

# SARAJEVO 2014



**Come and join us!** Let's transform a World of War and Violence into a Culture of Peace, Nonviolence & Justice



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#### From a World of War and Violence ...

The year 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I, which was triggered by the assassination of the Austro-Hungarian heir to the throne in Sarajevo on June 28th, 1914. This can be viewed as a symbolic date for the global dominance of structural and cultural violence and a century of a "Culture of War and Violence", with two world wars and numerous regional wars and conflicts – among them the one in the former Yugoslavian countries in the 1990s.

### ... to a Culture of Peace, Nonviolence and Justice

However, the 20th and the beginning of the 21st century have also seen a world-wide rise of nonviolent actions and achievements as an alternative to war and violence. Increased efforts for global and social justice, peace education, human rights, nonviolence and reconciliation have also been reflected in the declaration of the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence (2001–2010) by the United Nations.

The Peace Event will serve as an acknowledgment for all peace initiatives which have been flourishing for decades and a reminder that peace still needs to be fostered. Furthermore, it will represent an international exchange platform for debate and information on different topics related to nonviolence and peace.

There is a cultural change for peace that we want to promote and support. We invite you to join in activities and events, discuss and exchange ideas and experiences with people from the Balkans, Europe and all over the world and to actively participate in the whole process.

## The main themes for the event are:

- Peace and Social Justice
- > A Culture of Peace and Nonviolence
- Gender, Women and Peace
- Reconciliation and Dealing with the Past
- > Militarism and Alternatives

If you are interested in organizing own activities at the PEACE EVENT SARAJEVO 2014 please fill out a form "call for proposals" from the website of the event: **peace-event.eu** 

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# International Forum

The international forum consists of more than 100 workshops, plenary sessions, keynote speeches, conferences and roundtable discussions in central places of the city. Prominent speakers, such as the Nobel Peace Prize Laureates Mairead Maguire and Adolfo Perez Esquivel, will take part in the opening and closing ceremonies.

# Youth Camp

Meet young people from the Balkans, Europe and all over the world!

The Youth Camp is a place where young activists and advocates for peace from the Balkans, Europe and all over the world come together, in order to meet likeminded people, to learn from each other and to build understanding, friendship and social networks. The principles of the camp are nonviolence, a culture of peace and human dignity, as well as values such as pluralism, democracy, nondiscrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and gender equality.

Youth camp participants are invited to take part in all the activities of the main event and there will be specific selforganized youth camp activities, like diverse seminars, workshops, creative and cultural activities and sports! There will be a special emphasis on intercultural understanding and dialogue, reconciliation and dealing with the past, and peace and nonviolence education. Different approaches – with a focus on bringing together people from different countries – ranging from peer-to-peer education to nonviolent training, reconciliation seminars and expert dialogues are being pursued.

## **Cultural Activities**

Theatre shows | Kids' Zone | Plays | Poetry | Literature | Performances | Cultural & Artistic Workshops | Outdoor Activities | Films | Art & Photo Exhibitions | Concert | Street Activities | Peace Games | Book Presentations

Main squares in the inner city will be turned into vibrant cultural centers where different activities are taking place during the PEACE EVENT SARAJEVO 2014, integrating cultural events and nonviolence projects into the cityscape. Furthermore, numerous galleries, theatres and other institutions will participate in peace exhibitions and activities during the peace event.

In one of these squares you will find the "Peace Fair": it is the meeting point for participants of the Peace Event and interested persons, it includes spaces for dialogue, information, and creative activities.

## Organizational Structure

The PEACE EVENT SARAJEVO 2014 is organized by an international coordinating committee and a local coordinating committee. The International Committee brings together various local and international organizations and defines the overall outline of the Peace Event.

## Among others the international coordinating committee consists of:

Alessandro Capuzzo (Italian Network for Civil Peace Corps, Trieste) | Bernard Dréano & Philippe Bourdier (Helsinki Citizens' Assembly France, Paris) | Christian Renoux (International Network for a Culture of Nonviolence and Peace, Paris) | Dragana Dardic (Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Banja Luka) | Goran Bubalo (Mreža za izgradnju mira/Network for Building Peace, Sarajevo) | Ljuljjeta Goranci Brkic (Nansen Dialog Center, Sarajevo) | Pete Hämmerle (International Fellowship of Reconciliation Austria, Wien) | Reiner Braun (International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms/International Peace Bureau, Berlin) | Zaira Zafarana (Comitato Italiano per una Cultura di Pace e Nonviolenza/MIR Italy, Torino)

# Among others the local coordinating committee consists of:

Aida Topic (ArtGrupa, Sarajevo) | Azra Pita-Parente (Foundation Publika, Sarajevo) | Goran Bubalo (Mreža za izgradnju mira/Network for Building Peace, Sarajevo) | Ljuljjeta Goranci Brkic (Nansen Dialogue Center, Sarajevo) | Gerd Scheuerpflug (KULT Bosnia & Herzegovina) | Dragana Dardic (Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Banja Luka) | Ibrahim Spahic (Sarajevo Winter Festival) | Michaele Parente (forumZFD, Sarajevo)



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Be part of it!

Everyone who wishes to participate is invited to come and offer concrete proposals for round tables, workshops, exhibitions and youth and cultural activities related to the main themes.