



Mayors for Peace
**Children's Art Competition:
"Peaceful Towns" Art Collection**





About Mayors for Peace

President MATSUI Kazumi, Mayor of Hiroshima

Member Cities 8,477 cities in 166 countries and regions (as of April 2025)

Established 1982

Our Origin In August 1945, two atomic bombs instantly reduced the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to rubble, taking more than 210,000 precious lives by the end of that year. The then-Mayor of Hiroshima called for cities around the world to transcend national borders and join in solidarity to work together to press for the abolition of nuclear weapons. Subsequently, the Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki established Mayors for Peace and have worked to spread the fervent pleas of the hibakusha (atomic bomb survivors) that “no one else should suffer as we have,” to members of the public throughout the world and to future generations.

Our Mission Driven by three key objectives—“Realize a world without nuclear weapons,” “Realize safe and resilient cities,” and “Promote the culture of peace”—Mayors for Peace promotes various initiatives toward the total elimination of nuclear weapons and the realization of lasting world peace, together with our member cities worldwide.



Children’s Art Competition “Peaceful Towns”

To further enhance peace education in our member cities, Mayors for Peace has been holding an annual art competition for children in all member cities since 2018. Why not join us and reflect on what peace means to you?

Submissions received by member cities in 2024:

Total number of participating cities:123 cities in 21 countries

Total number of applications: 4,208



Message
My peaceful city: A city in which bombers and UAVS drop Flowers, weapons are kept in the museums forever. Racism is ended. War factories are substitute for florists. Birds are singing and swallows have come back. Children from different nations go to same school and we support endangered animals , the disabled, the deaf, and the blind. And nobody smokes to make children sick.

2019
11 – 15 Age Category
First Prize
Ilia Afsharmand (12 years old)
Iran / Tehran





2020
11 – 15 Age Category
Third Prize

Nguyen Ngoc Nhi (12 years old)
🇻🇳 Haiphong / Vietnam

[Message](#)

A world of peace is the aspiration of all kids in the world. The kids must live in love, regardless of color, race discrimination and no war. Let's hold hands together so that the world will only remain with the love and compassion for human beings.

2024
11 – 15 Age Category
Special Prize

Gracie Quinney (12 years old)
🇳🇿 Tasman / New Zealand

[Message](#)

Peace to me is like nature, where everything fits together perfectly and we all live in harmony. I feel most at peace when I'm dancing at home, and I wish that all kids can grow up in peaceful homes where they're free to dance too.



2019
11 – 15 Age Category
Third Prize

Uliana Lebedeva (13 years old)
🇷🇺 Volgograd / Russia

[Message](#)

My drawing is called "The planet of Friendship". Only by holding hands and helping each other, can we surpass the hardships of life.



2022
11 – 15 Age Category
Special Prize

Jakub Cardyn (12 years old)
🇮🇪 Leuven / Belgium

[Message](#)

It doesn't matter where you live, in Leuven, NY, Moscow or Abu Dhabi, peace should be everywhere – like blue sky over the cities. Little heart is with Ukrainian flag, as a sign that I am thinking of war there. The moon says: it's getting late –let's get to it right away.



2024
6 – 10 Age Category
Second Prize

Dominika Derkach (9 years old)
🇺🇦 Nova Ushytsia / Ukraine

[Message](#)

The picture shows a little girl sleeping peacefully in her room, hugging her favourite toy – a teddy bear. Outside the window, you can see a night city with bright windows of high-rise buildings, reminding you of life and hope even in dark times. The starry sky and the moon over the city create an atmosphere of comfort and tranquillity. The drawing conveys the dream that every child can fall asleep under a peaceful sky, feeling safe and loved.

2021
6 – 10 Age Category
Third Prize

Negar Gheibi (9 years old)
🇮🇷 Bandar Abbas / Iran

[Message](#)

All the children respect to each other, despite our differences. We cooperate to make-peace in the world until we have a peaceful town in the universe.





