

Kids' Guernica in Hiroshima 2015

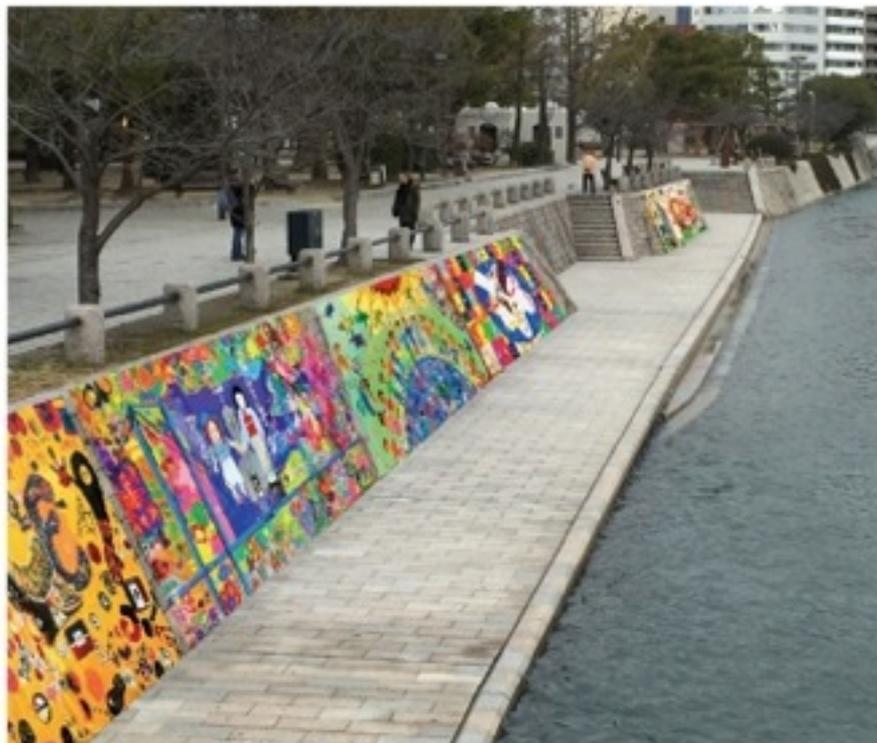
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How about joining the project for peace, "Kids' Guernica in Hiroshima 2015" ?

Pablo Picasso created "Guernica" to protest against the brutality of bombing during the Spanish civil war in 1937. He painted "Guernica" on a canvas (3.5m x 7.8m). It is one of the most famous pictures for peace to protest against war. Kids' Guernica is a global movement of art in which children paint pictures of the same size as Guernica as Picasso did for peace. <http://kids-guernica.blogspot.jp/2009/08/concept.html>

Kids' Guernica in Hiroshima 2015 is a part of this global movement. Children in Hiroshima are going to collaborate with many people around the world who also hope for peace. They will create their art, "Kids' Guernica" together. They will exhibit the murals in Hiroshima Peace Park and in some other buildings around the park. People in Hiroshima have been expressing their messages about the cruelty of the atomic bomb and their hopes for peace, and they have also been appealing for the abolition of nuclear weapons. 70 years have passed since Hiroshima was devastated because of the atomic bombing. We would like to hold this event in Hiroshima in this special year.

Many survivors of the atomic bomb have passed away. We are the last generation who can meet and listen to the survivors in person. In this project, children will listen to them and hand down the survivors' experience to the next generation in order to create their future. They will make the visual art works to express their hopes for peace. They will appeal for peace to the world beyond barriers of languages. They will collaborate with children in many countries to create the art and to exhibit the works. They will learn about respect and mutual understanding through the experience of international exchanges.



The murals will be displayed like this picture at "Shinsui Terrace" in Hiroshima Peace Park.

Participants:

Children up to 18-year-old and teachers, artists, local citizens who are interested in achieving the aims of this project written below.

