



Mayors for Peace Lead City Hannover, Germany

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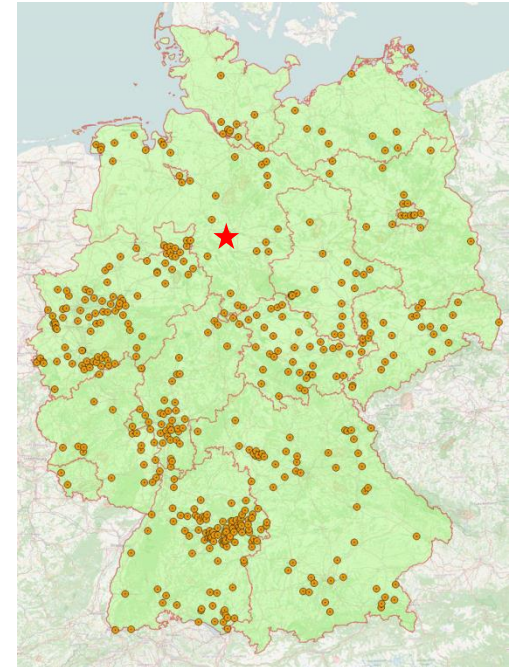
Hannover's role in Germany 2015 - 2019

Hannover is lead city

- Lead City of Germany since 2015
- Vice-president and Executive City since 1983
- Hiroshima and Hannover are sister cities since 1982

Recruiting new members

- more than 660 members in 16 federal states
- almost 300 new members joined in the past 5 years
- sent the sister cities request to all German members and encouraged the mayors to join Mayors for Peace



