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The World Youth Peace Summit

Peace is the desire of everybody, but it takes a special kind of person to actively seek it. The World Youth Peace Summit, on the banks of the Dead Sea, Jordan, will bring together dynamic *global youth leaders* who share the dream of peace.

The World Youth Peace Summit is the first multi-sectoral youth platform for peace, bringing together young leaders from government, business, entertainment, education, law, medicine, science, religion, the arts, technology, sports, media, agriculture, non-governmental organisations and youth organisations. The Summit will harness the strengths of these diverse leaders for a common goal. The delegates will come together to create the following:

1. A Youth Action Plan for World Peace and Security (YAP-WPS);
2. A permanent collaborative structure to work for peace;
3. A worldwide network that links active youth leaders and provides the recognition and support they need.

The World Youth Peace Summit will continuously engage youth leaders with each other to bring about a global platform, a 'Youth Leadership Network'. The members of this network will launch specific programs and projects in their sectors of expertise to address social agendas.



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WYPS - An Ongoing Vision

The World Youth Peace Summit will not end on the last day of the event. In fact, that is when the hard work begins, and delegates who join the Summit know they are making a long-term commitment. The peace that we seek will be the work of many generations. We are, therefore, building a framework that will help promote positive, peaceful values in youth leaders as they emerge.

The Concept of Peace

Our definition of peace extends far beyond conflict resolution and an absence of war. The youth leaders in our network are advocates for a broad range of social issues that contribute to peace in all its dimensions. This approach recognizes the broad but vital contributions that youth leaders can make to peace, which include, but are not limited to, the environment, education, diplomacy, national and ethnic reconciliation, health and economic development.

World Youth Peace Summit Objectives

- ⇒ Create a global network of youth leaders collectively working for transformation and change;
- ⇒ Create a global structure that provides and coordinates resources to support youth peace initiatives;
- ⇒ Identify talented youth leadership from all parts of the world;
- ⇒ Create youth-focused Leadership Development Institutes to teach leadership through service and the effective Management of Change in a globalising world;
- ⇒ Better educate youth leaders of global social challenges and seek innovative solutions to support the United Nations in its efforts for world peace and development;
- ⇒ Encourage mutual understanding, respect for life, inner-peace and harmony.



Youth Ambassadors from Thailand address the press at the launch of the World Youth Peace Summit Secretariat for the Asia Pacific Region

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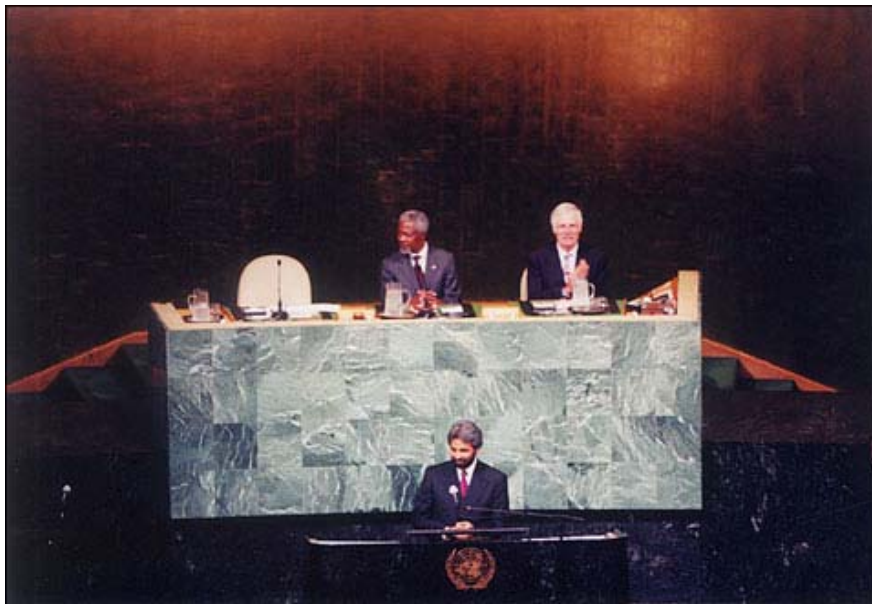
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A Brief History of the World Youth Peace Summit

The World Youth Peace Summit is part of a larger framework of International movements that began with the Millennium World Peace Summit in August, 2000. This Summit convened Religious and Spiritual Leaders from around the globe at the headquarters of the United Nations in New York. Opening the Summit, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said, 'this summit... is without doubt, one of the most inspiring gathering ever held here.'

The Millennium World Peace Summit led to the historic creation of the World Council of Religious Leaders, which first met in Bangkok in June, 2002. It was at this meeting that a youth delegation introduced the concept of the World Youth Peace Summit. Later that year, at the Global Peace Initiative of Women Religious and Spiritual Leaders in Geneva, the first planning meetings were held for the World Youth Peace Summit.

