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## Mayors for Peace Member Cities

**8,031 cities**

**in 165 countries and regions**

(as of June 1, 2021)

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## 100-day countdown message for the International Day of Peace

June 13, 2021

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The United Nations has established September 21 as the International Day of Peace (IDP) and an annual day of non-violence and ceasefire. Mayors for Peace has been a long-time supporter of the IDP and encourages all member cities to commemorate the International Day of Peace on September 21. On June 13, the President of Mayors for Peace issued a message for the 100-day countdown to the IDP, inviting all members to commemorate the 2021 International Day of Peace in their city.

 Message for the International Day of Peace, 100-day countdown by the President of Mayors for Peace:  
[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/news/data/210613\\_IDP100day\\_message\\_E.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/news/data/210613_IDP100day_message_E.pdf)

 International Day of Peace 21 September (The United Nations website):  
<https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-peace>

**Please send information on your city's 2021 IDP event!**

If your city is planning to organize an event to commemorate the IDP, please send an event report to our secretariat. We will share the report on the Mayors for Peace website, etc. Please mail us with an outline of your event at:  
[mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp](mailto:mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp)

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## Member city activities

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### ● Dijon, France

#### **School children of Dijon contribute to city administration**

Report by Ms. Loréna Schlicht, AFCD RP-Mayors for Peace France

The City of Dijon, located in Northeastern France and famous for Dijon mustard, conducts a unique initiative engaging school children in realizing a safe and resilient city.

Dijon Children Municipal Council is composed of local students who get the most votes from their schoolmates to represent their schools. During their two-year term as the school's spokesperson, each elected member has the opportunity to first explore and learn more about their own city, exchange ideas, then carry out collective projects designed and planned by themselves. This initiative aims to introduce children to a 'civic-minded approach,' having them actively participate in the city's administration. Through contributing to the better living environment of their fellow citizens as members of the community, they learn to cooperate with others and evaluate outcomes.

On May 29, marking "a special day of cohesion," Deputy Mayor Zivkovic of Dijon, who also serves as a delegation member to the European Parliament, spoke to its elected members. On the subject of the European Union, she shared the importance of respecting different cultures, coexistence, human rights, freedom, equality, cooperation, and cohesion.

At the end of their term, members of the Children Municipal Council plan to give a presentation on their projects to the Mayor and the municipal councilors.



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## Regional chapter activities

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### ● European Chapter

#### **The European Chapter holds its first Board Meeting agreeing a regional work plan for nuclear disarmament**

Report by Ms. Helena Aranda Mayor, the City of Granollers, Spain

The first Board Meeting of the European Chapter took place virtually on 10 June 2021 and served to officially launch the Chapter as well as its regional work plan for the coming years. It was attended by a large number of Mayors and cities officials, representatives of local governments. The Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace approved a proposal by the European Executive Cities to develop the Chapter in November 2019.

The Chair of the Chapter, Mayor Mayoral of Granollers, opened the meeting by welcoming all participants to this first full board meeting and thanking all European Lead Cities for fully taking part in this process. The Secretary General of Mayor for Peace, Mr. Koizumi, congratulated European members on getting to this point and hoped the new European Chapter could be an engine of activity for increasing Mayors for Peace membership. The first part of the meeting also served to introduce Mr. Thomas Hajnoczi, the new European-based Executive Advisor of Mayors for Peace. Mr. Hajnoczi had previously worked for many years in the Austrian Government's Disarmament Affairs Office of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

 Read the full report:

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activities/data/2021/FirstBoardMeeting\\_EuropeanChapter.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activities/data/2021/FirstBoardMeeting_EuropeanChapter.pdf)

## ● Catalan Chapter

### The executive committee met in Granollers on the occasion of the 83rd anniversary of the bombing of the city

Report by Ms. Helena Aranda Mayor, the City of Granollers, Spain

On May 31, 2021, Granollers commemorates the 83rd anniversary of the bombing that the city suffered during the Civil War. Representatives of the municipalities of Calella and Figueres have taken part in the act of remembrance and tribute to the victims that took place in the cemetery, at 9.05 in the morning, at the same time as the attack.

Since the case in 2008, various activities to convey the historical memory and promote the importance of peace have been conducted, grouped in the program "Granollers, a town open to peace". As part of these activities, this year, a "hybrid" meeting of the Executive of the Catalan Chapter of Mayors for Peace was held, having both in-person and virtual attendees.



