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The World March has begun!

0 days to go

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Donate a Kilometre

The campaign "Donate a Kilometre", to financially support the journey of the World March for Peace and Nonviolence base-team, has been started and can be accessed from the international website.

The campaign consists of collaborating by giving a kilometre (or more) at a cost of 5€ or 7 US\$ as the March does not have its own resources, nor is it financed by governments or commercial businesses. The journey of the base-team is possible due to the contributions and donations that are received.

All World March activities are done with the voluntary contribution of hundreds of thousands of people and non-profit organisations.



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NEW ZEALAND As you read this the World March has started in New Zealand with a Peace March in Wellington. At the time of writing we are waiting for this moment with growing excitement. On the 27th September the first activity of the Base Team took place with a Peace walk in Auckland, where around 300 local activists joined in to support the World March.

Today is the 30th and yesterday on the Pacific Island of Rekohu, the first inhabited island to receive the first rays of the sun at the start of each day, a blessing ceremony was held for the World March with the local Moriori people where they also renewed their own Covenant for Peace. This ceremony is an ancient one which commemorates the time when the Moriori renounced violence for ever, even at the expense of their own lives.

The beautiful ceremony was a fitting moment to

connect with the "inner march" - the profound reasons which have motivated the members of the base team to sacrifice 3 months of their lives and much of their savings for this extraordinary endeavour. Gifts were offered to the Moriori ancestors and the March was celebrated with a great feast.

Today, members of the base team got up at 5am to witness the sunrise and participate in another blessing ceremony. Sadly, Rekohu lived up to its name "Sun through the Mist", with us unable to see where the sun was rising!

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The Base Team in Rekohu and Marching in Auckland.





Reception for the first members of the Base Team in New Zealand

KAMURANGI KI KAIPARA KAPAHA-KA ROOPU, a Maori folklore group gave a warm welcome to the first members of the World March Base Team to arrive in Aotearoa (New Zealand). Maori music was the central theme of an emotional ceremony in which the people of Aotearoa received and welcomed the base team and became participants in the World March, opening a unique space to share culture, experience and projects of peace. The message given to the World March in the original words, in the language in which they were expressed is: "Kia u, Kia Kaha, kia manawanmi. Ka puta, ka ora e"

"Be firm, be forthright, be hearty. You will emerge, you will achieve"

"You will succeed"



160 schools get together in support of the WM

Teachers and administrators who gathered for a presentation of the World March on the 27th of August will promote peace and nonviolence initiatives with their students.

ARGENTINA The activity that took place in the Teacher Training College no.106 in La Matanza was clearly framed right from the start, when the Inspector in charge of the district said, "the commitment that education must make today in order to educate the new generation in peace and nonviolence".

Once the March was presented with video presentations, and speeches were heard from national Spokesperson, **Guillermo Sullings** and other organisers, the participants stood up to ask for peace in the country and the world.

Following this, groups were formed to deal with the wide variety of activities to do in schools to promote the March's themes to their students. The proposals were based on the handbook "Setting ourselves in Motion", precisely orientated to this objective.

The variety of initiatives became clear in the subsequent inter-



Teacher Training centre in La Matanza, Buenos Aires.

change: WM murals will be painted; research into nonviolence; mathematical statistics relating military and nuclear budgets with hunger; games; peace stories; photographic exhibitions, etc. In all cases, it is not just about transmitting information but rather an active and creative participation of the youngsters.

The words will be carried forward during the coming month and a half to be then presented in the Nonviolence Forum that will take place on the 9th of October in Matanza University, to which 800 district schools are invited.

The event was broadcast live by the Buenos Aires Teaching Union internet Radio channel.

Endorsers

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Jane Fonda

USA TV-CINEMA-THEATRE

Sarah Onyango Obama

KENYA GRANDMOTHER OF PRESIDENT OBAMA

The grandmother of the President of the United States of America endorsed the World March from here home in Siaya, Nyanza Province and called on other to do the same. She believes there will be no more nuclear bombing, no more territorial interference and all countries can access a 'peaceful nuclear energy'. She shares the idea of her grandson who has initiated a path of dialogue and nuclear disarmament. She supports peace and nonviolence. During the conversation with Rashid Miruka, member of the Humanist Movement, the President's grandmother said, "The World March should involve the young, the old and even the orphans and should be a turning point to development for everyone." She wishes everyone to "come together and take responsibility for transforming the world into a world without wars and a world

As a person who has written, protested and acted against wars and violence of all kinds for a great deal of my life, I add my endorsement to the growing list of those who recognize the need to end wars and occupations, and to end all forms of violence against people no matter what their age, gender, sexual preference or religion, and the further need to learn to help and heal rather than hurt our fellow human beings and this planet we live upon.

World March in Malaysia

MALAYSIA The latest country to confirm events in support of the World March is Malaysia. Kuala Lumpur is holding events on the 10th of October. Members from the WM team in Philippines will travel in support.

Back in May this year initial contacts were made for the World March which later led to the formation of an active coordination committee. Events are due to involve different NGOs, associations, a nearby school, restaurants, families, children, friends, artists & performers, etc.

Various organisations are supporting and

endorsing the WM including:

"**Women's Aid Organization** is honoured to be a part of the World March for Peace and Non Violence to be held in Malaysia for the first time on 10th October. WAO is happy to endorse the World March and will actively collaborate in making it a success."

"**Nur Salam** is a twenty-four hour crisis and drop-in centre for children. We have a strong commitment to children's rights and the rights of all beings to live lives free of violence. Nur Salam is proud to participate in Malaysia's first World March for Peace and Nonviolence."