Since then, five regional and national youth peace summits have taken place, in preparation for the World Youth Peace Summit. These Summits have covered Europe, South Asia, East Asia and the Pacific, and a regional gathering of Middle East youth leaders will take place in Amman, Jordan, from September 11 - 13, 2005. Regional summits in Africa and South America are planned for 2006.



'An inspiring gathering': WYPS Chairman Mr Bawa Jain addresses the auditorium at the Millennium World Peace Summit - where he served as Secretary-General - along with UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and CNN founder and Time Warner Vice Chairman Ted Turner

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Why Youth Leaders

Of the 6 billion people alive today, 4 billion are under the age of 35. Eighty-five per cent of these young people live in developing countries, most in nations where the average per capita income is below US\$1000 per year. The challenges this generation face are well documented. A major United Nations survey showed that global youth today 'share similar worries -- from fears of illness in the family to worries about nuclear war and environmental destruction.'

Young people today are better placed to meet global challenges than any generation before them. They have grown up in the age of globalisation and are far more likely to share interests, values and languages. When this new generation takes command they will bring a new outlook. They will have the collective goodwill necessary to reform the global system and ensure a sustainable future. An old saying goes, 'the young looks ahead with hope; the old looks back with forlorn'. The World Youth Peace Summit will assist youth leaders in transforming hope into action.

For a full definition of Summit delegate criteria, please turn to Summit Delegates in the Convening the World youth Peace Summit section.



Deep in Discussion:

*A working session at the
WYPS Asia-Pacific Regional Summit*



The WYPS Logo

The World Youth Peace Summit logo was chosen from numerous entries that were submitted during an international logo competition. It was designed by Mr. Zaheb Ahmed, originally from Pakistan and currently studying in Rhode Island School of Design in the United States. The representation of the human is based on the international symbol for peace and the olive branch hints at growth, as there are new leaves towards the tip.

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Jordan: The Perfect Host and Location

From September 11 - 15, 2006, the world's top youth leaders will assemble on the banks of the Dead Sea in Jordan, the lowest point on the planet, to chart out a concrete plan of action for world peace. One week later, they will disseminate from there to every part of the world, and begin to actively work for world peace, collectively and individually.

The World Youth Peace Summit will be hosted under the patronage of His Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan. One of the foremost youth leaders in the world, King Abdullah II continues the legacy of three generations working for peace in the Middle East, following in the footsteps of his great-grandfather King Abdullah I and his father King Hussein.

The Summit will convene at the King Hussein Bin Talal Convention Center on the banks of the Dead Sea in Jordan. The large, modern and beautifully appointed complex is the same venue used for the Jordan meeting of the World Economic Forum in May, 2005.



H.M. King Abdullah II and H.M. Queen Rania of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

King Abdullah II declared the World Youth Peace Summit will:

'Provide a forum for dialogue, discussion and collaborative action, in order to establish visible roles and build new networks for resolving conflict and healing. It will advocate peace, justice, coexistence and respecting differences...

We have seen the danger and destruction of violence, hatred and injustice. But we have also seen what people can achieve when they are empowered, when they communicate, exercise their creativity, build knowledge and reach out to others.'

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About Jordan

Jordan is a nation with one of the youngest populations in the world, where over 70% of the population is under the age of 30. It is the cradle of the 3 monotheistic religions of Islam, Christianity and Judaism and is a society that emphasizes pluralism, tolerance and peace. Convening the World Youth Peace Summit in Jordan, a progressive country sitting at the heart of a region filled with intricate conflicts, will be an excellent demonstration of faith in the youth of the Middle East to embrace a peaceful future.



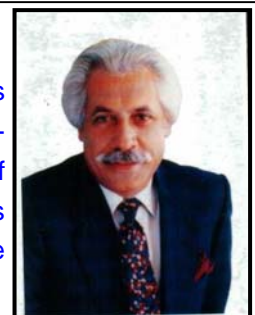
The Dead Sea is one of the true natural wonders of the world, sitting 417 metres *below* sea-level. The sea is a unique phenomenon, with its mineral-rich waters and mud flowing with natural health benefits. Visitors famously float, quite literally, in the salt-rich water and enjoy amazing

natural formations and year-round sunshine. The Dead Sea is one hours drive from the Jordanian capital of Amman, one of the oldest, continuously inhabited cities in the world, with a history reaching back over 5,500 years that is visible throughout the city.

The Jordanians are also famous for their well-developed brand of friendliness and hospitality, both of which will be generously extended to all the delegates of the World Youth Peace Summit.

How the WYPS came to Jordan

The World Youth Peace Summit was invited and encouraged to choose Jordan as the location of the event by Akel Eid Biltaji, Special Advisor to His Majesty King Abdullah II, and His Grace The Right Reverend Riah Abu Al-Assal, Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem. Together they proposed to the Board of the World Council of Religious Leaders that the Summit be held in Jordan on the banks of the Dead Sea, under the Patronage of His Majesty King Abdullah II.



