



# The Edmonton Peace Festival

## September 21 - October 2

*“Cultivating Peace at the Heart of our City.”*

## Peace Festival Ideas: ***INTERCULTURAL AND GLOBAL***

*“If we are to have peace on earth...our loyalties must transcend our race, our tribe, our class, and our nation: and this means we must develop a world perspective.” - Martin Luther King Jr.*

Learning to live together entails developing an understanding of others and their history, traditions and spiritual values and, on this basis, recognizing our growing interdependence and preparing to deal with the challenges of the future in an intelligent and peaceful way. A global citizen thus has an increased awareness of the needs of others and acts in a way that contributes to and improves the lives of others with a sense of commitment to social justice at the local, national, and international levels.

We hope that the Edmonton Peace Festival will facilitate dialogues in this area and that organizations might choose to plan events which facilitate discussion or share presentations related to Intercultural Understanding and Global Citizenship.

- Host or collaborate on an intercultural event (you may want to include food in the spirit of a GLOBAL FEAST FOR PEACE).
- Organize an event related to the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Bring the world into your educational setting – learn more about the Global Issues in which the United Nations is involved,
- If you are an educator, engage students with Global Citizenship Resources.
- Learn about another culture – in our city or across the world.
- Explore videos and articles and discuss what it means to be a global citizen.

– Learn more about local immigrant and refugee issues.

– Have your school/your neighborhood/your kids get involved in the global [Peace Crane Project Exchange](#)

- Host a Global Film Festival.

***“The world needs active global citizens who are engaged in the world, knowledgeable about its diversity and passionate about change.”***

***– Global Citizen***

***The wisdom to perceive the interconnectedness of all life and living.  
The courage not to fear or deny difference; but to respect and strive to understand people of different cultures, and to grow from encounters with them.***

***The compassion to maintain an imaginative empathy that reaches beyond one’s immediate surroundings and extends to those who are suffering.  
These qualities are the essential elements of global citizenship.***

***- Daisaku Ikeda***

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Peace Day Philly... <http://www.peacedayphilly.org/what-can-you-do/art/>