The meeting was chaired by the Mayor of Granollers— the city that holds the presidency of the network in Catalonia and the vice presidency worldwide. Serving the role of the Chapter's Chair, that is to consolidate and expand the network of committed municipalities, Granollers monitors the latest actions taken and enhances more activities to be carried out in accordance with the Chapter's Action Plan 2021. The Action Plan and its activities are in line with the work of the international organization Mayors for Peace and its European Chapter.

### **Please send us a report on your city's peace activities**

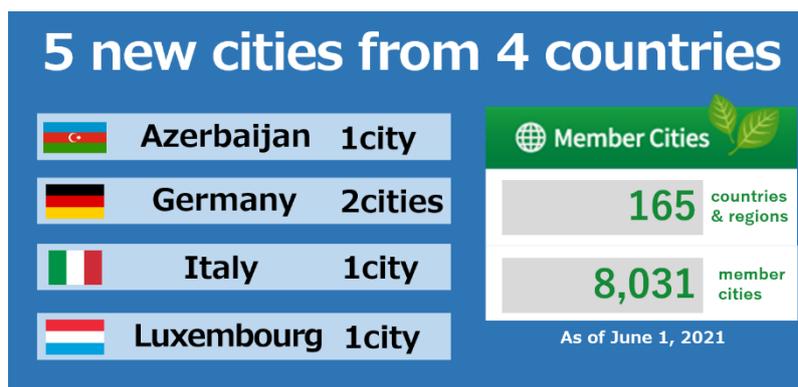
Help us tell other members what you are doing! Please send the Secretariat a short report on a peace activity or initiative by your city so that we can share it on our [website](#) or the News Flash. Reports on your city's activity or initiative that stimulate youth to be engaged in peace activities or promote 'culture of peace' are especially welcome!

We look forward to receiving ones.

Email: [mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp](mailto:mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp)

\*Please write a short (up to 200 words long) report in English, and send it to the above email address with photos (if any). Please include key information such as the date, venue, description, and result.

## Mayors for Peace member cities - 8,031 cities in 165 countries/regions



Help us achieve **10,000** member cities!

On June 1, we gained 5 new member cities, bringing our total membership to 8,031. We thank all involved in promoting expanded membership for their invaluable support. Below is the breakdown of the new members.

Country	New Members	Total No.	Remarks
Azerbaijan	Fuzuli	10	Thanks to the support from the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Azerbaijan.
Germany	Nettetal, Sulingen	714	Thanks to efforts by Hannover, a Vice President and Lead City.
Italy	Cordovado	516	
Luxembourg	Reckange-sur-Mess	61	Continuing from February, new cities joined.

List of new members (PDF):

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/03\\_newmembers/2021/newmembers2106\\_en.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/03_newmembers/2021/newmembers2106_en.pdf)

Membership by country (PDF):

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/01\\_monthly\\_updating/07\\_membership\\_by\\_country\\_en.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/01_monthly_updating/07_membership_by_country_en.pdf)

### Help us achieve 10,000 member cities!

Mayors for Peace aims to achieve 10,000 member cities to foster international public support for the realization of a world without nuclear weapons. Invite other cities in your country, as well as your sister cities and any other cities with which you have relations to join Mayors for Peace. You can download a letter of request and document pack below.

The document pack is available in 10 different languages: Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.

Letters of request to join Mayors for Peace and document pack

<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/aboutus/join.html#section01>

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## Request for Payment of the 2021 Mayors for Peace Membership Fee

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In order to facilitate future activities and strengthen the sense of solidarity amongst member cities, Mayors for Peace introduced an annual Membership Fee in 2015.

This year again, we ask each member city to pay a fee of 2,000 Japanese yen (about 19 USD/16 Euro as of March 2021) per city. If your city has not paid their Membership Fee in previous years, we ask your city to pay the total amount owed for each unpaid year since 2015. The collected Membership Fees will be allocated toward new and existing projects listed on the Mayors for Peace Action Plan.

A request for payment of the 2021 membership fee was sent to each city by email on April 1. We deeply appreciate your kind cooperation.

\* If you want to know your city's payment status or if you have not received the email of request for payment, please contact the Secretariat.