Akel Eid Biltaji

Mr Biltaji is the Chairman of the Middle East Mediterranean Tourism Board and Ambassador at Large for the International Institute for Peace Through Tourism. He is also an active member of the World Affairs Council and has received numerous international awards and government recognitions.

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Summit Outcomes

The World Youth Peace Summit will be the launching pad for a new global network of active youth leaders and a series of leadership and development initiatives.

World Council of Youth Leaders

The World Youth Peace Summit aims to establish a Council of Youth Leaders in all 191 member countries of the United Nations, and a World Council of Youth Leaders, comprised of one representative from each country. This group will craft the short and long term goals of the post-summit organisation and will provide a coherent and audible international youth voice.

Leadership Development Institutes

The World Youth Peace Summit will launch a network of Leadership Development Institutes (LDI). Initially slated for Thailand, India, Kenya and Jordan, the LDI's will teach a new definition of leadership, covering service, humility, respect, peace and consciousness. They will teach a unique curriculum based on leadership through service and managing change in a globalising world. It will include a specially developed 'compendium of consciousness' and provide a platform for an expansion of consciousness education reform worldwide.

United Nations Millennium Development Goals

A principle task of the World Youth Peace Summit is to increase awareness of the goals of the United Nations among youth, particularly the UN Millennium Development Goals. The Millennium Development Goals are a simple set of universal targets covering extreme poverty and hunger, universal primary education, gender equality and women's empowerment, child mortality, maternal health, combating AIDS, malaria and other diseases, environmental sustainability and development partnerships. The Development Goals provide a guideline for the conception of projects undertaken by WYPS members.

Other Outcomes

Other outcomes of the World Youth Peace Summit will be in the hands of the delegates. Already they have expressed many excellent ideas, including:

- ***A Signed Youth Action Plan for World Peace and Security***
- ***Internationally-recognized World Youth Peace Awards***
- ***A Global Internet University and Peace Education Programs for schools***
- ***A Youth Peace Hotline Network***

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Format and Programs

The World Youth Peace Summit will bring global youth leaders together for six days. It will be dedicated to small, hands-on working sessions and the sharing of the assembled skills and wisdom. The principle focus of the agenda will be on the establishment of a post-summit structure that connects and enables the delegate's initiatives. There will also be high profile international leaders present, and many opportunities for developing relationships and cultivating leadership skills.

Thematic Sessions

Delegates will be divided into four thematic sessions over two days. There will be expert speakers, moderators and chairs for the sessions and delegates selected with expertise in these areas.

Among the specific themes to be covered are:

- ◆ Conflict resolution;
- ◆ Reducing poverty and ensuring access to the essentials of life;
- ◆ Education and the development of leadership skills;
- ◆ Lifestyles and behaviour that suit a sustainable future;
- ◆ Assuming responsibility for global health challenges;
- ◆ Using communications technology to build a global family of nations;
- ◆ Spiritual resources for building unity and fostering universal values;
- ◆ Creating a new vision for the future;
- ◆ Democracy and participation.



Delegates of the European Youth Peace Summit work in groups during the thematic sessions

Delegates will create *real action plans* that will address the evident problems in each of the topic areas. Particular attention will be placed on the role of youth and on the existing contacts delegates have to ensure the realistic execution of these action plans.

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Peace Treaties and Conflict Transformation

Simultaneous to the thematic sessions, delegates from conflict areas will work together for two days to negotiate a peace treaty for their conflict. Seasoned experts in conflict resolution and transformation will moderate these sessions, with the goal of creating a practical and realistic peace treaty from a youth perspective.

Leadership Training Programs

Youth leaders will conduct sessions for other delegates to facilitate the exchange of skills and experience. Delegates will also attend facilitated sessions to enhance their own skill sets in a specialised manner.

Spiritual Growth and Meditation sessions

These sessions will explore the role religion plays in conflict and the peace-building process. Delegates will also have the opportunity to share with each other the values of their own religious or spiritual circumstances and discussions will focus on increasing understanding between agnostic or atheist youth and their religious peers.

Success Stories and Awards

At times the discussion of global problems and conflicts can induce the feeling of helplessness and frustration in people. This session will offer a chance for delegates to celebrate success stories to invigorate morale before their departure.

Ceremonies and Entertainment

A preeminent leader will be invited to deliver the Global Summit's opening address. The World Council of Religious Leaders will also meet during the Global Summit and there will be opportunities for intergenerational dialogue between youth and senior International leaders.

Entertainment, cultural and social activities will be presented in the evenings, including an outdoor concert on the final night. In collaboration with the WYPS Peace Vigil, it is hoped the concert will be broadcast globally to promote the message of peace. The theme of the concert will be based on the Summit's philosophy of finding balance between the four essential elements of life, Earth, Air, Fire and Water, and the fifth element: humanity.



