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A Scouting guide to

International Day of Peace

21st September 2021



What is International Day of Peace?

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

In 2021, as we heal from the COVID-19 pandemic, we are inspired to think creatively and collectively about how to help everyone recover better, how to build resilience, and how to transform our world into one that is more equal, more just, equitable, inclusive, sustainable, and healthier.

2021 Theme:
Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world



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Create Peace

Click on the number to learn how!

1

Fold a paper crane, write a message of peace and share it with someone across the world!

2

Make a peace pinwheel - you could display them at your scout hall or stick them in your garden

3

Create little paper chain people, decorate however you like, or celebrate the cultures that represent your Unit





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Sing Peace

*Check these awesome songs that promote peace and love.
Even online you could create your very own Unit Choir!*

- 1 'Peace in my fingers'
- 2 'Light a candle for peace'
- 3 'Hooray for the world'
- 4 'Teaching peace'
- 5 'Peace like a river'
- 6 'Peace in my heart'
- 7 'Hello world'

Click on the numbers to learn the songs, don't forget to film and send us your videos!



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Act Peace

Click on the number to learn how!

1

Write to your local newspaper - let them know why peace is so important

2

Find out who your local member for parliament is [here](#) and share your dreams for a peaceful tomorrow with them!

3

Do you think your local community could be doing more? Hold a debate, either online or face-face discuss with your Unit the positives and negatives of an important topic involving peace and or sustainability

Use these writing prompts to get your ideas flowing!

What makes you feel peaceful?

Why is it important to have Peace Day?

Write a poem about what it sounds like, feels like and looks like to be peaceful.

How can we teach people to be peaceful?

Describe peace in five words.



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Speak Peace

- 1** Write and recite your own peace pledge with your unit or use our example below
- 2** Start a zoom or in-person choir! Learn a song about peace and share your voice as one! Get some inspiration [here!](#)
- 3** If you are under 21 - our politicians want to hear from you! What does peace look like in Australia in 20 years?

This October, politicians across the country will be reading speeches written by you! [Click here](#) to find out more and write your speech by 21st September!

Peace Pledge

**I pledge to use my words to speak in a kind way.
I pledge to help others as I go throughout my day.
I pledge to care for our earth with my healing heart and hands.
I pledge to respect people in each and every land.
I pledge to join together as we unite the big and small.
I pledge to do my part to create PEACE for one and all.**



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Be at Peace

- 1 Hold a minute of silence during your Unit meeting
- 2 [Click here](#) to guide your Unit in peace breathing
- 3 Set up a [warm and fuzzy activity](#) within your unit and share compliments with each other

- 4 We challenge you to plant some trees at your local scout hall! You can find out how to plant and nurture your tree [here](#), you can register your tree [here](#) and even apply for a [free tree here!](#)





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Instant Action

*This years theme "**Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world**" allows us to reflect on the impact that COVID-19 has had on us all. Click on the numbers to find out more*

What can we do now, that will have a better impact for us in the future?

- 1** Set up a recycling bin system in your hall or at home
- 2** Collect soft drink cans to donate to your local return and earn bin
- 3** Hold a craft night, using only recycled materials
- 4** Make some sustainable swaps at home or at your Scout hall and don't forget to document your progress



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Explore Peace

Click on the titles to learn about some awesome people and organisations around the world creating peace

World Vision

1

World Vision go where the need is greatest to help the most vulnerable children around the world. They are dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. World Vision have a Peace on Earth Pledge!

Malala Yousafzai

2

Malala Yousafzai is a young Pakistani activist. In 2008 she began to protest the closing of girls' schools in her area. In 2012 she was shot as a result of her protests. Yousafzai survived the assassination attempt and spoke all over the world about the importance of the education of girls.

UN Refugees

3

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees works to provide a better future for people fleeing their countries in search of peace.

Messengers of Peace Heroes

4

World Scouting celebrates the extraordinary service of our young people who work to create peace every day! Check out the past Messengers of Peace Heroes to be inspired by youth members like you who have advocated for climate action, empowered orphans, preserved and protected water and so much more!





Has this inspired you?

Think about how you might be able to follow in the footsteps and create peace as a Creating a Better World SIA and Messengers of Peace Project!

Check out what it takes to become a Messenger of Peace here and in just a few steps you could have a new badge on your chest! You can even log your project and check out what Scouts are doing around the world to create peace!



**We all have our own stories as well!
We challenge you to have a cultural night and
spend time learning about the beautiful places we
all come from!**





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Share Peace

- 1 Share the peace your Unit is creating with us - send us an [email here](#) and we will share it on our social media!
- 2 Ask your friends and family what they are doing to create peace
- 3 Make your own list of three things you can do to share peace
- 4 Visit another section and run some peace activities with them!

We can't wait to see the peace you create in your own Scout Units and community!