Canvas: sheets of tents (2.2m x 5m) It is about 70% of the original size of Picasso's "Guernika" because of the height of the bank of the "Shinsui Terrace" of Hiroshima Peace Park.

Paints: acrylic paints

Preparation: Children will listen to atomic bomb survivors' testimonies and read information about peace issues to consider the meaning of the creation of the art works.

Exhibitions:

July 24 to 27, August 26 to 27

The bank of "Shinsui Terrace" along the Motoyasu River

The bank faces the Atomic Bomb Dome over the river in Hiroshima Peace Park.

August 8 to 13

The Exhibition of the Statue of the Children of the World for Peace

Hiroshima Prefectural Culture Center for Citizens

August 11 to 19

An international exhibition in Ubud, Bali Island, Indonesia

Representatives from Hiroshima will attend the exhibition and communicate with the local people.

From September Exhibitions in schools

Participants will exhibit their works in their school festivals or exhibitions of art held in their schools

Would you please support or participate in this project for peace?

This project was held in Nagasaki Peace Park in Nagasaki City on the days of memorial service for the victims of the atomic bomb these years. Mr. Taue Tomihisa, mayor of Nagasaki, also supports this project. It is a famous project in Nagasaki.

Let's start this project in Hiroshima, too, to help children express their hopes for peace in this year of the 70th ceremony for the victims of the atomic bombing. We are planning to include the pictures painted by children and artists from foreign countries in the mural. We also have a plan to create a mural in relay with children who have joined this project before in other countries.

Please join us! We hope people, NGOs, companies that have been working for peace movements, art, education, or contributions for the society will help us realize this project.

The examples of activities for this project: participation in the creation of art works and exhibitions, advertisements by companies, donation, lending tools and facilities for the project, support for promotion of the project.

In this project of Kids' Guernica, more than 300 peace paintings have already been created and exhibited in more than 40 countries since 1995. In Nagasaki, more than 40 murals have been created for more than five years. Nagasaki City plans to organize this project as one of the official events for the 70th year after the city was atomic bombed. Its large mural will be 70 meters in width.

The aims of this project:

1. Children can learn the importance of mutual understanding through international exchanges through collaboration to create art for peace.
2. The mural can be a teaching material for lessons of art, social studies, languages, ethics and so on.
3. Working on this project for peace can help children nurture their humanity and vitality.
4. Murals painted on cloth are easy to move and exhibit on any large wall so we can exhibit them in many places to appeal for peace to more and more people.
5. This project can offer an opportunity for schools, organizations for local children, and communities in order to promote better human relations.
6. An international exhibition of Kids' Guernica is being planned in Guernika City in Spain. The murals which will be created in Hiroshima can participate in the exhibition. Children who will participate in this project can collaborate with children in an art club in Guernika City.
7. The executive committee of this project in Hiroshima has a plan to hold international exhibitions of Kids' Guernica in the A-bombed building of the former Bank of Japan Hiroshima Branch or Hiroshima Prefectural Art Museum in the future.
8. We also hope to exhibit the murals of Kids' Guernica in the international conference of the Mayors for Peace, United Nations Conference on Disarmament Issues, and the other international conferences for peace.

How about joining this project as a local group from your community?

Guidelines for the participants:

1. Please paint the murals as you like with hopes for peace.
2. You can include symbols of your countries or districts in the pictures to promote mutual understanding.
3. All the names of the participants will be written on the murals.
4. You can paint your picture on any size of paper. Please send the photo of your picture by attaching it to an email to katononote@gmail.com
5. Children in Hiroshima will choose their favorite pictures from many pictures sent from many countries. They will include their designs on the murals and add more people or background to them by imagining peace around the world. They will paint the pictures on sheets of tents.
6. If possible, please send us photos of your portraits or the process of painting your pictures with some explanation about the concept you have for the picture. Such information will help us understand each other more

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