Rockin' out:
*the opening night's entertainment at the
European Youth Peace Summit in Sarajevo*

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Summit Partners

The success of the WYPS initiative depends on teamwork. The organising bodies of the World Youth Peace Summit are committed to establishing strategic partnerships with recognized youth organisations, networks, movements and agencies to achieve the full potential of the historic summit. Partnerships take many forms, including technical planning and support for the summit, developing the summit agenda, sourcing summit delegates, acting as national or regional representatives for the WYPS initiative and providing financial support for the Summit and planning stages. People or parties who would like to get involved on these or other levels should contact the World Youth Peace Summit Secretariat on secretariat@wyps.org, or by phone or post. All enquiries are guaranteed a prompt response. Please note that the organisations listed here do not represent the full scale of support received so far. More information on regional partners are listed in the Regional Summit section and the World Youth Peace Summit Secretariat would like to thank all those who have made a contribution, no matter how large or small.



As the officially appointed WYPS organising body in Jordan, **The King Abdullah II Fund for Development (KAFD)** will manage the local WYPS committee and collaborate with the Secretariat in Bangkok regarding summit delegates and program. The committee, as the official link with the Jordanian government and Royal Court, will also organize the necessary high-level and technical assistance. The World Youth Peace Summit is for all the nations and people of the earth, but will

also have a solid structural support base provided by KAFD and the Jordanian nation at large.

Demonstrating their mutual commitment, KAFD have recently collaborated with WYPS in organising the successful Youth Leadership Dialogue at the World Economic Forum, and in the United Nations University - International Leadership Institute's residential youth leadership program.

The KAFD was established by a Royal Decree in 2001 as a non-governmental organization seeking to provide all segments of the Jordanian community, particularly the less developed and privileged, with new and innovative economic opportunities aimed at alleviating their socio-economic burdens. KAFD projects cover health, education, Information technology capacity, re-skilling for retired servicemen, intellectual property rights, research and development, scholarships, financing small community level projects and acting as the World Economic Forum (WEF) liaison office. For a deeper look at KAFD projects and initiatives, visit www.kafd.jo.

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During the World Youth Peace Summit, **Chat the Planet** will create a live youth link between Summit headquarters on the Dead Sea in Jordan, and 'Ground Zero' in New York City, the site of the former World Trade Centre. Chat the Planet is also an active program partner and will facilitate several dialogues and sessions during the Summit.

Chat the Planet is a dynamic New York based group actively engaging young people with each other in the interest of peace and global friendship. The main vehicle is the Chat the Planet TV show, which connects young Americans with their peers around the world so they can learn about each other *from* each other. The goal of Chat the Planet is to 'build bonds, to confront biases, to tackle cultural understanding, and to get people all fired up and ready to act for social change.' A famous Chat the Planet session called 'Bridge to Baghdad' occurred in 2003, when live conversations between Iraqi and American youth took place in the weeks before and after the start of the second Gulf War. Chat the Planet is also an interactive website where participants and viewers can connect to each other and young people can get involved in their own international dialogue.

- www.chattheplanet.com/ -



Alliance for the New Humanity is a spontaneous gathering of a wide-range of individuals, including prominent philosopher Deepak Chopra, entertainer Ricky Martin, Spanish judge Baltazar Garzon and a wide range of Nobel Laureates, peace activists and businesspeople. The Alliance connects people around the world who share their sensitivities into a 'global human network', which leads to the creation of a critical mass that influences national and international policy towards a more compassionate humanity. The Alliance for the New Humanity will use their extensive expertise and influence to ensure a cutting edge World Youth Peace Summit agenda.



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As the founder of the **Jane Goodall Institute**, Jane Goodall has brought her tremendous environmental experience to not-for-profit organizations and initiatives all over the world. The institute focuses on wildlife research, education and conservation, and teaches children about the environment through the innovative Roots and Shoots Program. Dr Goodall rose to prominence as a campaigner for the protection and understanding of chimpanzee communities in Africa and she has received many honorary degrees and international awards. Her participation at the World Youth Peace Summit promises to be a substantial and valued contribution.

- <http://www.janegoodall.org/> -

Jane Goodall: *'Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play. Every individual makes a difference.'*



The **Earth Restoration Corps** is a non profit organization dedicated to environmental protection. Founded by Hanne Strong, ERC's main objective is to conduct and facilitate action-based learning in partnership with local and international organizations. Their focus is to create new opportunities that lead to productive, meaningful and environmentally sustainable development work.

- info@earthrestorationcorps.org / www.earthrestorationcorps.org -



The **Earth Charter Youth Initiative** is a global network of youth NGOs and young activists working to bring alive the vision of the Earth Charter in their communities, locally and nationally. The Earth Charter is a declaration of fundamental principles for building a just, sustainable and peaceful global society and was drafted in a decade long, world-wide, cross-cultural dialogue about common goals and shared values. - www.earthcharter.org -



The **Council of Europe** is an intergovernmental organisation that covers all major issues facing European society other than defence. Its work programme includes many fields of activity: human rights, media, legal co-operation, social cohesion, health, education, culture, heritage, sport, youth, local democracy and transfrontier co-operation, the environment and regional planning.