 Request for the 2021 Mayors for Peace Membership Fee (Mayors for Peace website):  
<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/aboutus/fee.html>

Contact: Mayors for Peace Secretariat (email: [mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp](mailto:mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp))

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## Request to promote various measures based on the Mayors for Peace Action Plan

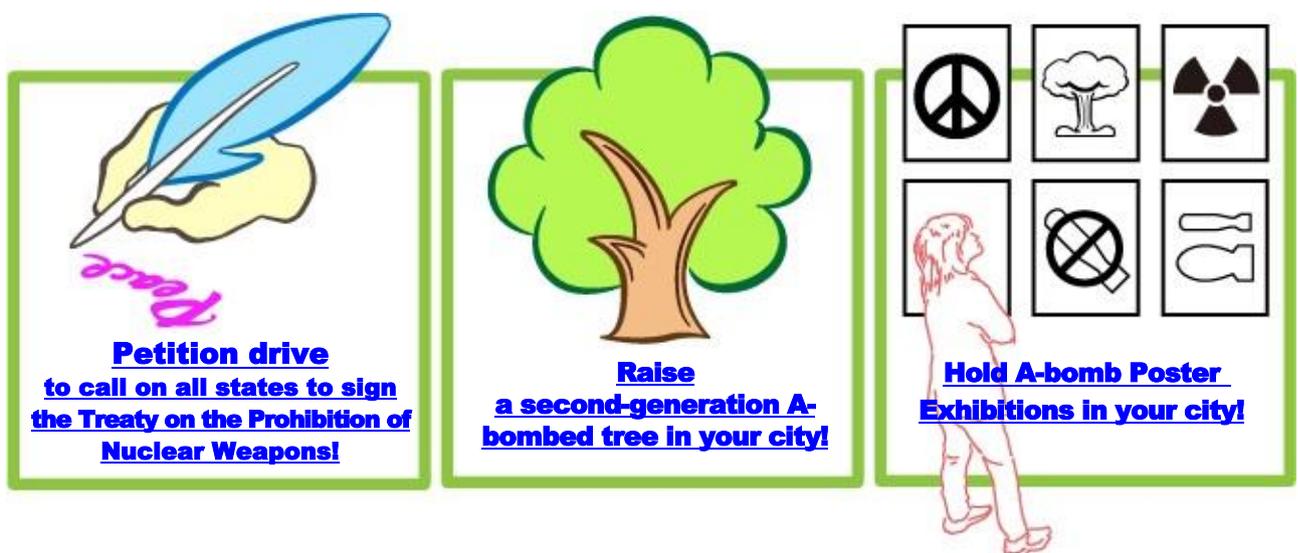
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At the 9th General Conference of Mayors for Peace held in Nagasaki in August 2017, we developed our Action Plan (2017-2020\*), aiming for lasting world peace. Together, we hope to make significant strides toward realizing this goal. Please promote all appropriate measures based on the Action Plan within your own municipality or regional group.

\*A new Vision and a new Action Plan are to be developed and adopted at the 12th Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace, which is planned to be held online in July 2021. The current Action Plan will temporarily remain effective until then, and initiatives and activities based on it continue to be implemented.

 Mayors for Peace Action Plan (PDF):  
[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/conferences/general/data/9th\\_gc/9th\\_gc\\_Action\\_Plan\\_en.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/conferences/general/data/9th_gc/9th_gc_Action_Plan_en.pdf)

 Initiatives implemented under the Action Plan:  
<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/vision/initiatives.html>



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## Call for input: examples of initiatives to foster peace-seeking spirit

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The Mayors for Peace Secretariat has been seeking examples of peace education initiatives conducted by any organization (city hall/school/NGO, etc.) in Mayors for Peace member cities that are conducive to raising peace-seeking spirit among future generations. The Mayors for Peace Secretariat accepts reports on a rolling basis, so please send your report whenever your project is completed. The submitted reports will be posted on our website and in the Mayors for Peace News Flash as a source of information for other member cities that are planning to launch their own peace education program.

 Call for Input on the Mayors for Peace website:

<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/vision/initiatives.html#section10>

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## The “World’s Nuclear Warheads Count in 2021” Poster Released: An Yearly Publication from Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition, Nagasaki University (RECNA)

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The “World’s Nuclear Warheads Count” Poster is an accessible illustration of the current state of the “World with Nuclear Weapons” in which we live. The Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition, Nagasaki University (RECNA), in cooperation with the PCU Nagasaki Council for Nuclear Weapons Abolition (PCU-NC)\*, began publishing this poster in 2013 as an educational tool for all the learners, from elementary school students to adults. The poster and detailed data of nine nuclear armed countries’ nuclear forces have been updated every June. The material is also available in English and Korean languages. For further information, please visit RECNA’s website: <https://www.recna.nagasaki-u.ac.jp/recna/en-nwdata>

As of June 2021, the total number of nuclear warheads in the world is estimated at 13,130. At the peak time around 1987, the world had nearly 70,000 nuclear warheads. Since then, they have been significantly reduced. However, this is not a situation that we can simply rejoice at. Please look forward to the next article for details.



