



# The Edmonton Peace Festival

## September 21 - October 2

*“Cultivating peace at the heart of our city.”*

## Peace Festival Ideas for: ***COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES***

**“You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.”**

**- Jane Goodall, U.N. Messenger of Peace**

Students and faculty can plan and/or engage in peace activities in their classes or through campus clubs or informal groups. Volunteering and service; music, art and film; intercultural dialogue; speakers on topics related to peace; cultural celebrations and faith gatherings; fundraising activities for local or global peace efforts; flash mobs for peace; peace walks; dances for peace; and mediations are just some of the options for Peace Festival engagement.

- Consider organizing a Peace Festival activity with your student organization or group. Here are just a few ideas:
- Organize an event that brings together students from different clubs/cultural backgrounds.; include food from different cultures and/or intercultural dialogue.
- Organize an interfaith or ecumenical service or vigil.
- Seek permission to install a Peace Pole or plant a Community Peace Garden on your campus
- Request that the campus radio station play peace and intercultural music Sept. 21 to Oct. 2 and ask them to mention The Edmonton Peace Festival on air.

- Consider joining a Service Club such as Rotaract, the Rotary group for young adults ages 18-29.
- Get a few musicians together and do a “Playing for Change” music gathering or peace party!
- Contact your school newspaper and communications officers to ask for coverage of Edmonton Peace Festival programs, as well as people and organizations in our region working everyday to build peace in positive ways.
- Push for Peace and Justice/Peace Education/Conflict Resolution courses on your campus.
- Make and display peace flags. Peace Flags provide a way to express some of your important ideas and hopes for the world. In words or pictures, you can display wishes for yourself, your family, friends, campus, community, or the world.
- Sport is a universal language that brings people together, so you might like to organize a campus sporting event for the Peace Festival.
- Art for Peace. Create art that celebrates peace and unity and make arrangements to exhibit it in prominent places throughout the campus.
- Organize a service project, or a fundraiser that benefits a local or global cause!
- Peace Flash Mob. Mobilize a group of friends and create a dance, or musical flash mob for peace. Now that should get their attention.
- Peace Mural. Request permission to create and install a peace mural somewhere on campus.

***“When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace.” – Jimi Hendrix***

“Our lives are made up of day to day experiences and interactions, so every day we have the chance to make someone else’s life better. To build a more peaceful and sustainable world, we need to build peace in our everyday lives.

No matter how small, everyday acts of kindness can help make peace a reality; whether it is standing up for somebody in trouble, saying sorry, reconnecting with an old friend, or helping someone you see who’s in need of assistance.

Of course, random acts of kindness should take place all year round, but we would like to invite you to give this wonderful idea special focus during the Peace Festival.

Wherever you are, at home, school, or work, you can help improve the quality of the lives of the people around you, including your family, colleagues, teachers, classmates or friends.

Sometimes the simplest things can have the most immediate and meaningful impact on the lives of everyone around you. So whatever you enjoy doing, whatever brings you, your friends, family and community together, do it during the Edmonton Peace Festival.”

**Ideas and Inspiration from:  
Peace Day Philly**

**<http://www.peacedayphilly.org/what-can-you-do/colleges-and-universities/>  
and Peace One Day**

**<http://www.peaceday.org/coalitions/student-coalition>**