- www.coe.int -

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Summit Delegates

The World Youth Peace Summit is a gathering of global youth leaders from the 15 sectors listed below. It is not necessary that all summit candidates currently be engaged in peace-making activities. What is important is that delegates have a desire to work for peace from now on. Summit Delegates will be youth leaders in positions of profile, power or responsibility, those likely to achieve it and those who have demonstrated exceptional ability to lead and motivate others. We are seeking youth leaders who are willing and able to commit to actively implementing the Youth Action Plan and supporting the post-summit structure in their own countries and regions.

Our standard interpretation of youth is under 35 years old, and under 45 years for politics leaders. Youth leaders can apply for invitation to the World Youth Peace Summit online, by visiting <http://application.wyps.org/>. For more information regarding delegate criteria, interested parties can contact the secretariat on info@wyps.org.

Youth Leadership Sectors:

- ◆ Business
- ◆ Government
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Governmental agencies
- ◆ Law
- ◆ Medicine
- ◆ Science
- ◆ Youth
- ◆ Organisations
- ◆ Religion
- ◆ The Arts
- ◆ Environment
- ◆ Agriculture
- ◆ Non-Governmental Organisations



Celebrations:
Delegates Dance and Sing at WYPS Taipei

On the town:
Delegates out and about in Sarajevo during the European Youth Peace Summit



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WYPS Regional Summits

Regional and National Preparatory Youth Peace Summits

To prepare for a comprehensive and high-profile World Summit, WYPS Preparatory Summits are being held in various regions and nations. These gatherings allow youth leaders from a particular region or nation to focus on issues that affect them. While many of the challenges youth face are global, young people from different areas have unique insights to share. By drawing on their own cultures and experiences, regional youth add to the collective wisdom of the WYPS network. Delegates to these conferences all take a vow to dedicate themselves to peace and return to their homes with the energy and resources to make positive change.

Recent Events in Jordan

World Economic Forum Youth Leadership Dialogue

The World Youth Peace Summit and King Abdullah II Fund for Development (KAFD) brought 14 youth leaders from 14 Arab countries together for the Youth Leadership Dialogue at the World Economic Forum in Jordan from May 20 – 22, 2005. The Youth Leadership Forum was a great success and many of the youth leaders and their action plans will be showcased at the World Summit. To read the inspirational testimonials of the Arab youth leaders, please visit www.wyps.org

United Nations University – International Leadership Institute 'Youth Leaders for Global Governance'

The World Youth Peace Summit Chairman, Mr. Bawa Jain, delivered a course component at this innovative international 10-day residential course called 'Youth Leaders for Global Governance', held in Jordan in June, 2005. At this regional course, young people from 20 countries learnt, discussed and presented their input concerning the role of youth leadership in global governance. This ground breaking youth leadership initiative was conducted at the United Nations University - International Leadership Institute and supported by the King Abdullah II Fund for Development.



All together:

Arab Youth Leaders at the World Economic Forum, with WYPS Chairman Mr. Bawa Jain (centre), Special Advisor to HM King Abdullah II Mr. Akel Biltaji (to his right) and Director of the King Abdullah II Fund for Development, Mr. Tarik Awad (to his right)

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WYPS Regional Summits

WYPS India

Vishalakshi Mantap, Bangalore, India

December 7 – 9, 2003

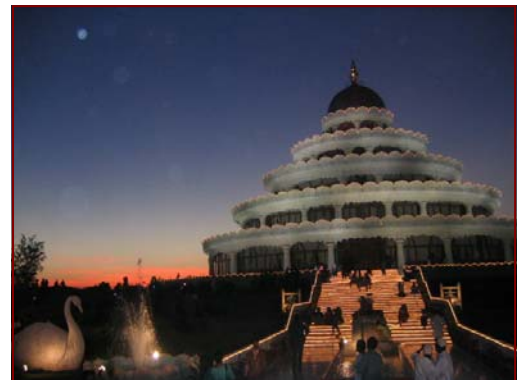
Over 1,600 youth leaders from India gathered in Bangalore for WYPS India, which kicked off the worldwide initiative. There were 12 topics of discussion that reflected the national agenda: Education, Entrepreneurship, Girls and Young Women, Governance, Spirituality, Juvenile Delinquency, Corporate Social Responsibility, Health, Leisure, Media, Environment and Peace. Earlier, the Each One Reach One Benefit Concert in Mumbai, featuring top bollywood stars, raised money for the event.

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A Beautiful Venue: WYPS India took place at the Vishalakshi Mantap in Bangalore, India



Sustainable fun: Youth Leaders Tabu (Actress) and Sabyasachi Mukherjee (Fashion Designer) urged the young people to take up leisure activities that will not be harmful to the earth, their bodies or society.

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WYPS Regional Summits

Asia-Pacific Regional Summit

Bangkok, Thailand, February 24-29, 2004

The Asia-Pacific Regional Summit brought together hundreds of young people from Asia and the Pacific. Here is their shared vision: "We, the youth of the Asia and Pacific regions, believe that world peace can be achieved through the sustained development of respect, equality, natural resources, basic needs, education, governance, global cooperation and communication."

