

Activities as based on those in Mayors for Peace Action Plan from April 2017 to March 2018  
(including planned events)

as of April 10, 2018

I. Initiatives outside Japan

(58 cities/groups in 19 countries)

Country	City/Group	Date	Event details	Link
Argentina	Ituzaingó	11-Aug ~ 30-Aug	The City of Ituzaingó will hold a poster exhibition of "Sadako and Paper Cranes" at the City's history museum.	
Austria	Vienna	6-Aug , 9-Aug	Peace events to commemorate the victims of the nuclear attacks held at The Graben in downtown Vienna. On August 6, Hiroshima Commemoration starts at 6PM and ends at app. 8:30PM with a lantern march to the pond in front of Karlskirche. On August 9, a ceremony to commemorate the Nagasaki bombing start at 8PM at the Viennese Peace Pagoda.	
Bosnia And Herzegovina	Sarajevo	21-Jun	A "Stone for Peace," a piece of granite stone exposed to the atomic bombing of Hiroshima in 1945, was donated to the City of Sarajevo, a Lead City of Mayors for Peace. The Mayor of Sarajevo and President of the Stone for Peace Association of Hiroshima attended the hand-over ceremony held at the Botanical Garden of the National Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina, where the stone will be on display from now on.	<a href="http://sarajevo.ba/grad-sarajevo-na-svecanosti-uzemaljskom-muzeju-preuzo-kamen-mira-iz-hirosime/?lang=en">http://sarajevo.ba/grad-sarajevo-na-svecanosti-uzemaljskom-muzeju-preuzo-kamen-mira-iz-hirosime/?lang=en</a>
Brazil	Santos	5-Apr	At UME Olavo Bilac (municipal elementary school unit), Brazilian students participated in activities related to culture of peace and restorative justice, making tsurus.	
Brazil	Santos	12-Apr	This year, in honor of Japanese friends and peace, rabbits (with chocolate eggs) were replaced by tsurus in Santos City's school activities.	
Brazil	Santos	9-Aug ~ 17-Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery ceremony of the Restoration of the Sculpture of the Plastic Artist Tomie Otake in the "Day of the Fight for Nuclear Disarmament"</li> <li>• Tsurus workshop with soccer players from the Santos Futebol Clube</li> <li>• Event "Day of Promotion of Peace in Support of Nuclear Disarmament"</li> <li>• Delivery of 16 thousand tsurus donated by the NGO 72 thousand Tsurus for Peace, by volunteers of the Japanese Association of Santos to the public present at the stadium.</li> <li>• Minute of silence in honor of the victims of the atomic bomb in Hiroshima and Nagasaki (sister city of Santos).</li> <li>• The 1st Forum of Culture of Peace and Nonviolence, with the participation of the international speaker Mr. David Adams, precursor of the culture of Peace in the world.</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/Activities_Santos_Aug2017.pdf">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/Activities_Santos_Aug2017.pdf</a>

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Canada	Oak Bay	17-May	Mayor Nils Jensen of the District of Oak Bay proclaimed August 6th, 2017 as Hiroshima Memorial Day and August 9th, 2017 as Nagasaki Memorial Day in Oak Bay, a day to remember the devastation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945, and to renew the commitment to ensuring freedom from the threat posed by nuclear weapons. Dr. Jonathan Down, a local physician who has done much to advocate for a nuclear-weapon free world, proposed the Proclamation to the Mayor.	<a href="https://www.oakbay.ca/sites/default/files/Hiroshima%20and%20Nagasaki%20Memorial%20Day%20August%202017.pdf">https://www.oakbay.ca/sites/default/files/Hiroshima%20and%20Nagasaki%20Memorial%20Day%20August%202017.pdf</a>
Canada	Oak Bay	5-Aug	Mayor of Oak Bay planted the sapling grown from the seeds of tree that survived the atomic blast at Hiroshima. He planted the tree alongside the last living Canadian survivor of Nagasaki who was a prisoner of war in Nagasaki when the bomb was dropped, and a member of Physicians for Global Survival and the Vancouver Island Peace and Disarmament Network.	
Canada	Ottawa	9-Aug	To remembrance of the many who lost their lives in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the Quaker Peace & Social Concerns Committee in Ottawa and by Pacifi, a group consisting of peace activists in the Ottawa area, sponsored an evening event held on the banks of a canal close to the Parliament Buildings. The event included speeches, musical interludes and lantern floating on the canal. It attracted many already active in NGOs including those in Physicians for Global Survival, the United Nations Association, Mines Action Canada, Canadian Pugwash, Canadians for a Nuclear Weapons Convention (CNWC), Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (CNAW), Civilian Peace Service, Cease Fire and Public Response.	
France	AFCDRP	22-Sep	AFCDRP participated in a Peace Symposium organized by the Gabriel Peri Foundation, "The paths to Peace Today", concluding a one-year seminar on Peace called "Building Peace, Deconstructing War".	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171018_AFCDRP_activity170922.html">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171018_AFCDRP_activity170922.html</a>
France	Allonnes	Sep	Allonnes became a member of Mayors for Peace in September. They decided to celebrate their new membership by organizing a Peace Concert during which Mrs. Miho Cibot-Shimma, Hiroshima Peace Ambassador, gave Mayor Gilles Leproust of Allonnes his Mayors for Peace Membership Certificate.  Allonnes also decided to create the "Allonnes Culture of Peace Prize" to reward local associations or organizations for their promotion of Peace. This year's recipient were the students of Le Marin middle school for their project "Peace Mediators".	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171018_France_activities_Sep-Oct2017.html">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171018_France_activities_Sep-Oct2017.html</a>

