



12th GLOBAL YOUTH PEACE FEST-GYPF 2017

September 29 - October 2, 2017, Chandigarh-SAS Nagar-Amritsar, India

'YOUTH OF THE WORLD UNITE – YOU HAVE EVERYTHING TO GAIN!'

INTRODUCTION

It was the great social reformer, Karl Marx, who gave a clarion call to the workers of the world to unite. Today, when the world is besieged by war and civil strife, young people have a crucial role to play in establishing a culture of peace. It would be apt to give a clarion call to the youth of the world to unite in this effort to establish peace through non-violence. Indeed, the world today is younger than ever before and the youth has been hailed as a positive force for promoting and maintaining peace, development and change in the world. At the same time youth is affected by high rate of unemployment, armed conflict and global terrorism.

There is an urgent need to explore meaningful participation of young people in establishing the culture of peace by actively pursuing the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and connecting to the universal yearning for peace.

Over the past 11 years, the Global Youth Peace Festival has been pursuing the agenda of youth leadership and transformative change. It has also shown the way to build a global culture of volunteerism and service. **The GYPF 2016 coincide with the clouds of war had gathered over India and Pakistan. We at Team GYPF managed to change the narrative by having young people from 33 countries including 19 young girls for peace from Pakistan espousing for peace.**

The youth solemnly re-affirmed that we are all part of one global family – Vasudaiva Kutumbakam (the world is one family) -- aspiring to establish peace in every corner of the globe. Human rights violation was felt as a serious concern and we should help by collecting data, providing legal services and supporting the vulnerable and marginalized population.

WAY FORWARD



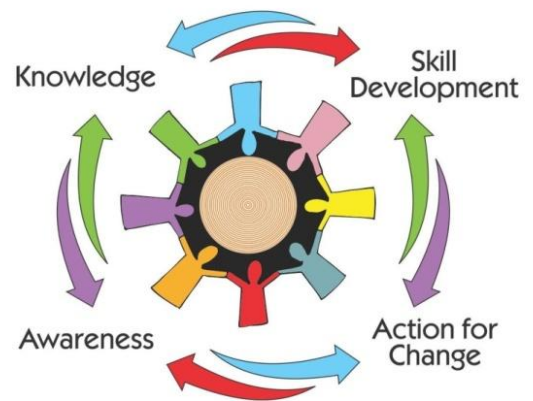
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

Team GYPF 2017 affirms that youth should effectively participate in implementing and achieving sustainable development goals and build actionable projects for transformative change. We also affirm that we are all part of one family and we should develop an action plan to educate and train people to promote co-existence and tolerance. Enthused by the role played by young people in creating an alternative narrative revolving around peace at GYPF 2017, we plan to **create/train young leaders to actively seek out and support their meaningful participation in cross-border peace building activities. This time, we would have young people from India and Pakistan simultaneously calling for peace by gathering at the Indo-Pak Wagah border.**

As was the case always at GYPF, at GYPF 2017 too, we will involve youth in decision-making and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) agenda. The SDGs are formally adopted by Heads of State at the UN marking a historic moment that sets the world's development agenda for the next 15 years. However, the SDGs are not legally binding. Each government will decide how to implement the ambitious goals based on their own national contexts. Furthermore, review of a country's progress toward the Goals will be strictly voluntary. This means the implementation of the SDGs will to a great degree rely on citizens who will have to hold their leaders and governments to account and remind them of their commitments.

BE THE CHANGE: This is where young people have a critical role to play. If countries are to succeed in achieving the SDGs, leaving no one behind along the way, governments must seek out an active and substantive engagement of young women and men from diverse backgrounds in national-level planning, implementation, and monitoring. The overall success of the SDGs depends on youth engagement for these goals to be realized. It is critical that all stakeholders, in particular, the young people be made part of the process right from the start.

We have realized that peace and sustainable development go hand in hand. You cannot end conflicts or achieve peace in the world if hunger and malnutrition persist, if mothers continue to die during child birth, if environment continues to be assailed by man-made causes, if education is not provided to every child -- sustainable development goals are the very foundation of peace. It is truly said that peace is not mere absence of war; it is an affirmation of global brotherhood. That is the reason we are also broad-basing the festival to include Sustainable Development Goals-SDG's.