As a direct outcome of the Asia Pacific Summit, youth delegates from India and Pakistan launched an exciting joint peace initiative, the Indo Pak Youth Forum for Peace. The three stage forum will bring youth of the troubled neighbours closer together to focus on common interests and challenges.

"To this we commit in spirit, thought and action"

The summit was held at the

United Nations Conference Center

and

**Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University
(MCU)**

Hosted by

Prof. Phra Thepsophon, Rector, MCU

and

**Mae Chee Sansanee Sthirasuta, Director of
Sathira-Dhammasathan**



All together: WYPS Asia Pacific delegates pose for a group photograph at the end of the plenary session at the UNESCAP hall in Bangkok, Thailand

The finale:

Actor and activist Rahul Bose from India and visiting delegate Karen Bernstein from Israel present the Action Plan to the audience at the Asia Pacific Regional Summit in Bangkok



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European Youth Peace Summit

Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, May 7 – 10, 2004

The European Youth Peace Summit carried the title, 'Tolerance and Harmony in Diversity'. Sarajevo, a city that has known the full horrors of war, was a gracious and moving host for the historic event.

The youth leaders present created a Youth Declaration that called for an expansion of the role youth play in society, an end to discrimination, pan-European respect, communication channels to be opened to young people, and recognition of the value of education and positive communication.

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Sharing ideas: European Youth Peace Summit delegates speak up during a session in Sarajevo

“Misconception, prejudice and fear create rage and hatred. That is exactly why misconception, prejudice and fear must not determine our future. We are convinced that the education of youth and their communication in a spirit of mutual respect and understanding can help in improving international relations, strengthening the peace and establishing it, there where there is none.”



EYPS Delegates present their plans during a thematic session

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WYPS Regional Summits

WYPS Taipei

Taipei, Taiwan R.O.C., July 23 - 25, 2004

The delegates at the WYPS Taipei dedicated themselves to enact a vision and action plan developed at the Conference. The Taiwanese youth declared their desire for: mutual respect, finding a solution to environmental degradation and resource depletion, cross-cultural trust and understanding, a world-wide E-platform accessible by all, and the pursuit of environmentally friendly technology.



The Beginning: WYPS Taipei commenced with the rhythmic beating of drums



Not the end: Participants sign-on to the shared vision and action plan.

“We, the youth of 2004 WYPS Taipei conference, will devote ourselves to carry out visions and actions to promote peace within ourselves and beyond .”

Venue:

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WYPS Regional Summits

Kyoto Planning Session

Kyoto, Japan. April 8 – 11, 2003

The WYPS Kyoto Planning Session was the first major meeting in preparation for the World Youth Peace Summit and was inspired by the continuous support of Japanese spiritual leader, Mrs. Nakinishi, and the funding of Inner Trip Reiyukai International (ITRI).

The planning session laid the framework for the World Youth Peace Summit and addressed all the key issues vital to the Summit's success. The conference was also an opportunity for the youth leaders and supporters from the various regional offices to get acquainted and prepare for the challenge ahead.

WYPS Japan

Tokyo, Japan. August 5, 2004

WYPS Japan was a direct outcome of the Asia-Pacific Regional Summit and was held at the United Nations University in Tokyo, Japan. Over 400 youth delegates engaged in lively discussion and decided to mark the date, August 5th, as International Youth Peace Day and will organize an event on that day each year. Through the support of the UN World Food Program delegates enjoyed a lunch like those served in disaster relief zones, and the summit was broadcast by the Japanese national broadcaster, NHK, on its BS Forum.



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WYPS Regional Summits

Africa and Latin America

The World Youth Peace Summit will have preparatory regional summits in Latin America and Africa. In these regions, armed conflict, environmental damage and poverty pose huge challenges. There are, however, many active young leaders in Latin America and Africa who share a lifetime commitment to help their nations and their people grow. Although no announcements have been made, detailed discussions are under way in both regions, with agreements already in place with host cities and local partners.

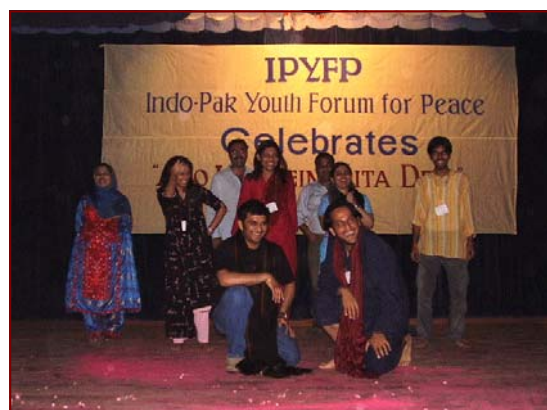
Indo-Pak Youth Forum for Peace - 2005

This exciting initiative is engaging young leaders from India and Pakistan in the quest for peace between the troubled neighbours. Organised by Indian and Pakistani delegates to the WYPS Asia Pacific Summit, with assistance from the Secretariat in Bangkok, the phase 1 events took place during February 2005 when a 12 member Pakistani youth delegation toured India, hosted by local youth leaders. The group visited Mumbai, Pune and Delhi where they attended forums, visited local organisations and met with political leaders, including Indian Youth Minister, the Late Honourable Sunil Dutt.

