



TOGETHER FOR PEACE

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE CENTRE



PEACE SUMMIT OF
EMERGING
LEADERS

BANGKOK, THAILAND
NOVEMBER 28 TO 30, 2018

What is Peace? Peace happens when people from all around the world come together to resolve their differences. Peace is the cessation of war and violence. Peace encompasses love, understanding, tolerance and harmony across the diverse human race.

OVERVIEW

The world today carries a burgeoning load of problems that disrupt civil, social, racial, religious and global peace. In this light, we are challenged to do our part to ensure that peace prevails.

Humanitarian Affairs Asia is organising the inaugural Emerging Leaders' Peace Summit at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok, Thailand from November 28 to 30, 2018. The conference aims to gather 500 young leaders from different parts of the world and give them an understanding and broader perspective on this vitally important subject.

Promoting global peace is a solidary cause. Join us at the Peace Summit to connect with other young people with similar interests and dedicate yourselves to being peacemakers in your communities and the wider world.



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IT IS TIME WE PUT AN END TO THE CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS.

The world is home to violent conflicts and hot spots of unrest. Poverty, disaster and civil wars dominate the news and creating a better world often feels unattainable.

PURPOSE

The 2018 Emerging Leaders' Peace Summit will mobilise 500 Peace Ambassadors to strengthen peace efforts. Delegates will take on the role of Humanitarian Affairs Peace Ambassadors, who will lead initiatives of their own, and encourage other youths to play an active role in building inclusive and harmonious societies.

As a Peace Ambassador, you will contribute to the promotion and achievement of sustainable peace around the world.

The inaugural Peace Summit features talks, networking sessions and meaningful activities to equip you with the life skills to empower other young leaders and be a champion of peace. You will have the opportunity to formulate and share innovative ideas concerning the promotion of peace and justice which the world needs today.

Are you ready to change the world?



LISTENING TO THE WORDS OF WISDOM FROM PASSIONATE SPEAKERS CAN BOLSTER OUR DESIRE TO PROLIFERATE PEACE ACROSS THE WORLD IN A VARIETY OF WAYS.

SPEAKERS

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At the inaugural Emerging Leaders' Peace Summit, we are fortunate enough to have the renowned presence of a Holocaust survivor, the son of Adolf Hitler's tank commander, the wife of ISIS leader, a genocide victim, a Taliban survivor and many other inspiring speakers who will impact your lives with their stories of hope in this broken world.



**BERND
WOLLSCHLAEGER**

Bernd is the son of a highly-decorated World War II German tank commander who fought in Poland, France and Russia. Recognising his service, Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler awarded his father with an Iron Cross medal.

When the Nazis were defeated, his father was imprisoned by the victorious Allied Forces.

At an early age, Bernd discovered that his parents were trying to conceal their past, to protect him from the lasting impact of World War II.

A noticeable discrepancy existed between Bernd's father's description of his wartime accomplishments and the devastating effect it had on his life. Bernd's interest in finding the truth about the Holocaust caused a major rift in his family. He decided to leave his home and his country.

Twenty years later, he returned to Germany to bury his sister and finally visited his parents' grave.

Bernd's story is more than a heart-rending tale of how war can rip families apart. It is a story of one man's determination to reconcile the past and the present, even in the face of uncomfortable truths.



TANIA JOYA

Tania Joya, originally from the town of Harrow in London, describes herself as a former extremist. She was married to America's most-wanted Islamic State commander, John Georgelas.

Shortly after moving to the outskirts of Syria, she pleaded with Georgelas to send her and the children back to America, as they had fallen very sick due to the impoverished living conditions.

Her husband arranged for them to be smuggled out of Syria. At the border, Georgelas chose to stay in Syria instead of leaving with his wife and children.

Today, Tania is a peace advocate. She works to rehabilitate extremists through education, training and giving them a sense of community. This allows them to reintegrate into society and be good citizens. Tania hopes that her experiences will deter young people from supporting radical causes.



