



Campus Peace Centers

A Blueprint for Your Campus

We are very pleased that you are interested in starting a Campus Peace Center. We expect that at every campus, people will create and maintain the center in their own way, We offer these guidelines as a place to begin, so please feel free to adapt them for your own campus.

Please begin by reviewing the web site at www.campuspeacecenters.net for general information and examples on other campuses.

If you are on the faculty or administration...

- **Connect with students.**

Contact any peace and/or social justice oriented student groups that may already exist on your campus, or speak to interested students about starting one if none already exists. If this group could become an official student activities club, that would be helpful. Students who are involved in the Model UN may also be interested.

- **Connect with faculty.**

Meet with other faculty who are interested in the promotion of the culture of peace. There may be a peace education program on your campus, or a program on conflict resolution, or some other relevant program. There may be individual faculty members in any department who have a personal interest in promoting peace. Don't forget other colleges within your university, such as the Law School, the Social Work School, the Nursing School, the Divinity School and the Medical School. Check out the Peace and Justice Studies Association at www.peacejusticestudies.org, which has a conference and list serves for students and faculty. You might want to join up with people from nearby universities to form the basis for joint projects once your center is up and running.

- **Find a space.**

Once you have a critical mass of interested students and other faculty, approach the administration of your college or university to explore the possibility of setting aside space for a Campus Peace Center. It may be helpful to emphasize that this center would be linked with other Campus Peace Centers all around the world and with the United Nations, providing considerable visibility for your school and the activities that take place there both in the academic world and among the staff of governmental and non-governmental organizations. You should also have an idea of the kinds of activities that you want to take place in the center, such as meetings, events with speakers, teach-ins, and a student lounge.

- **Decorate.**

Once you have a space, you will want to make it comfortable, inviting and student-friendly. You can ask the students to bring posters, artwork and symbols of peace to decorate it and make it feel special. It would be very useful to have a shared bulletin board, where students can post upcoming activities related to a culture of peace.

- **Plan an event.**

When your Campus Peace Center is ready, you may wish to have an inaugural event that will draw people with common interests to the center. You may want to plant a Peace Pole to dedicate your site (see www.worldpeace.org/peacepoles.html). You might consider a speaker from the UN community, or from a peace and social justice oriented non-governmental organization in your area, or perhaps a concert or pot-luck evening meal. If you charge a modest admission fee or ask for contributions, this may enable you to fund future events.

- **Let us know!**

Send a photo and information on your Campus Peace Center to info@campuspeacecenters.net to post on our web site.

Building a Culture of Peace, One Campus at a Time