The phase 2 event will involve a reciprocal visit by an Indian delegation to Pakistan. Once this is complete, an established two-country core team will organise a broader Youth Peace Summit for youth leaders of the two nations.

India and Pakistan have had a turbulent history since independence and four wars (1947/48, 1965, 1971 and 1999) have severely hampered the development of Kashmir. The Indo-Pak Youth Forum will feature discussions centered on resolving the India-Pakistan impasse, but will also address universal challenges facing South Asian youth such as health, poverty and the consolidation of democracy.

Pakistani delegate Rana Bilal Ahmed meets with the Indian Youth Minister, the Late Mr. Sunil Dutt, during phase 1 of the Indo-Pak Youth Forum



Showcasing their nation: Delegates from Pakistan perform a cultural dance during their visit to India, as part of their effort to promote peace among youth in both countries.

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The World Youth Peace Summit Secretariat is based in Bangkok, Thailand. With a core group of youth and youth volunteers, the Secretariat provides support to WYPS initiatives world-wide. In preparation for the World Youth Peace Summit, the Secretariat works in partnership with the King Abdullah Fund for Development, the officially designated World Summit organising body in Jordan.

The Secretariat also conducts a global campaign to get young people involved in peace building, and, in the spirit of 'think globally, act locally', the Secretariat also pursues social development projects. For this purpose, the Millennium World Peace Foundation was officially registered as a not-for-profit organisation in Thailand, and now conducts a variety of projects in the region under the WYPS banner:

World Youth Quest for Peace

The World Youth Quest for Peace encourages young people to celebrate our beautiful planet while spreading the message of peace. The Peace Quest challenges youth worldwide to perform treks, paddles, climbs, swims, sails and runs, all in the name of peace. Some notable Quests have included a group of Ugandan war orphans climbing Mount Margarita, the country's highest peak, and a world record-beating lake-swim in Taipei.

World Youth Peace Vigil

A key initiative of the World Youth Quest for Peace is the World Youth Peace Vigil. On the night of October 27 – 28, 2004, the earth experienced a rare total lunar eclipse on the night of a full moon. At that time, thousands of young people in over 40 countries joined hands for the first World Youth Peace Vigil. Vigil events varied from prayer sessions and candle lighting ceremonies to rock concerts. The Vigil is a metaphor for peace; with the earth in darkness, young people everywhere joined together to usher it back into the light.



Above: Ugandan war orphans took the message of peace to the top of on top of Mt Margarita.
Below: The World Youth Quest for Peace torch.



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Tsunami Relief and Reconstruction

Water Tanks

The WYPS Secretariat facilitated the donation of water tanks to the many tsunami relief camps in the province of Phang Nga, Southern Thailand, which was the most devastated of Thailand's six effected provinces. By providing access to safe and clean drinking water, donors were able to make a solid and practical contribution to the post-tsunami aid effort.

School Building

Chao Tai Mai Community School serves a Morgen Sea Gypsy Community, who as an disempowered ethnic minority have accessed comparatively little official help. Assistance to the school includes a new computer room, a greenhouse for children to learn about plant care and raise their own vegetables, a brand new playground and a secure cafeteria. The projects are being externally funded by the International Training in Communication (ITC), an international public speaking society.



Volunteer – Serve Thailand and Yourself

The response to the tsunami from ordinary people was exceptional. Unfortunately, due to the scale and complexity of the challenge, many people who wanted to help did not know where to go or what to do. V-STAY is changing that. V-STAY stands for *Volunteer – Serve Thailand and Yourself* and provides a coordinated and systematic approach to volunteering, ensuring efficient placement and training of young volunteers so the maximum benefit is given to local people. Beneficiaries of V-STAY labour include:

- ◆ The Thaptawan Youth Group, for whom volunteers are constructing a kitchen, batik studio and restaurant area for their youth centre.
- ◆ Private individuals, for whom volunteers have constructed houses.
- ◆ The Duang Prateep Foundation Relief Camp, in child care, employment of two women to make puppets, and support for the traveling 'puppet caravan'
- ◆ English and Chinese lessons at local schools.



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Cambodian Carpets for Communities



Hand tufting carpets requires no training, no capital and can be done at home, making it an ideal way to provide a simple and secure source of income for needy families. The Carpets for Communities Project (CfC) operates in Banteay Meanchey Province, Cambodia, and is targeted at families with children who are out of the education system and vulnerable to human trafficking and other dangers. CfC provides materials, instructions and a sales channel for the finished goods and social workers help participant's ensure their children are receiving an education. In September 2005 8 families are participating in the CfC program, allowing 25 children to go to school. The project is a joint-initiative with the Cambodian Hope Organization (CHO).