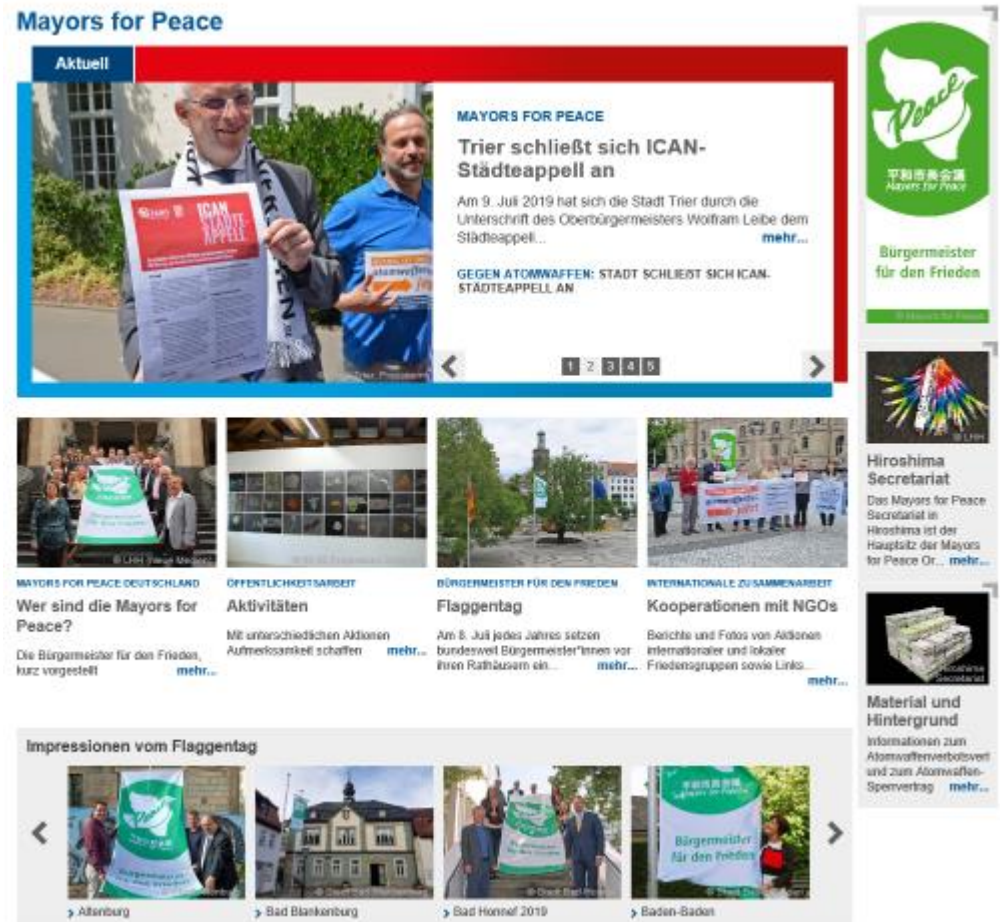
German Mayors for Peace website

www.mayorsforpeace.de

- integrated in www.hannover.de
- launched in October 2016
- clear structure
- up-to-date with rotating header
- lots of photos
- picture gallery of the flag day in member cities

6 main topics:

1. Who are the Mayors for Peace?
2. Activities
3. Flag Day
4. Cooperation with NGOs
5. Hiroshima Secretariat
6. Material and background information



Projects to promote activities among member cities

The Flag Day, July 8

- over 300 member cities participate
- we organize activities in cooperation with
 - NGOs
 - local peace initiatives
 - churches /different religions
 - students



Contributions from Germany

- We call for voluntary contribution of membership fees every January
- We ask for 100 € for a flag, which is treated as membership fee
- We collect the membership fees in Hannover until March 31st
- The collective bank transfer goes to Hiroshima Secretariat in April

2015 – 2019 (5 years)

total contributions: 74,102 €

Ø average per year: 14,820 €

Ø average per city: 22 €





International art and peace exhibition (2018 – 2020)

- toured in 20 member cities (thanks to Hiroshima, Ypres, Manchester, Bristol, Pittsburgh, Poznan, Berlin, Stuttgart, Hannover)
- proposed to be held at UN in 2020
27/4 – 8/5 during the Review Conference on the Treaty of Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons at the UN Headquarters



Ginkgo tree project

Ginkgo plants raised from A-bombed trees are sent to interested member cities



- National Garden Show 2021 in Erfurt
- Multi-year project 2018 – 2021 in cooperation with the city of Erfurt and a local school
- Peace-related education for pupils raising awareness and understanding the danger of nuclear weapons

- A delegation of member cities will visit Erfurt 2021 and receive a Ginkgo plant for their city



German Mayors for Peace Conference

- Regular meeting of German members in different cities (call for application and participation)
- Debate with a representative of Federal Foreign Office
- Projects to promote activities among member cities
- Best practice examples of regional activities



Appeal to the National Government

ICAN Cities Appeal

Hannover signed the appeal in May 2019,
called on member cities to join,
25 German cities signed the appeal

Letter to the Foreign Minister

to join the Treaty on the Prohibition of
Nuclear Weapons as soon as possible

Petition drive

We handed over more than 900 signed
petition forms to the Federal representative
at the German Mayors for Peace Conference



Youth involvement in peace promotion

Young citizens participate in youth programs offered by the Hiroshima Secretariat

- Internship program
- Youth Program „Hiroshima and Peace“
- International Youth Conference for Peace in the Future (IYCPF)



- Invite them to speak at the German Conference
- Share the experiences with regional peace group

Raising Public Awareness

- “Ringing bells across Europe” for the International Day of Peace on September 21st at 6 pm
Hannover organized a week full of events around bells and their meaning for peace in cooperation with various religious groups
- Activity in Büchel „Disarm instead of upgrade!“, a demonstration of opponents of nuclear weapons
- Cherry blossom Festival every April in cooperation with NGOs



Flyer of events (2017 – 2019)



Mayors for Peace lädt ein
NO MORE HIROSHIMAS!
 Veranstaltung zum Weltfriedenstag
 21. September 2017

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**Black Rain Hibakusha –
 Die Kinder des
 Schwarzen Regens**

1. bis 15. August 2018
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Thank you for your attention!