

City of Jerez - Peace initiatives in 2018

1) Celebration of the International Day of Peace

For the second consecutive year, the City Council will celebrate the institutional act of the International Day of Peace of the UN.

It will be held at "Sala Paúl" on Thursday, September 20th at 8:00 p.m. It is open to all citizens and will be attended by members of the City Government, who will share with the audience the theme of this year's International Day of Peace: "The Right to Peace: the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights".

Members of the Delegation of Education will explain the most remarkable peace activities carried out in the schools of the Province of Cádiz. The Association "Promover la paz" will present educational materials such as the shared reading activity "When the desert blooms", based on the book of the same title, available in the educational offer of the City of Jerez for those schools that request it, and the "Peace Education Program" (PEP).

The event will end with a musical collaboration gifted by Manuel Imán.

2) VI Day of Peace: "Pledge to Peace" - December 3rd and 4th In collaboration with the University of Cadiz -UCA

Some of the Universities and Cities that have signed the "Pledge to Peace" will meet, as well as various institutions working in this field: The Network of Municipalities for Peace and values of UNESCO, "Oxfam-Intermón", the Platform of Volunteers of the Province of Cádiz, MSF-Doctors without borders, and the Equality Commission of the UCA.

All Universities and Town Councils that have signed the Pledge to Peace, and those who wish to join the network are invited to participate. If you would like to attend, you can request information at the following emails: gonzaga.delage@urbanismo.jerez.es (cities) or ricardo.carrero@uca.es (universities)

The Signatories of the Pledge to Peace may share the activities carried out or proposals to promote and support processes and actions for peace directed to the well-being of individuals and society as a whole

The event will take place at the Campus of Jerez of the University of Cadiz. It will be open to students, teachers and other workers of the University of Cádiz (UCA), to the citizens of Jerez and to all those who are attracted by the theme of Peace.

3) Some initiatives of the city of Jerez:

a.- II "Nacho Villamor" Prize for peace and living together

The Nacho Villamor Prize for Education for Peace aims to encourage students and teachers to have initiatives in the public educational centers of Jerez, organizing activities to foster a culture of peace, nonviolence, solidarity, justice and coexistence.

It is sponsored by the Jerez Teachers Center (C.E.P.) and the Andres Benitez and Seritium High

Schools where Nacho Villamor was a teacher. The activities related to Peace and Coexistence took place between September 15th, 2017 and April 6^h, 2018

<https://sites.google.com/site/iipremionachovillamor/concurso-1>

In the previous link you can access the content of the prizes awarded, and some images and videos.

b.- Mediation in Conflicts in the School Environment

This project was developed during the 2017-2018 academic year from the municipal office of the Western District, in high schools with students that present a high rate of absenteeism, or with disruptive behaviors that hinder the normal development of the classes. 80 interviews have been held throughout the course, with an average of 4-5 weekly interviews, taking care of the group environment, creating a dynamic of knowledge and mutual help, to become a support network in the high school.

c.- Anti-rumors strategy

Jerez has joined the Stop Rumors project, whose objective is to combat the negative and uncertain rumors that hinder the coexistence in diversity in our immediate surroundings, allowing a transformation of the false rumors and stereotypes. It is carried out through specific training of the people who make up the network.

d.- Jerez Africa

A big party at the World Day of Africa, celebrated on May 25th in the Arenal Square, organized by the Jerez Africa Platform, to bring the culture of Africa closer to citizens and promote the social integration of African people living in our city.

e.- Holidays in peace

Mayor Mamen Sánchez received at the City Hall the 13 Sahrawi children who are part of this program, organized by the Amirai Association for 26 years. The families that host them for 2 months each year also attended the event.

f.- Development Cooperation

A public awareness day is scheduled for November 14th, at the Alcazar de Jerez., through presentations and workshops on the Sustainable Development Goals for International Cooperation and Fair Trade promotion.

In the 2030 Agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals, peace underlies all of them, with objective 16 focusing specifically on issues of "Peace, justice and solid institutions".

g.- Jerez City Refuge

The Refugees Committee of Jerez was constituted to carry out a work of awareness, coordination and cooperation to face the social and labor integration needs of the refugees. The attention to

these people is made through an agreement of the Government with NGOs ACCEM, Red Cross and UNHCR. This Committee is composed of the City of Jerez and entities such as ACCEM, Caritas, CEAIN, EntreCulturas, Hogar la Salle and APDH.

It works in two lines: On the one hand, with a sensitization material to include in the educational offer of the City Council to schools. On the other hand, to improve citizens' awareness, in collaboration with Onda Jerez Television, through a spot with the slogan "Put on their shoes".