Each One Teach One

Each One Teach One provides educational support to young people who cannot afford to continue their study. The first phase of the project involves targeted assistance to Wat Wang Jik Community School in Pichit Province, Northern Thailand. Initial support includes periodic donations of food supplies, 11 academic scholarships to gifted students and new sets of tables and chairs. Priority support projects at the school include an upgraded and stocked library and a protected canteen area. The Each One Teach One Educational Support Project will be expanded to include one-to-one sponsorship opportunities targeted at International School children. The philosophy of this project element is the World Youth Peace Summit motto of 'Each One Reach One'. In this case, one student who has received excellent educational opportunities is given the opportunity to extend that support to someone less fortunate.



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Planning Structure

Ultimately, in each country, a WYPS Task Force will be assembled to identify the leaders from each sector and the agenda for that country. Each Task Force is responsible to a youth Co-Chair for their region. The Co-Chairs form the Executive Committee with the Chairman, Mr. Bawa Jain. Together these two bodies recruit Summit delegates and Youth Ambassadors for Peace from all sectors. Youth Ambassadors are high-profile young people with a track record of personal success who actively use their influence for the betterment of humanity.

The World Youth Peace Summit Secretariat in Bangkok, Thailand, is responsible for administration, planning and delegate recruitment. The Secretariat works closely with the World Summit and Middle East Regional Conference host organising committee, the King Abdullah II Fund for Development, in Jordan. The WYPS network, consisting of active previous delegates and interested youth leaders, collaborates in the recruitment process, creating an energetic and fast reaching system of inclusion.

In the case of other regional summits, local partners form a regional secretariat in the host city to collaborate with the host government and local organisations. In all cases, experience and expertise developed in other regions is offered as support.



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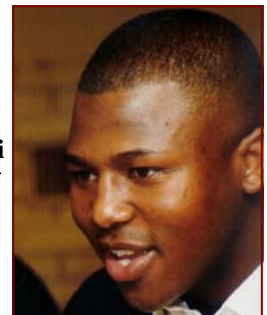
Mr. Bawa Jain - Chairman

Mr. Bawa Jain is a visionary leader committed to building an integrated framework for peace across religious, business and politics sectors. He is dedicated to harnessing the religious resources of the world to create new and innovative ways to address global challenges. He has been working in the United Nations community in different capacities since 1991. The World Youth Peace Summit is the latest of many successful projects he has pioneered and driven.

Mr. Jain served as Secretary-General of the Millennium World Peace Summit at the United Nations in New York in August, 2000. Following that Summit he worked exhaustively to establish The World Council of Religious Leaders, a direct outcome of the Millennium Summit. The World Council of Religious Leaders convened for their historic first meeting in Bangkok in June, 2002, and, at the request of the pre-eminent world spiritual leaders who were present, Mr. Jain now serves as the Council's first Secretary-General.



Mr Bawa Jain



Prince Cedza Dlamini

Prince Cedza Dlamini - Co Chairman, Africa

Prince Cedza Dlamini passionately believes that Africa has a unique contribution to make to the future of humanity. He brings the powerful legacy of his grandfather, Nelson Mandela, to the World Youth Peace Summit as a valuable tool for conflict resolution. In his speaking engagements throughout the world Prince Dlamini talks of the importance of compassion, forgiveness and the use of dialogue to resolve conflict, as exemplified by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa.

Cedza has recently completed his Masters in International Relations at Tufts University in Boston, Massachusetts, and has now returned home to South Africa to spearhead the planning for the WYPS African Regional Summit.. Previously, he co-founded America Reads/South Africa Reads (ARSAR), a non-profit organisation that promotes K-12 literacy and access to primary education in South Africa and the United States through advocacy and book-drives.

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Youth Ambassadors for Peace

The World Youth Peace Summit Youth Ambassadors are high-profile youth leaders with proven track records of work on social issues. They are:

- Pimuk Simaroj – Member of Parliament (Thailand)
- Janista Lewchalermwong – Member of Parliament (Thailand)
- Dr Nathanai Thewphaingarm – Member of Parliament (Thailand)
- Prabda Yoon – Writer and Artist (Thailand)
- Pataravarin Timkul – Actress (Thailand)
- Rahul Bose – Actor and Producer (India)
- Leander Paes - Tennis Player (India)
- Nikhil Nanda – Businessman (India)
- Vivek Oberoi – Actor (India)
- Akiyoshi Tanaka – Poet (Japan)
- Muhamed Mešić – Government Advisor (Bosnia-Herzegovina)
- Catherine Constantinides - Businesswoman / Model / Environmentalist (South Africa)
- Oren Magnezy - High-level public servant (Israel)



Youth Ambassador Catherine Constantinides embraces a lion cub during an environmental conservation project that builds friendship between children with disabilities