

INVITATION FOR YOUTH TO SUBMIT VIDEOS TO THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

The Education Outreach Section of the United Nations Department of Public Information invites young people from around the world between the ages of 15 and 24 to submit 10- to 15-second videos in English on how the Sustainable Development Goals can build peace. When making your videos, think about why ending poverty, addressing climate change, forging equality and ensuring access to education are important to creating a more peaceful world.

The most engaging videos will be featured on the United Nations International Day of Peace YouTube channel. Some will even be shown at an official event at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 16 September.

We will be posting selected clips at www.youtube.com/channel/UCpLhcvaNT33Bs8ZvB4j6d8w from 13 June (the start of the 100 day countdown) through 21 September, the International Day of Peace.

When you make your video, please state your name and country at the beginning. [Example: "My name is Jimena, and I'm from Peru."] And remember that all videos should be appropriate for viewing by younger audiences.

We'll be accepting your submissions from now until 1 September. So start sending your videos to **unitednationspeaceday@gmail.com** today!

<u>Background</u>: The International Day of Peace falls on 21 September. Every year on this day, the United Nations calls on the people of the world to remember their common humanity and join together to build a future free of strife. The theme for 2016, "The Sustainable Development Goals: Building Blocks for Peace", highlights how ending poverty, protecting the planet and ensuring prosperity for everyone, all contribute to global harmony. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals were unanimously adopted by the 193 Member States of the United Nations at a historic summit in September 2015.

More information on the International Day of Peace: http://www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/ More information on the Sustainable Development Goals: https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs

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