



Peace Day Austin

A City-wide Celebration of Peace from 9/11 - 9/21

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS:

Amy's Ice Cream
Austin Community College
ACC Center for Peace and
Conflict Studies
Austin Creative Alliance
Compassionate Cities Austin
Compassion Games Austin
Global Austin
HI Austin
Interfaith Action of
Central Texas (IACT)
International Cities Austin
Motley Crew Media
Peace Through Commerce
Recovery ATX
Subud International Cultural
Association (SICA)
YMCA
ZACH Theatre

IN ASSOCIATION WITH:

PeaceOneDay
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Austin Chapter

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Dear Austin Community Member,

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR **PEACE DAY AUSTIN** CELEBRATION - THE 11 DAYS OF GLOBAL UNITY - THAT WILL TAKE PLACE ALL ACROSS AUSTIN FROM 9/11, A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND SERVICE, TO 9/21, PEACE DAY.

Every year, millions of people and thousands of organizations across the world organize all kinds of events to promote awareness of Peace Day, and to encourage peace-building, forgiveness, reconciliation, nonviolence, and dignity for all in their own local communities. Such events have included Peace Day concerts, poetry readings, coffee mornings, art and photography exhibitions, flash mobs, screenings of films, symposia, games, and always a moment of silence at noon on Peace Day itself, September 21.

This year, several local organizations and groups have come together to facilitate a city-wide celebration of Peace Day in our own wonderful city — **PEACE DAY AUSTIN** — to give our own citizens opportunities to use this global platform to create and participate in meaningful peace-building activities and events right here in our own community.

Because we are many organizations and groups, and because we can't do everything in one day, our Peace Day Austin events and activities will begin on 9/11 — a Day of Remembrance and Service, and finish on 9/21, Peace Day.

JOIN US! You, too, can host a Peace Day activity or event. Peace starts with individual action, and your actions will inspire others. There are many ways to participate, and our Peace Day Austin website, www.peacedayaustin.org, is full of suggestions — for children, young people, students, adults, seniors. Check out the WHAT YOU CAN DO section of the Peace Day Austin site for inspiration, and create your plan.

And then tell us what you are going to do so we can list it on our calendar and post it on our PeaceDayAustin Twitter, Facebook page and other media outlets. Send us your videos and photos, too!

Thank you,
Peace Day Austin Organizing Team and Partners

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HERE ARE A FEW THINGS YOU CAN DO IN YOUR COMMUNITY

- ✂ Learn more about the International Day of Peace! Visit the UN's page, <http://www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/>. Learn more here: peaceoneday.org, and/or here: www.internationaldayofpeace.org. Learn more about Peace Day Austin here: www.peacedayaustin.org
- ✂ Stay connected by LIKING the Peace Day Austin Facebook Page and following us on Twitter: @peacedayaustin. Use your Facebook and Twitter accounts to share with others what is happening on Peace Day both locally and globally!
- ✂ Share a peace selfie on Twitter and Facebook. Use #PeaceDayATX #PeaceSelfie.
- ✂ Observe a minute of silence at noon on September 21. This is a global observance in all time zones. Check out other GLOBAL INITIATIVES on the Peace Day Austin site for activities you can tie into locally.
- ✂ Peace Day is a huge day for humanitarian aid worldwide—consider organizing a service project or a fundraiser that benefits a local or global cause!
- ✂ Hold a film screening related to peace for your friends or a club gathering.
- ✂ Tell your friends about Peace Day and encourage them to learn about it and observe the day with you! YOU can help just by raising awareness!
- ✂ Organize an event that brings together students from different clubs/cultural backgrounds; include food from different cultures and/or intercultural dialogue.
- ✂ Create and display Peace Flags (<http://bit.ly/1GhtxL1>) or Peace Pinwheels (<http://bit.ly/1EFWrp6>). To display in your yard, at your local school or church.
- ✂ Organize an interfaith or ecumenical service or vigil.
- ✂ Request that your local radio station play peace and intercultural music Sept. 11-21, and ask them to mention Peace Day Austin / the International Day of Peace on air.
- ✂ Consider joining Rotaract, the Rotary group for young adults ages 18-29. Learn more at: <http://www.rotaractaustin.org>.
- ✂ Get a few musicians together and do a “Playing for Change” music gathering or peace party! If interested in Playing for Change, go to: <http://playingforchangeday.org>.
- ✂ Check out the peace building training available through Seeds of Peace USA and the National Peace Academy.

LET US KNOW your plans! Post your photos/ideas on our website. Or send them to us at: peacedayaustin@gmail.com and we will post them for you!

More information and ideas on <http://peacedayaustin.org>!