2023
11 – 15 Age Category
First Prize

Mizuho Yoshida (15 years old)
🇯🇵 Hiroshima / Japan



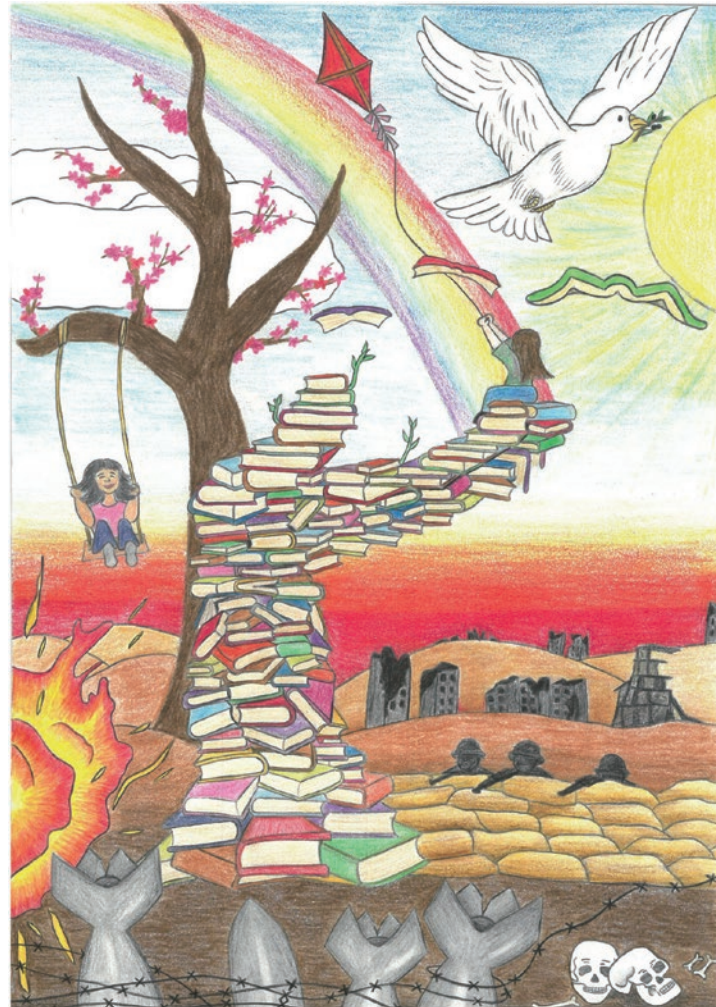
On the earth, there are peaceful worlds where people can live happily and safely and dark worlds where people live in fear every day. The dove living in a dark world always looks at a peaceful world and hopes that their world will become peaceful someday.

2024
11 – 15 Age Category
Third Prize

Tuana Hanceroglu (15 years old)
🇹🇷 Kuşadası / Türkiye



War is the result of ignorance. The only way to stop this is to develop, gain knowledge, understand the effects of wars on people, and produce more humane and peaceful solutions.



2022
6 – 10 Age Category
Second Prize

Nabiha Uddin (8 years old)
🇮🇹 Thiene / Italy



It is necessary to imagine a different reality: the only place where weapons belong to is underfoot.



2023
11 – 15 Age Category
Special Prize

Margret Mjoll Sindradotir (15 years old)
🇮🇸 Reykjavik / Iceland




My art piece is supposed to reflect the feeling of being in a place where you feel at home, where all your problems don't exist and all the worries of the world concerning wars, conflicts, hate and injustice are washed away. You feel like time stops for a while. You can finally take a moment to breathe and not worry anymore and feel at peace surrounded by beautiful nature. We should not feel the need to escape but most of us sometimes want to and actually need to do so.



2024
11 – 15 Age Category
Third Prize


Nicole Audrei Rilles (15 years old)
🇵🇭 Muntinlupa / Philippines

 **Message**
Peace is the harmony we find within ourselves, in our communities, and the world around us. When we nurture inner calm, kindness, and understanding, we create a ripple that spread to our families, communities, and the world. True peace is born from the heart, and only we can share it with others when we find it in ourselves. It means understanding in relationships, compassion in society, respect for nature, and unity in diversity. Peace is not just the absence of conflict, but the presence of love, kindness, and balance in all the walks in life.



2024
6 – 10 Age Category
Special Prize


Zahra Farady (10 years old)
🇺🇸 Rochester, / US

 **Message**
This is a picture of me swinging in the tree looking up at the world. It's a beautiful fall day and the leaves are starting to fall off the trees. It's quiet and life is good.



2022
6 – 10 Age Category
Mayors for Peace President's Award / First Prize

Kuga Kanematsu (10 years old)
🇯🇵 Obu / Japan

 **Message**
I think it is very fortunate that we can share the joy of eating delicious food even if we have different languages and cultures. It would be very peaceful and fun if we, as fellow human beings, could eat together at the same table. I wish for a world without war, where we all live happily with a smile.

2024
11 – 15 Age Category
Special Prize
Abigail Guadalupe Vargas (15 years old)
🇦🇷 San Salvador de Jujuy / Argentina

 **Message**
All children in the world have the right to live in a peaceful world.





2018
6 – 10 Age Category

Third Prize

Klara Ehrensberger (7 years old)

Frankfurt / Germany



In my peaceful town, there is a special “conciliation” park where people can go in case of struggle with others. There are experts to help them to make up with each other. In the streets there are no cars, so that children can use their bikes and scooters/skateboards.



Invitation to Exhibit Award-Winning Art from the Children’s Art Competition “Peaceful Towns”

The Mayors for Peace Secretariat provides digital data of past award-winning artworks from this competition, along with the children’s peace messages (in Japanese and English) expressing the thoughts behind their creations. Through these artworks and messages, you can experience the children’s heartfelt wishes for peace from around the world. We sincerely invite you to consider exhibiting these remarkable works in public facilities or at various events.



Photo: courtesy of the City of Musashino

Procedures for an Exhibition Featuring These Artworks

- Contact the Mayors for Peace Secretariat
- Download the exhibition data from our website
- Print and display the artworks

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