is 13 July 2012.

Agreement between the Culture of Peace Foundation and the European Network of Places of Peace

The Foundation for a Culture of Peace has signed a collaboration agreement with the European Network of Places of Peace (ENPP), an entity that from its headquarters in Evora (Portugal) unites cities throughout Europe that have signed peace treaties. ENPP seeks to promote a culture of peace through exchange and collaboration.
English Course on Gender, Peace and Human Rights

CEIPAZ Foundation for a Culture of Peace is organizing an English Course on Gender, Peace and Human Rights with a view to improving oral English skills through topics related to peace, human rights and gender focus.

The course is intended for NGODs, youth associations and social workers who wish to improve their English and communication skills in international activities.

A participative methodology will be used, with special emphasis on oral expression. The course will be taught by CELTA (Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults) qualified native English-speaking professors (Irish) with experience in training foreigners in human rights and peace.

-Madrid 25 June-6 July 2012 (inclusive)
-Intensive course from 16:00-21:00 daily, Monday through Friday (45 class hours)
-Limited enrolment: 10-15 participants

Agenda June-October, 2012

15 June. Ceremony for UNESCO Tortosa’s 5th Awards “Federico Mayor Zaragoza”, held in the main lecture hall at the on the Terres de l’Ebre campus of the Rovira i Virgili University. Conference by Federico Mayor Zaragoza “From Subjects to Citizens”.

18 June. Presentation of the Women International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) in Madrid. Participants will include Adilia Caravaca (President of WILPF International) and Carmen Magallón (President of WILPF Spain).

20 June. Workshop of Identifying Cooperation for Development Projects for Librarians, organized by FESABID’s work group “Libraries and Cooperation for Development”.

16 July. The High Level Forum on a Culture of Peace will be convened by the United Nations General Assembly, with the collaboration of the Foundation for a Culture of Peace.


23-24 October. International Conference “Women, Tecnology and Democracy for Social Change”, organized by Foundation for a Culture of Peace and FCiber-volunteers Foundation. This event will be held in the Peace and Human Rights House in Donostia-San Sebastian.

20-22 June. Río+20 - United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development to be held in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil).
The World, a Giant Poem

The World, a Giant Poem is an initiative to work for peace and understanding among peoples by prompting dialogue, using poetry as an exceptional vehicle for promoting communication.

Easy-to-Read Edition of the Declaration on a Culture of Peace

The Easy-to-Read Edition of the Declaration on a Culture of Peace, publicada por la Fundación Cultura de Paz recibido el patrocinio de la UNESCO, por considerarla una herramienta educativa muy relevante.

Follow-up on the Declaration and Action Program on a Culture of Peace

On 22 February 2012 the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution for a “Follow-up on the Declaration and Action Program on a Culture of Peace”

Publications

CEIPAZ YEARBOOK 2012-2013 “Change of cycle: crisis, resistance and global answers”

New edition of the CEIPAZ Yearbook 2012-2013. This edition of the yearbook addresses the present crisis and its consequences at a time of change of cycle, with systemic problems that can only be resolved through an efficient multilateralism that combines local and global capabilities and seeks answers that benefit a majority of the population and not only a minority. Analyses are offered with respect to the European Union, the role of civil society in building global governance and the use of information technologies in the configuration of global citizenship. As Federico Mayor Zaragoza has underscored: “A new commencement” is needed to address the present crisis.

For more information see the Yearbook Blog del Anuario and Web site CEIPAZ

A Short History of the Culture of Peace

The Foundation for a Culture of Peace – Barcelona has published (in catalan) “A Short History of the Culture of Peace” with illustrations by Pilarin Bayes and texts by Federico Mayor Zaragoza and Manuel Manonelles. This publication seeks to provide a tool for disseminating a culture of peace among Catalan school children, and will be distributed in all primary schools in Catalonia together with a teacher’s guide. The publication was supported by the provincial government of Barcelona and the Catalan Agency for Cooperation for Development.

Easy-to-Read Earth Charter

The Foundation for a Culture of Peace together with Movement for Peace, has published “The Easy-to-Read Earth Charter”, with illustrations by Marta Kallmeyer. The objective of this publication is to facilitate an understanding of the Charter on the part of children and persons with reading disabilities. This version of the Charter seeks to provide an important educational tool for teachers in their work in fomenting sustainable development, solidarity, peace and in rejecting all forms of violence.
Recommended resources

**World Culture of Peace Map** is a graphic geo-specific representation of the institutions of civil society, both governmental and international, that conduct activities based on any of the eight measures of the Action Program on a Culture of Peace and that contribute to promoting and strengthening a culture of peace.

*(If you would like for your organization to be included, send an e-mail to: atlasculturadepaz@fund-culturadepaz.org)*

**30 Citizen Rights**, is a website that seeks to take advantage of 2.0 technologies to facilitate an exchange of information, experiences and knowledge among different organizations involved in this project to promote a virtual community and networks related to human rights and a culture of peace; offer news and an agenda of events; conduct debates, video forums and thematic conferences; develop web resources; and foment and facilitate online learning and programs concerning human rights and a culture of peace.

**TICAMBIA: learning for Peace and Solidarity**, is an educational space that offers educational resources and conceptual frameworks in six 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 needed to understand the world in which we live, using information and communications technologies (ICTs).

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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.

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