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France	Chalette sur Loing	21-Sep	<p>This year, for International Day of Peace, Chalette sur Loing, a Mayors for Peace member since 1997 and Vice-President of the French Chapter, hosted an Exhibition focusing on the role of women, first victims of conflicts but also main actors of peace building in communities, "Women, Ambassador of Peace" .</p> <p>The city also organized all summer workshops to learn how to fold paper cranes and taught children about Sadako Sasaki' s story. The 1000 cranes will soon be send to Hiroshima.</p>	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171018_France_activities_Sep-Oct2017.html">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171018_France_activities_Sep-Oct2017.html</a>
France	Choisy-le-Roi	21-Sep	<p>For this year' s International Day of Peace, Choisy-le-Roi decided to focus on the theme of rape as a weapon of war and the organizations helping the victims. They organized a screening of a documentary on Dr Denis Mukwege, who helps women who were victims of war crimes in Democratic Republic of Congo.</p> <p>More than 150 persons turned up for this event, a huge success for the city.</p>	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171018_France_activities_Sep-Oct2017.html">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171018_France_activities_Sep-Oct2017.html</a>
France	Gentilly	15-Sep ~ 30-Sep	<p>Gentilly hosted Mayors for Peace' s exhibition along with "Sadako and the Paper Crane" in its public Library.</p> <p>Guided tours of the exhibitions were organized for students from local middle schools.</p>	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171018_France_activities_Sep-Oct2017.html">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171018_France_activities_Sep-Oct2017.html</a>
France	Gentilly	15-Sep ~ 30-Sep	<p>Mayors for Peace "The Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki" Poster Exhibition was held and there were approximately 400 visitors</p> <p>This event was planned for the international day of peace. The exhibition was with another exhibition about Sadako and the peace cranes. There was also a projection of the film "L' oiseau du Bonheur" from Seiji Arihara, followed by workshops for children to make origami peace cranes. Pupils from Gentilly and also from our twin city Freiberg in Germany have visited the exhibition.</p>	
France	Gonfreville L' Orcher	21-Sep	<p>Each year, Gonfreville l' Orcher, a small town near Le Havre in the Normandy Region, commemorates the International Day of Peace and this year was no exception. Three main events were organized: a peace concert by a children' s choir, a Peace march, and a conference on Gaza and Palestine by the writer Vivian Petit.</p>	<a href="https://afcdrp.com/jip2017-gonfreville-lorcher/">https://afcdrp.com/jip2017-gonfreville-lorcher/</a>

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France	Grigny	20-Sep , 28-Sep	<p>Grigny, Executive City of Mayors for Peace and President of the French Chapter, launched its Local Program of Action for a Culture of Peace 2017 on the Eve on International Peace Day with the "Peace Lanterns" event, which included the inauguration of a Peace mosaic, a recitation of poems and songs by children from various schools of the city and the lighting of floating lanterns on Grigny' s Canal. It was the first time such an event was organized in the city and it was a huge success.</p> <p>8 days later, on September 28, a running race for Peace dedicated to children took place for the first time, involving several hundred children from primary and middle schools.</p>	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171018_France_activities_Sep-Oct2017.html">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171018_France_activities_Sep-Oct2017.html</a>
France	Grigny	1-Oct	The city of Grigny, President of Mayors for Peace French chapter and newly elected Executive City of Mayors for Peace, will organize its first 10km race for Peace and Solidarity. Open to all types of participants, this 10 kilometer race will promote the values of peace, solidarity and sharing. Each registration will help raise money for the solidarity project of UNICEF.	<a href="http://grigny91.fr/2017/07/31/10km-de-la-paix/">http://grigny91.fr/2017/07/31/10km-de-la-paix/</a>
France	Lasséran	4-Oct	<p>The small village of Lasséran, in the South-West of France, used peace to solve a very down to earth problem: their local bus stop kept on being degraded by graffiti so they decided to paint peace messages on it. Since then, the bus stop is no longer the target of unwelcomed graffities.</p> <p>The Mayor, Michel Soriano, tells how they came up with the idea and hopes it will give an idea to cities facing the same kind of challenge on the French chapter website.</p>	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171018_France_activities_Sep-Oct2017.html">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171018_France_activities_Sep-Oct2017.html</a>
France	Malakoff	21-Sep ~ 14-Oct	<p>Malakoff, a Mayors for Peace Vice-president and Lead City, organizes "Artists for Peace" , an exhibition of works from local artists who commit to promoting Peace through Art.</p> <p>This exhibition, which takes place every year since the 1980s, is a major part of Malakoff' s Local Program of Actions for a Culture of Peace.</p> <p>This year, the Program also includes a training course on Culture of Peace and an activity with the local library called "Read in Peace" .</p>	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171018_France_activities_Sep-Oct2017.html">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171018_France_activities_Sep-Oct2017.html</a>