GYPF 2017 - MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

250 delegates from over 50+ countries including Afghanistan, Albania, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brazil, China, Fiji, France, Indonesia, India, Ireland, Italy, Kenya, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Liberia, Malaysia, Motswana, Mauritius, Nepal, Pakistan, Palestine, Syria, Senegal, Taiwan, Uganda, USA, Zambia & Zimbabwe etc.

PRESENTATION OF 'GLOBAL YOUTH ICON AWARDS – 2017'

GYPF 2017 - MAJOR THEMES

- Stop Violence Against Women
- Green Living
- Disarmament and SAARC Unity
- Global Citizenship

GYPF 2017 TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

DAY 1 – Friday, September 29, 2017

At Chandigarh Institute of Hotel Management, Sector 42, Chandigarh

- 09.30 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.: Play for Peace
10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.: **Youth Panel Discussion** on major themes of GYPF 2017
- Stop Violence Against Women
 - Green Living
 - Disarmament and SAARC Unity
 - Global Citizenship
- 11.15 a.m. - 01.00 p.m.: **Presentation of Global Youth ICON Awards 2017**
01.00 p.m. - 02.00 p.m.: Lunch & refreshments
02.00 p.m. - 03.30 p.m.: Art & Music for PEACE
03.30 p.m. - 04.00 p.m.: Fresh-n-up break
04.00 p.m. - 05.00 p.m.: Memorable Group Picture with '**PEACE**' Signs
06.00 p.m. - 07.30 p.m.: **Multicultural Panorama of Music & Dance**

DAY 2 - Saturday, September 30, 2017

- 06.00 a.m. - 07.00 a.m.: Adrenalin Punch-Nature Walks/Village Tours
08.00 a.m. - 09.00 a.m.: Breakfast

At Indian School of Business (ISB), Sector 81, SAS Nagar, Punjab.

- 09.30 a.m. - 01.00 p.m.: **Plenary sessions on sub-themes of;**
- Stop Violence Against Women
 - Green Living
 - Disarmament and SAARC Unity
 - Global Citizenship
- 01.00 p.m. - 02.00 p.m.: Lunch break
02.00 p.m. - 04.00 p.m.: Enhancing ideology into action (*Participants to come up with feasible **Project ideas** on allotted themes*)
04.00 p.m. - 05.30 p.m.: **Ideology to Action-Global Youth Peace Forum.**
06.00 p.m. - 07.00 p.m.: One World Fashion Show

DAY 3 - Sunday, October 1, 2017

- 05.00 a.m.: Early morning departure for **Holy-city Amritsar, Punjab**
10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.: **Global Youth Peace Forum Meet & 'One World Harmony Walk'** ending with a visit to Golden Temple
12.30 p.m.-01.30 p.m.: Lunch
02.30 p.m. - 05.30 p.m.: Beating retreat ceremony & **Candle Light Vigil for World Peace at Indo-Pak Wagah Border.**
05.30 p.m. - 09.30 p.m.: Travel back to Chandigarh

DAY 4 - International Day of Nonviolence: Monday, October 2, 2017

At Chandigarh Institute of Hotel Management, Sector 42, Chandigarh

- 05.00 a.m. - 06.30 a.m.: **Wildlife Conservation Walk** at Sukhna Lake
09.30 a.m. - 01.00 p.m.: **Launch of GYPF 2017 Resolutions & Valedictory Function**
01.00 p.m.: Lunch & time to move ahead...



INSPIRATION : “An eye for an eye will make the whole world blind.” – said Mahatma Gandhi, who remains immortalized in this ideal. His persona left a deep impact on the thought process of his contemporaries. Even today he is present in the heart and minds of the citizens of the world GYPF 2017 organizers effort is to bring more youth into the fold of Gandhian philosophy, a source of inspiration for peace activists across the globe. And annual **Global Youth Peace Fest and its ‘Global Youth Peace Forum’** is a unique youth campaign to spread Mahatma *Gandhi's* universal message of living in peace & harmony with man and nature alike.

ORGANIZER

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 Indian School of Business, SAS Nagar, Punjab,
 Peoples Convention Centre, Chandigarh,
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 Wild Ecologues, Great Himalayan National Park, Himachal Pradesh,
 World Assembly of Youth (WAY), Malaysia.
 Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA), Chandigarh.

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 National Youth Council, Mauritius,
 Overseas Indian Youth Club, Malaysia,
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