



Peace Day Philly 2018
Events as of August 24, 2018
All programs FREE unless otherwise noted

Sunday, Sept. 16, 7:00 - 8:30pm (note new date!)

Interfaith Art and Justice

Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia
100 W Oxford St., Philadelphia, 19122

In a social climate of fear and suspicion, what does it mean to “dare to understand” those different from us? Can art help us do that? How? In the Interfaith Center’s ‘Interfaith Art & Justice’ workshop, participants will examine art’s role in activism, explore how art and interfaith understanding are intersecting in Philadelphia, and learn how art may be used to engage social change in their own community.

This interactive workshop is not just for artists but for anyone who values creativity and believes it to be a vital tool in increasing peace and understanding in our region. FREE.

Monday, Sept. 17, 5:30-7:30pm

Forging Peace: Where Do We Go From Here?

Friends Center
1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia

How was social change forwarded in the wake of Martin Luther King Jr’s Assassination on April 4, 1968? How can we, in the current context, inform and sustain our activism? Nonviolence chooses love instead of hate, but is it possible to turn our anger at injustice toward making meaningful, positive change? What is our responsibility to help others better understand problems facing society and to build peace in peace? Rev. David Brown and high school senior/poet L’tajh Carter will share their perspectives, followed by Q & A and discussion.

Activism resources will be available at the event. Refreshments available. FREE.

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 5:30-7:00pm

Economics, Peace and Human Rights

Friends Center
1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia

The 2018 global Peace Day theme, set by the United Nations, is

“The Right to Peace: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70.”

However, the 2018 Global Peace Index finds that the world is less peaceful today than at any other time in the last decade. There has also been a global decline in the acceptance

of the rights of others. What are the implications of these findings for peace and human rights? What are the main threats to and opportunities for peace today?

Michelle Breslauer, Director of Programs for the Institute for Economics & Peace, will speak on this topic. The IEP is the world's leading think tank dedicated to developing metrics to analyze peace and to quantify its economic value. It does this by developing global and national indices, calculating the economic cost of violence, analyzing country level risk and understanding positive peace.

Refreshments to follow discussion. Co-Presented by: IEP, PDP and UNAGP. Also part of Welcoming Week. FREE.

Thursday, September 20, 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Because of the War Film Screening

Paschalville Library, 6942 Woodland Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19142, USA

A special presentation of the documentary film, Because of the War, highlighting stories of four brilliant singers – mothers, immigrants, survivors of Liberia's civil wars – who now live in Philadelphia, followed by a discussion with one of the performers. A Philadelphia Folklore Project production.

Contact: Nyia Morrison, morrisonn@freelibrary.org, 215-685-2662

Thursday, Sept. 20, 6-8pm

Compassion and Wisdom: Peace in Ourselves and in the World

Philadelphia Ethical Society

1906 S. Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia

Part 1, 6:00pm: Gentle yoga session for the integration of body, mind, and spirit. A loving approach to nurturing the body is combined with jargon-free spiritual insight gleaned from various contemplative traditions.

Part 2, 7:00pm: Discussion and meditation focusing on cultivating compassion and wisdom no matter the situation, and expanding the conditions for peacefulness not only in ourselves, but also throughout the world in which we live.

Refreshments and conversation about yoga/meditation resources to follow the program. Participants may attend one or both parts of this program. FREE.

Friday, September 21, 10am -1pm

Push for Peace Anti-Violence Coalition - PDP 2018

This youth driven coalition will host a program City Hall Courtyard with anti-violence resource tables 10am - 1pm and creative peace art activities 10am - 11:30am. Program 11:30 - 12:30pm will include poetry, performance speakers sharing experiences of violence as well as healing and the global minute of silence for peace at 12 noon.

Refreshments. All welcome. FREE.

Friday, September 21 (time TBD)

Prayers for Peace

Chenrezig Tibetan Buddhist Center, 954 North Marshall Street, Philadelphia
Six two-hour segments with devoted to chanting a Buddhist mantra dedicated to peace for the local and global community. All spiritual traditions welcome. FREE.

Friday, September 21, 2:30 pm

Global Guides: Friday Edition

Penn Museum, 3260 South St, Philadelphia

In honor of Peace Day Philly and National Welcoming Week, celebrating immigrants and the contributions they make, the Penn Museum offers two free Global Guide tours of the new Middle East Galleries. Penn Museum's Global Guides—recent immigrants from Iraq or Syria—provide tours of the new Galleries, combining archaeological and historical information about the materials with their own personal stories. The tours are free with Museum admission. Visitors can also experience Global Guide public tours on Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30 pm. EBT card holders are able to receive special admission discounts.

Friday, Sept. 21, 6-6:45pm

8th Annual Peace Day Sing Along

In front of the Philadelphia Ethical Society, 1906 S. Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia
Join Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader of the Philadelphia Humanist Society, for an informal sing along of new and old peace songs. A fun and unifying Peace Day tradition. FREE.

Friday, Sept. 21, 7-8:45pm

Peace Day Philly Benefit Concert

Philadelphia Ethical Society, 1906 S. Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia

Join us for an evening of music performed by members of the Philadelphia Orchestra as well as immigrants/refugees. This special Peace Day event will benefit refugees served by HIAS PA. Also part of Welcoming Week.

Light refreshments to follow the concert. **Suggested contribution \$15.**

To RSVP, go to: <http://hiaspa.org/peacedayphilly>.

This event is also part of National Welcoming Week.

Please note: Free peace and unity programs will take place across the city organized by the Philadelphia Police Department from 9/17-9/21. Details to come.