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France	Malakoff	26-Oct	<p>Malakoff, Vice President and Lead City of Mayors for Peace, organized a full day training course for city officials, unions and NGOs representatives to introduce them to peace culture as a tool for local human development.</p> <p>This course is one of the cornerstones of Malakoff's annual Local Program of Actions for a Culture of Peace.</p> <p>It aims at familiarizing its participants to Hiroshima and Nagasaki's tragic history while giving them the tools to implement a culture of peace in local management.</p>	<a href="https://afcdrp.com/formation-decouvrir-culture-paix-outil-developpement-humain-local/">https://afcdrp.com/formation-decouvrir-culture-paix-outil-developpement-humain-local/</a>
Germany	Berlin	6-Aug	A Ceremony titled "Hiroshima & Nagasaki Day in Berlin" was held with 200 people attended. The event was covered by local TV and the news was on the air several times.	
Germany	Darmstadt	1-Sep	In cooperation with a local peace group, the Darmstaedter Friedensforum, the city of Darmstadt, a Mayors for Peace member, will officially inaugurate the Hiroshima-Nagasaki-Platz (plaza) in Darmstadt.	
Germany	Furth	6-Aug	On August 6, a commemoration ceremony for the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki was held in front of a peace monument in a local park, attended by the Mayor of Furth, Deputy Consul of Japanese Embassy and many citizens.	
Germany	German Chapter	8-Jul	A total of 240 German Mayors appealed to the nations of the world to work toward the elimination of nuclear weapons and realization of a peaceful world by hoisting the Mayors for Peace nuclear disarmament flag.	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/170720_Flag_Day_2017.html">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/170720_Flag_Day_2017.html</a>
Germany	German Chapter	5-Dec	To mark the 30th anniversary of the INF-Treaty, a success of the peace movement, and to recall the danger this disarmament treaty is in, member mayors of the German Chapter of Mayors for Peace and representatives of the peace movement signed the Mutlangen Manifesto. Mutlangen is a former deployment site of nuclear Pershing II missiles. The Mutlangen Manifesto states that disarmament treaties create security and demands to maintain the INF-Treaty and to sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.	<p><a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2018/Mutlangen_Manifesto_2017_en.pdf">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2018/Mutlangen_Manifesto_2017_en.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/180125_Mutlangen_Manifesto.html">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/180125_Mutlangen_Manifesto.html</a></p>
Germany	German Chapter	10-Dec	The German Chapter of Mayors for Peace, led by the City of Hannover, a Vice President and Lead City of Mayors for Peace, will take joint action to commemorate the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize, which is being awarded to ICAN on December 10, the day of the award ceremony.	<a href="https://www.hannover.de/Leben-in-der-Region-Hannover/Politik/Politische-Gremien/Mayors-for-Peace/Aktivitaeten/Friedensnobelpreis-fuer-ICAN">https://www.hannover.de/Leben-in-der-Region-Hannover/Politik/Politische-Gremien/Mayors-for-Peace/Aktivitaeten/Friedensnobelpreis-fuer-ICAN</a>