**HYPPOLITE
NTIGURIRWA**

Hyppolite Ntigurirwa survived unthinkable atrocities. At seven years old, he experienced some of the worst violence known to mankind. He survived the Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. He hid in the bush among dead bodies and scavenged for food at night. He witnessed his father being killed and fed to the dogs.

As many as 800,000 people were murdered in Rwanda, mostly of the Tutsi minority. Many of Hyppolite's relatives perished during this period of government-initiated hatred.

Instead of unforgiveness and anger, this experience birthed within Hyppolite the desire to find reconciliation. He founded the Hyppolite for Peace Foundation to halt the inter-generational transmission of hatred. He hopes that his story will inspire others to move from retaliation to a peaceful resolution of conflicts.

**THIS IS THE WAY OF
PEACE: OVERCOME
EVIL WITH GOOD,
AND FALSEHOOD
WITH TRUTH, AND
HATRED WITH LOVE.**



RAHILA HAIDARY

Rahila knows the importance of peace better than most people her age. Growing up in the Uruzgan province of Afghanistan, which was then under Taliban rule, Rahila and her family survived the Hazara Genocide, wars and conflicts in Afghanistan.

She was denied the basic right of going to school. Only boys were allowed to receive an education.

At the young age of six, Rahila knew that the situation was unjust. She bravely dressed like a boy in an attempt to blend in at school. When the Taliban found out, they threatened to take her life. Her family had to escape the country as a result. They migrated to Australia in 2011.

Now 23, Rahila is a strong advocate for equality and social justice. She sees inclusion and equality as the ultimate way to achieve a peaceful society.



PONHEARY LY

Ponheary Ly has survived genocide, the murder of several family members, including her father, and life in poverty.

Ly's family life came apart during the Khmer Rouge regime. Her father was the main breadwinner, and when he was killed in 1977, along with 13 other family members, her family was left with nothing. After the regime dissolved, Ly, her six remaining siblings and their mother were forced to start over.

Education was Ly's answer. She became a teacher in 1983, struggling to get by on her government salary. But she used her meagre earnings to work with other teachers to create libraries, and she offered free instruction to children who couldn't afford lessons.

She established her own foundation; helping thousands of children in rural Cambodia go to school.

Ponheary's tale is one of a survivor who has lived through the most horrific circumstances and yet emerged triumphant. Her words resound and leave an indelible mark: "It's better to light a candle than to curse the darkness."

Ponheary was awarded CNN Hero in 2010, which means she has been recognised as "everyday people changing the world."



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VENUE

The 2018 Emerging Leaders' Peace Summit will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) in Bangkok, Thailand.

The UNCC is one of three UN buildings which serve as the headquarters of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. The UNCC became the centrepiece of the group after it was inaugurated by his Majesty the late King of Thailand Bhumibol Adulyadej in 1993. Also present at the event was the late Boutros Boutros-Ghali, who was then Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Delegates attending the inaugural Peace Summit are entitled to a 10% discount on souvenir purchases at the UN Gift Shop.

CONFERENCE FEES

The fees of USD777.00 or THB 25,000 include:

- 4-night stay in a twin-sharing room in a 4-star Hotel
- Access to all plenary session and workshop discussion
- 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 coffee breaks
- Daily coach transfers to the United Nations Conference Centre
- Certificate of Participation

PRE-REQUISITES

- Applicants should fall between the ages of 17-35 years old.
- Must be passionate about social change, global issues and current affairs
- Must be able to commit and serve as a Humanitarian Affairs Peace Ambassador for a one-year period.

NOTE

To upgrade for a Single Occupancy Room, a fee of USD90.00 per night inclusive of all prevailing taxes will be levied by the hotel.

APPLY NOW

Interested applicants should complete the application form and email it to **UN@humanitarianaffairs.org**. Successful applicants will be notified by the Secretariat within 5-7 working days.





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Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it.
Hatred darkens life; love illuminates it. ”

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.



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