\*PCU-NC is a council for the abolition of nuclear weapons consisting of Nagasaki Prefecture, Nagasaki City and Nagasaki University.

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## **Peace news from Hiroshima**

(Provided by the Hiroshima Peace Media Center of the CHUGOKU SHIMBUN)

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Sahel Rosa, an actress who is active on television and in movies, has her own rose garden in which she grows different varieties of roses with her mother, Flora. In the garden blooms a rose named “ICAN,” bred by Kazuzo Tagashira, 92, an A-bomb survivor and chairperson of the Hiroshima Rose Garden in Hatsukaichi City. Mr. Tagashira was inspired as an A-bomb survivor by the efforts of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) and named his new rose variety after the organization, based on his wish for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Ms. Rosa was presented with a flowerpot of the ICAN roses last year through the mutual acquaintance Akira Kawasaki, a member of ICAN’s international steering committee.

Originally from Iran, Ms. Rosa lost her family in the Iran-Iraq War and grew up in an orphanage. She was adopted by Flora and came to Japan when she was eight years old. She indicated that her name, which means “desert rose,” was given to her by Flora.

Ms. Rosa said, “I want to believe that strength is putting the future, rather than weapons, into people’s hands in the hopes of pursuing peace. I will continue to foster both that wish of Mr. Tagashira’s and these precious roses into the future.” Ms. Rosa said she looks forward to meeting in person with Mr. Tagashira, who has produced numerous rose varieties revolving around the theme “Hiroshima.”

Please see the following for more peace-related news.

Peace Memorial Museum displays new 176 donated A-bomb victims’ personal belongings and photos to convey terrible reality of war

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=105182>

Sparrows’ nest built in bell of Children’s Peace Monument to be left undisturbed until young birds leave it, City of Hiroshima

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=105914>

Hiroshima City announces Peace Memorial Ceremony to be held on reduced scale with reserved seating only for 880—program will remain same as in typical years

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=105962>

“ICAN” rose variety produced by Kazuzo Tagashira of Hatsukaichi blooms in actor Sahel Rosa’s garden

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=105919>

Hiroshima Peace Volunteers introduce Peace Park memorial monuments online to U.S. elementary school students in new initiative amid coronavirus pandemic

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=105885>

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## Announcement from Hiroshima City University: HIROSHIMA and PEACE Online Lecture Series for summer 2021

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Hiroshima City University has organized the summer program HIROSHIMA and PEACE since 2003 for every summer. Due to COVID-19, we had to cancel our program for summer 2020 unfortunately. While it may take little bit more time for us to overcome COVID-19 pandemic, we will slightly modify our program and conduct an online lecture series for summer 2021.

Registration is now open. Please note that we will limit participants to 90 people for each lecture (on a first-come-first-served basis). Please see below for more details. Hope to see you this summer!

July 17 (Sat) 16:30 – 18:00 (Japan Standard Time)

Lecture Title: The Manhattan Project, the Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the Development of Nuclear Weapons

Lecturer: Robert JACOBS (Professor, Hiroshima Peace Institute / Graduate School of Peace Studies, Hiroshima City University)

July 24 (Sat) 16:30 – 18:00 (Japan Standard Time)

Lecture Title: Hibakusha Testimony in English

Lecturer: Keiko OGURA

July 31 (Sat) 16:30 – 18:00 (Japan Standard Time)

Lecture Title: Nuclear Power and Modernity: The Fukushima Disaster from a Sociological Perspective

Lecturer: Masae YUASA (Professor, Faculty of International Studies, Hiroshima City University)

August 7 (Sat) 16:30 – 18:00 (Japan Standard Time)

Lecture Title: Korean Hibakusha Narratives: From Ishimure Michiko to Han Soosan

Lecturer: Kyoko MATSUNAGA (Associate Professor, Graduate School of Letters, Hiroshima University)

- Lectures will be conducted using Zoom webinar.
- Language: English
- Registration is required. Program is free of charge.
- Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/vMRwvFtuS2tpzyFv8>
- E-mail: [HIROSHIMA & PEACE Secretariat](mailto:HIROSHIMA & PEACE Secretariat)
- Website: [www.hiroshima-cu.ac.jp/hiroshima\\_and\\_peace/](http://www.hiroshima-cu.ac.jp/hiroshima_and_peace/)
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