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Germany	Hannover	21-Sep	<p>On the occasion of the International Day of Peace on September 21, an event titled "No more Hiroshimas!" was held in a high school in Hannover, a Vice President and Lead City of Mayors for Peace, gathering about 100 students (aged 15 to 16 years) and their politics teachers as well as some interested visitors.</p> <p>The event was consisted of showing of survivor testimonies on DVD, presentations by Deputy Mayor Hermann who reported of his experiences at the Peace Memorial Ceremony in Hiroshima and Henrik Herwik who interned at the Mayors for Peace Secretariat. The subsequent discussion with the students was moderated by Roland Freitag, political scientist at the Institute for Didactics and Democracy at the Leibniz University of Hannover.</p> <p>The Hiroshima-Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Poster Set as well as the signature list of the Hibakusha Appeal was displayed as accompanying and supporting material.</p>	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171018_Hannover_IDP.html">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171018_Hannover_IDP.html</a>
Germany	Hannover	22-Jan	<p>On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the youth exchange program between Hiroshima YMCA and Hannover YMCA, the City of Hannover donated one of the seedlings to Hannover YMCA. The donation ceremony took place at Hannover City Hall with the presence of Mayor Schostok of Hannover, the delegation of Hiroshima YMCA, and representatives from Hannover YMCA. The donated seedling will be planted in spring at Camp Abbensen, which is located in a suburb of Hannover.</p>	<a href="https://www.hannover.de/Service/Presse-Medien/Landeshauptstadt-Hannover/Aktuelle-Meldungen-und-Veranstaltungen/Hiroshima-Delegation-besucht-Hannover">https://www.hannover.de/Service/Presse-Medien/Landeshauptstadt-Hannover/Aktuelle-Meldungen-und-Veranstaltungen/Hiroshima-Delegation-besucht-Hannover</a>
Germany	Koln	6-Aug , 6-Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Launch of the Peace Cycling Cycle of the German Peace Society-Kriegsdienstgegner</li> <li>· Action «atomic bomb alarm»</li> <li>· Commemoration in the Hiroshima-Nagasaki-Park Cologne at the memorial stone "ATOMWAFFENABCHAFFEN"</li> <li>· Toro nagashi - Flowing lights at the Aachener Weiher</li> </ul>	<a href="https://goo.gl/photos/wiKSnfTkKeHpuX5x8">https://goo.gl/photos/wiKSnfTkKeHpuX5x8</a> <a href="https://goo.gl/photos/P2qtN6Gy3M2GxkuF9">https://goo.gl/photos/P2qtN6Gy3M2GxkuF9</a> <a href="https://goo.gl/photos/GtK5vd51c1YxW6Eq9">https://goo.gl/photos/GtK5vd51c1YxW6Eq9</a> <a href="https://goo.gl/photos/UkhYFDmMjtaJ8C286">https://goo.gl/photos/UkhYFDmMjtaJ8C286</a>
Germany	Langen	31-Jul ~ 10-Aug	<p>The City of Langen, a member city since 2010, hosted a poster exhibition "Hibakusha Worldwide" created by IPPNW Germany in its City Hall from July 31 to August 10. The exhibition received more than 250 visitors. At the exhibition's opening ceremony on July 31, the Mayor of Langen presented three facilities in Langen with the seeds of a ginkgo tree which was exposed to the atomic bombing in Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. The three facilities, House of Hesse Foundation, Ginkgo-Haus Langen, and the Fruit and Garden Club of Langen will take care of the seeds until they grow into big enough to be planted on grounds. When the seedlings are big enough, they will be planted in parks and other places to convey the message of peace to the citizens of Langen.</p>	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/170913_activity_Langen.html">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/170913_activity_Langen.html</a>
Germany	Rhein-Erft-Kreis	3-Jul ~ 10-Jul	<p>Mayors for Peace "The Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki" Poster Exhibition</p>	

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Germany	Stuttgart	8-Jul	The peace event was took place in front of the second generation of A-bombed tree planted on a terrace of the town-hall. Later when the tree is bigger it will get a place in a prominent city-park of Stuttgart.	
Greece	Athens	6-Aug	PADOP, a citizens' group is organizing an event to mark the Hiroshima Day, aiming to promote the total abolition of nuclear weapons, as well as demanding disarmament of conventional weapons. It will take place in the island of Salamis, a well-known ancient Greek battlefield against the then invading Persian Empire.	
India	Imphal	6-Aug	The City of Imphal observed its annual Hiroshima Day to commemorate the 72nd anniversary of the atomic bombing. The event was attended by the Mayor of Imphal, the Vice Chancellor of the Manipur University (Retired), the President of the Indo Japan Friendship Association and other eminent persons. The event included a moment of silence, the award-giving ceremony for children's' peace drawing competition and speeches by the guests.	
Ireland	Dublin	6-Aug	The official Irish commemoration to Hiroshima and Nagasaki will take place in Merrion Square with a senior councillor representing the Lord Mayor of Dublin and a representative of the Japanese Embassy also in attendance.	
Italy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noale</li> <li>• Mirano</li> <li>• Spinea</li> <li>• Salzanohost</li> </ul>	5-Aug , 6-Aug	Four cities in Italy host events to commemorate the Hiroshima anniversary.	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/170802_Events_Loc_Hiroshima.pdf">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/170802_Events_Loc_Hiroshima.pdf</a>
Italy	Brescia	2-Feb	The City of Brescia hosted a meeting specially devoted to Mayors for Peace with 30 mayors or their representatives from the towns in the Province of Brescia to talk about ICAN, the Treaty, and the role that cities can play.	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/180308_Membership_Italy_Exceeds_500.html">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/180308_Membership_Italy_Exceeds_500.html</a>
Italy	Cervia	31-May ~ 5-Jun	The City of Cervia, a member city since 2007, invited Ms. Tamiko Shiraishi, an A-bomb survivor of Hiroshima, to visit Italy from May 31 to June 5. During her stay in Cervia, Ms. Shiraishi gave her testimony at local schools, met City Councilors, and interacted with citizens at events including the one held on Italy's Republic Day, when people think about war and peace. Ms. Shiraishi also visited Ravenna, a neighboring city of Cervia and also a member of Mayors for Peace.	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nUppyWbGCJA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nUppyWbGCJA</a> <a href="http://www.teleromagna24.it/attualita/cervia-una-sopravvissuta-alla-bomba-di-hiroshima-ai-magazzini-del-sale-video/2017/06/">http://www.teleromagna24.it/attualita/cervia-una-sopravvissuta-alla-bomba-di-hiroshima-ai-magazzini-del-sale-video/2017/06/</a>
Italy	Cervia	8-Aug	72nd Anniversary of the Atomic Bombings	<a href="http://www.comunecervia.it/citta/notizie/notizia/id-72-anniversario-del-lancio-della-bomba-atmica-1945-2017.html">http://www.comunecervia.it/citta/notizie/notizia/id-72-anniversario-del-lancio-della-bomba-atmica-1945-2017.html</a> <a href="http://www.cervianotizie.it/articoli/2017/08/05/a-cervia-un-laboratorio-gratuito-dedicato-al-72-anniversario-del-lancio-della-bomba-atmica.html">http://www.cervianotizie.it/articoli/2017/08/05/a-cervia-un-laboratorio-gratuito-dedicato-al-72-anniversario-del-lancio-della-bomba-atmica.html</a>

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Italy	Cervia	18-Oct	In June, the City of Cervia invited Ms. Tamiko Shiraishi, an A-bomb survivor of Hiroshima, to visit Italy in June. In October, the City is planning to connect its school and Hiroshima again with Skype and have Ms. Shiraishi talk to the students and teachers.	
Italy	Cervia	22-Nov	The City of Cervia will organize a Skype conference connecting an elementary school in Cervia and an A-bomb survivor (Mr. Mutsuhiko Segoshi) in Hiroshima. The school had the same event also on October 18.	
Italy	Cervia	31-Jan	The City of Cervia organized a Skype conference connecting an elementary school in Cervia and an A-bomb survivor (Mr. Mutsuhiko Segoshi) in Hiroshima. The school had the same event also on November 22.	
New Zealand	Wellington	6-Aug	"2017 Hiroshima and Nagasaki 72" Commemoration, to be held at the Peace Flame Garden of the Wellington Botanic Garden. The Hiroshima and Nagasaki mayors' messages are read each year by college students.	<a href="http://www.hdwn.webs.com">www.hdwn.webs.com</a>
New Zealand	Wellington	7-Aug	This year will mark the third year of our involvement in Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day by supporting the event Tumanako! Hope for a Peaceful World exhibition held at the Te Wharewaka o Pōneke. The exhibition will display artworks of children aged 8-15 years old from all over New Zealand. This year Tumanako! has expanded to Auckland and the Hutt City as well as Wellington and there will be opening events for each city to commemorate the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.	
New Zealand	Wellington	5-Oct	Mayor Justin Lester and the Wellington Branch of United Nations Association of New Zealand hosted a panel discussion to celebrate International Peace Day.	
Norway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Halden</li> <li>• Kvinesdal</li> <li>• Larvik</li> <li>• Frogn</li> </ul>	26-Aug ~	<p>Four member cities in Norway plant seedlings of ginkgo trees whose mother trees were exposed to the atomic bombing in Hiroshima in August 1945.</p> <p>On August 26, the City of Halden held a planting ceremony of a seedling, which was attended by the Mayor of Halden. Then on August 29, to coincide with the UN's International Day Against Nuclear Tests, the City of Kvinesdal held a planting ceremony, attended by the Mayor of Kvinesdal as well as a large number of citizens including many young students. The event included speeches and musical performances.</p> <p>The plantings of seedlings in Larvik and Frogn are scheduled in September.</p>	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/170913_Norway_planting.html">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/170913_Norway_planting.html</a>
Norway	Oslo	19-Sep ~ 21-Sep	The City of Oslo will host a reception for 2017 Oslo Urban Peace Week and Mayor of Oslo will speak and welcome participants.	



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Palestine	Bethlehem		Plea to the Lord, lighting a candle not only on August 6th, but each Sunday to save Humanity, and to bring lasting Peace to the Earth.	
Rusia	Volgograd	6-Aug	Volgograd citizens gathered in the Museum-panorama "The Battle of Stalingrad" for peace ceremony and a minute of silence dedicated to the victims of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima - Volgograd' s Japanese twin-city. As usual, the ceremony began with the toll of a famous Bell of Peace. The ceremony was attended by the First Deputy Mayor of Volgograd Vladlen Kolesnikov: ex-Mayor Yuri Starovatykh, a honorary citizen of Volgograd and Hiroshima: members of the "Elderly People Club", students of Volgograd schools and universities (many of whom were participants of the IYCPF 2016), and representatives of Volgograd municipality.	
Slovenia	Radlje ob Dravi	1-Apr	The municipality of Radlje ob Dravi took a cleaning action. After the cleaning action we planted 6 Ginko trees. The program was prepared by the Tourism Association of Radlje ob Dravi. One tree was planted by Mayor of the Municipality of Radlje ob Dravi. By the trees we set up the board donated by the Mayors for Peace Secretariat in Japan.	<a href="http://www.radlje.si/mayors-for-peace">http://www.radlje.si/mayors-for-peace</a> <a href="http://www.radlje.si/doc2/novicke/novicke-obcine-radlje-ob-dravi-14-2017.pdf">http://www.radlje.si/doc2/novicke/novicke-obcine-radlje-ob-dravi-14-2017.pdf</a>
Spain	Barcelona	21-Sep	<p>To commemorate this year' s International Day of Peace, the district of Horta-Guinardó in Barcelona organized a full day of cultural activities at Hiroshima Gardens to express their desire for peace and their rejection of violence.</p> <p>The event included speeches of public authorities, a mural presentation, a performance poetry and a workshops for children about how to make paper cranes and which is their symbolism.</p>	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171018_Barcelona_IDP.html">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171018_Barcelona_IDP.html</a>
Spain	Catalan Chapter	8-Jun	The Catalan Parliament approved a resolution to express its support for the UN resolution L.41 approved last year to convene negotiations to prohibit nuclear weapons in March and June-July this year. The Catalan Parliament' s resolution urged the international community, governments and especially the Government of Spain to attend the negotiations and play an active role toward realizing a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination. The Catalan Chapter of Mayors for Peace, led by the City of Granollers, considers this is an important initiative that shows the capacity of Catalan civil society.	<a href="http://www.parlament.cat/document/bopc/221577.pdf#page=11">http://www.parlament.cat/document/bopc/221577.pdf#page=11</a> <a href="http://fundipau.org/proces-ales-nacions-unides/">http://fundipau.org/proces-ales-nacions-unides/</a>
Spain	Catalan Chapter	18-Aug	The Catalan Chapter of Mayors for Peace, led by the City of Granollers, a Vice President and Lead City of Mayors for Peace, released a message of sympathy and solidarity in the wake of the terror attack in the city center of Barcelona in the afternoon of August 17 that has killed 13 people and injured more than 100 others. The victims include citizens from all over the world.	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/170821_Message_Barcelona_attack.pdf">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/170821_Message_Barcelona_attack.pdf</a> <a href="http://www.granollers.cat/noticies/sala-de-premsa/granollers-condemna-els-attemptats-dahir-i-expressa-la-solidaritat-amb-les">http://www.granollers.cat/noticies/sala-de-premsa/granollers-condemna-els-attemptats-dahir-i-expressa-la-solidaritat-amb-les</a>

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Spain	Catalan Chapter	1-Dec ~ 2-Dec	Mayor Mayoral, from Vice President City and Lead City of Granollers, has participated in the conference "Challenges for coexistence and peace in cities" held in Madrid. The event was supported by the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces (FEMP) and the Catalan Chapter of Mayors for Peace.	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171215_Challenges_for_Coexistence_and_Peace_in_Cities.html">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171215_Challenges_for_Coexistence_and_Peace_in_Cities.html</a> <a href="http://wp.granollers.cat/alcaldesperlapau/2017/12/04/el-vicepresidente-dalcaldes-per-la-pau-participa-a-madrid-a-la-jornada-reptes-per-la-convivencia-i-la-pau-a-les-ciutats/">http://wp.granollers.cat/alcaldesperlapau/2017/12/04/el-vicepresidente-dalcaldes-per-la-pau-participa-a-madrid-a-la-jornada-reptes-per-la-convivencia-i-la-pau-a-les-ciutats/</a>
Spain	Catalan Chapter	25-Jan	Within the framework of the «Annual Retreat & Campus» conference organized annually by UCLG, Mayor Mayoral met with President of UCLG Parks Tau. During the encounter Mayor Mayoral, as a member of UCLG World Council and vice president of Mayors for Peace, has stated his intention to find new avenues of cooperation and build a strategic alliance of work between both organizations.	<a href="https://www.uclg.org/en/media/news/follow-fourth-edition-uclg-annual-retreat-live">https://www.uclg.org/en/media/news/follow-fourth-edition-uclg-annual-retreat-live</a> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6qfmbM7-yIs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6qfmbM7-yIs</a>
Spain	Gavà	21-Sep	To commemorate this year's International Day of Peace, the City of Gavà organized a full day of activities at a local library "Biblioteca Josep Soler Vidal."  Planted in the library's garden is a seedling of a Ginkgo tree, whose mother tree was exposed to the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.  The event included storytelling, workshops, and presentations of haikus poems. More than 60 students participated in the event, which received support from the Catalan Chapter of Mayors for Peace.	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171018_Gava_IDP.html">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171018_Gava_IDP.html</a>
Spain	Madrid	19-Apr ~ 21-Apr	The First World Forum on Urban Violence and Education for Coexistence and Peace was held in Madrid, Spain. Mayors for Peace was among the networks supporting and planning the event involving more than 3,500 people and 70 countries. It provided an opportunity for various governmental, non-governmental, and academic organizations to meet and discuss the role cities can play in fostering more peaceful environment in and around their local areas.	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/170512_activity_Madrid_World_Forum.html">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/170512_activity_Madrid_World_Forum.html</a>
Spain	Sant Feliu de Llobregat	4-Mar	The City of Sant Feliu de Llobregat, a member city of Mayors for Peace and also member of the executive committee of the Catalan Chapter of Mayors for Peace, organized an event to replant its second-generation A-bombed Ginkgo tree in an emblematic space of the city, the 'Roserar de Dot i de Camprubi' rose garden. The tree had been growing in a local school "Aula Sant Feliu."	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/180316_Replanting_Sant_Feliu_de_Llobregat.html">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/180316_Replanting_Sant_Feliu_de_Llobregat.html</a>
United Kingdom	Bradford	6-Aug	The Lord Mayor of Bradford will read out the Hiroshima Peace Declaration in an event of readings, poetry and music.	
United Kingdom	Edinburgh	6-Aug	A commemoration of singing, poetry, speeches and paper crane making at The Mound on Princes Street.	
United Kingdom	Glasgow	6-Aug	An official Hiroshima-Nagasaki commemoration will take place by the peace tree in Kelvingrove Park.	

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United Kingdom	Leeds	9-Aug	The Lord Mayor of Leeds with NFLA Steering Committee Vice-Chair Councillor David Blackburn will lead an event of readings, reflection and singing on Nagasaki Day in Park Square by the Mayors for Peace memorial plaque and tree.	<a href="http://www.leedsquakers.org.uk/resources/Hiroshima%20Nagasaki%2072nd%20anniversary%20flyer%20draft02[11378].pdf">http://www.leedsquakers.org.uk/resources/Hiroshima%20Nagasaki%2072nd%20anniversary%20flyer%20draft02[11378].pdf</a>
United Kingdom	London	6-Aug	Annual ceremony takes place in Tavistock Square and includes readings by Catherine West MP, the Deputy Mayor of Camden and music from the Raised Voices choir.	
United Kingdom	Manchester	6-Aug	Manchester's official ceremony takes place in Manchester Museum and is being led by the Deputy Lord Mayor of Manchester. As well as remembering the sacrifice in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, it will remember the 22 innocent civilians killed in the Manchester Arena bomb attack and concludes with a communal reading of the poem 'Manchester - This is the Place'.	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/170802_H&amp;N_72nd%20Anniversary_Manchester_flyer.pdf">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/170802_H&amp;N_72nd%20Anniversary_Manchester_flyer.pdf</a>
United Kingdom	Manchester	12-Sep	A seedling from a tree that survived the September 11 attack on the World Trade Centre in 2001 is to be presented to Manchester from New York as a way of showing support for Manchester as it continues to heal in the wake of the May 22 terror attack.	<a href="http://www.manchester.gov.uk/news/article/7770/manchester_to_receive_a_survivor_seedling_from_911_memorial_andamp_museum">http://www.manchester.gov.uk/news/article/7770/manchester_to_receive_a_survivor_seedling_from_911_memorial_andamp_museum</a>
United Kingdom	Manchester	5-Oct ~ 18-Oct	Mayors for Peace Vice President and Lead City Manchester City Council held three peace events in October and welcomed ICAN winning the Nobel Peace Prize. The events, led by the Lord Mayor of Manchester, were: - A re-dedication of a memorial stone to the British Nuclear Test Veterans Association in the Manchester Cenotaph complex on the 65th anniversary of the first British nuclear weapon test. - A civic reception to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Manchester-based Mines Advisory Group being a co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize for the International Treaty to Ban Landmines & Cluster Munitions. - A 'Project G' event in Manchester Museum where schoolchildren talked about peace and developed school peace plans.	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171108_Manchester_events.html">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171108_Manchester_events.html</a>
United Kingdom	Oldham	6-Apr	The Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council released the April issue of the Oldham Peace Times, the newsletter of the Oldham Pledge to Peace Forum. It is a regular publication to inform people and organisations with an interest in working for peace about the Forum and its work. It contains an especially uplifting article on the recent visit of the Japanese Hibakusha -A-bomb survivors- to Oldham to plant seeds from a tree that itself survived the Hiroshima bombing.	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/170413_Oldham_Peace_Times_Issue%209.pdf">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/170413_Oldham_Peace_Times_Issue%209.pdf</a>
United Kingdom	Oldham	9-May	Oldham Peace Times Issue 10	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/170512_Oldham_Peace_Times_Issue_10.pdf">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/170512_Oldham_Peace_Times_Issue_10.pdf</a>
United Kingdom	Oldham	13-Jun	Oldham Peace Times Issue 11	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/170623_Oldham_Peace_Times_Issue_11.pdf">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/170623_Oldham_Peace_Times_Issue_11.pdf</a>

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United Kingdom	Oldham	20-Jul	Oldham Peace Times Issue 12	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/170802_Oldham_Peace_Times_Issue_12.pdf">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/170802_Oldham_Peace_Times_Issue_12.pdf</a>
United Kingdom	Oldham	21-Sep	the Oldham Pledge to Peace Forum AGM and the Inaugural Oldham Peace Day Lecture will both be held on the UN International Day of Peace in the Performance Space at the back of Oldham Central Library.	
United Kingdom	Oldham	3-Oct	Oldham Peace Times Issue 13	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/171016_Oldham_Peace_Times_Issue_13.pdf">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/171016_Oldham_Peace_Times_Issue_13.pdf</a>
United Kingdom	Oldham	22-Dec	Oldham Peace Times Issue 14	
United Kingdom	Paisley * Non-member	6-Aug	Renfrewshire Council' s NFLA representative will be one of the speakers at its commemoration in Barshaw Park Peace Garden.	
United Kingdom	Sheffield	6-Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Annual Remembrance Event and Peace Picnic to mark Hiroshima Day</li> <li>- Venue: Walled Garden in Meersbrook Park, S8 9FL (use the Brook Road park entrance to Meersbrook Hall and follow the path which will be marked by peace flags).</li> <li>- To remember all victims, past, present and future, of the atomic bombs which were dropped on the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945.</li> <li>- 2.30 p.m. Remembrance ceremony in the Japanese Walled Garden and signing by Sheffield' s Lord Mayor of the 'Mayors for Peace' Declaration</li> <li>- 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Peace picnic with songs and poetry by local artists.</li> <li>- All Welcome: Bring and share picnic</li> </ul>	
United Kingdom	Sheffield	31-Jan	The Lord Mayor of Sheffield will be organising a special event celebrating their membership of Mayors for Peace in the Peace Gardens behind Sheffield Town Hall. The event will promote work undertaken in the city to support schools in encouraging children to become peer mentors and peace makers, learning how to deal with conflict through resolution.	
United Kingdom Ireland	UK and Ireland Chapter	1-Apr	The Chapter issued a promotional leaflet of 'Project G,' Manchester' s local educational project focused around the story of the ginkgo tree seeds provided to Manchester from Hiroshima.	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/170413_Project_G_overview.pdf">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/170413_Project_G_overview.pdf</a>

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United Kingdom Ireland	UK and Ireland Chapter	11-Apr	The UK and Ireland Mayors, Provosts and Leaders for Peace Chapter released its briefing paper which provides an overview of the first of two UN conferences in 2017 at the United Nations General Assembly to discuss the developing of an international treaty banning the holding of nuclear weapons. This report also considers a recent UK tour by two 'hibakusha' or atomic bomb survivors from Hiroshima that deliberately coincided with the UN Conference. Mayors for Peace members and NGOs cooperated on this tour with events held in London, Edinburgh, outside the Faslane naval base, Manchester, Oldham and Oxford. The paper also reports on the chapter's recent statement over the London terrorist attack at Westminster.	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/170413_M4P_Briefing_No_9.pdf">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2017/170413_M4P_Briefing_No_9.pdf</a>
United Kingdom Ireland	UK and Ireland Chapter	24-May	UK and Ireland Chapter Statement for Manchester terrorist attacks on May 22	<a href="http://www.nuclearpolicy.info/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Mayors-for-Peace-Manchester-statement.pdf">http://www.nuclearpolicy.info/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Mayors-for-Peace-Manchester-statement.pdf</a>
United Kingdom Ireland	UK and Ireland Chapter	6-Jun	UK and Ireland Chapter Statement for London terrorist attacks on June 3	<a href="http://www.nuclearpolicy.info/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Mayors_for_Peace_London_statement_June17.pdf">http://www.nuclearpolicy.info/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Mayors_for_Peace_London_statement_June17.pdf</a>
United Kingdom Ireland	UK and Ireland Chapter	16-Aug	The UK and Ireland Mayors, Provosts and Leaders for Peace Chapter released its briefing paper which provides an overview of the 9th General Conference of Mayors for Peace, which was held in Nagasaki, Japan. In addition the report highlights the Manchester commemoration of Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day, at a special event in Manchester Museum.	<a href="http://www.nuclearpolicy.info/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/M4P_Briefing_No_11_General_Conference.pdf">http://www.nuclearpolicy.info/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/M4P_Briefing_No_11_General_Conference.pdf</a>
United Kingdom Ireland	UK and Ireland Chapter	1-Dec	NFLA holds joint seminar with Mayors for Peace which celebrate ICAN's Nobel Peace prize win, considers the UK nuclear weapons debate and the ways to promote peace in our local communities.	<a href="http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171219_UK&amp;Ireland_Report_December2017.html">http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/171219_UK&amp;Ireland_Report_December2017.html</a>  <a href="http://www.nuclearpolicy.info/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/M4P_seminar_gingko_and_Nobel_report.pdf">http://www.nuclearpolicy.info/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/M4P_seminar_gingko_and_Nobel_report.pdf</a>
United Kingdom Ireland	UK and Ireland Chapter	23-Mar	The next meeting of the Chapter will be held in the East Room, Leeds Civic Hall.	
United States of America	Orlando	6-Aug	6th annual Abolition 2020-Hiroshima/Nagasaki Commemoration at the Center for Peace Mecca Hall (Islamic Society of Central Florida.)	