THE WORLD MARCH COMES TO MALAYSIA!
Take it to the streets!

WHEN: OCTOBER 10, 2009 (WEDNESDAY)
4:00 PM ONWARDS
WHERE: JALAN DAMANSARA ROAD STOP DAMANSARA
ENTRANCE: OF COURSE NOT!
BUT YOU CAN PLACE YOUR DONATIONS IN A POT

It's a street festival to raise awareness for Peace & Non-violence through Culture, Music & Dance

ACTS: 70's & 80's with DJ TONY MONTANA
GREATS AND MORE PRODIGY MIX
LINDA AND THE JAZZ PRODIGY CRAFT'S ALTIMET
SWING DANCE & LOCO JAZZ JAZZY
A PLAY BY STACEY OF THE CHILDREN
CULTURAL DANCE BY ISABELLE
THE DIPLOMATS OF DRUMS
BOLLYWOOD DANCERS
"THE ANAKALLA GOUR-BOO"
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Invitation to World March events in Malaysia

Correa: "I endorse the March with absolute conviction"



Rafael Correa

The President of Ecuador, Rafael Correa, has recorded a video in Quito to promote the World March.

ECUADOR In the video which is targeted to all citizens of the world, he expresses his endorsement of the World March "with absolute conviction" and in the name of the Ecuadorean people and his government he joins in with the "clamour of millions of human beings".

The President mentioned every one of the five basic points of the endorsement and the need to awaken a universal consciousness in favour of peace. He underlined that his governments is "in solidarity with the unani-

mous will of Latin America", because his support is based on the Treaty of Tlatelolco, in which Latin America, 40 years ago, declared itself the first region free from nuclear weapons. Likewise, he said that Ecuador is the most peaceful country of the region and that he will never allow the installation of foreign military bases.

"It is necessary to understand that peace is not only the absence of violence but rather, and fundamentally, the presence of justice," he reflected in another part of the video. "Many forms of violence

have their roots in the perverse exclusive systems that trample on the fundamental rights of mankind and the citizen and sacrifice all values on the mean altar of the Market."

He declared that his government and the Ecuadorean people will receive the World March base team as it passes through Quito on the 18th of December. And he ended with a call for all political, social, cultural and religious leaders of the world to endorse the March, and a poem by **Rafael Alberti**.



Martin Sheen
USA TV-CINEMA-THEATRE

Martin Sheen is best known for his performances in the film *Apocalypse Now* and on the television series *The West Wing*. As well as the critical acclaim he has received as an actor, he is an activist and supporter of social justice.



Nina Hagen
GERMANY MUSIC

Famous German singer/songwriter, known internationally for her long career since 1977 and for her numerous appearances in the media in which she has always let her social and political positions be known. In groups and as a soloist, her career has broadened to include film appearances; the most recent, dubbing on Tim Burton's *The Nightmare before Christmas*.



Penélope Cruz
SPAIN TV-CINEMA-THEATRE

In 2009 she became the first Spanish actress to win an Oscar with the film *"Vicky Cristina Barcelona"* directed by Woody Allen. She has appeared in almost 50 films, many of which directed by Pedro Almodovar. Among her most popular films are *Vanilla Sky*, *Vicky Cristina Barcelona*, *Volver*, *Blow*, *Broken Embraces*, *Don't Move*, *Belle Epoque*, *The Girl of your Dreams* and *All About My Mother*.



Dalai Lama
INDIA NOBEL PRIZE WINNER

His holiness the XIV Dalai Lama, **Tenzin Gyatso**, is the spiritual leader of Tibet. He lives in exile in Dharamsala in the north of India. In 1989 he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize which lead to his international fame. He has been the subject of various Hollywood films (*Seven years in Tibet* and *Kundun*) and numerous TV documentaries and programmes.



Fernando Lugo
PARAGUAY POLITICS

President of the Paraguay since August 2008. He participated in the extraordinary meeting of the Council of Presidents and Heads of State in the Union of South American Nations in which he called South America a 'region of peace'. He is the sixth head of state in the region to endorse the March and according to his message, he hopes that this contributes to consolidate the commitments of UNASUR.



Why do we want?

... nuclear disarmament?

The 21,000 nuclear warheads, in the hands of countries that violate or have not signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation treaty, have the power to destroy the planet 25 times over.

... the progressive reduction of conventional weapons?

689 million conventional weapons kill 500,000 people per year in the world (one every minute). 90% of the production of conventional weapons is distributed between 5 countries: USA, China, Russia, Great Britain and France.

... the withdrawal of troops from occupied territories?

50 years ago the Tibetan people struggled non-violently for their land. In 1959 the first UN resolution was presented condemning the invasion of Tibet by China; the oldest of many UN resolutions calling on countries to withdraw from occupied territories.

... the signing of non-aggression treaties and the rejection of War as an instrument of conflict resolution?

The 25 current wars that there are in the world (source: Peace Reporter, beginning 2009) have already led to the deaths of 1,700,000 people.

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Miguel Rios: peace is a dream - but one that will come true

SPAIN In his farewell tour, the veteran rocker Miguel Rios called on his fans to participate in the World March.

In the town of Alcorcon near Madrid more than 15,000 people came along on the 12th of September to enjoy Rios's concert. The "Memoirs on the Road" tour will last two years and is the farewell of a living legend of Spanish music. The rocker is a reference, not only in music, but also in his social commitment with causes like pacifism, anti-war and denuclearisation.

During the concert he encouraged his fans to participate in the World March and announced its passage through Madrid which will be on the 14th of November, "I'm sure one day Charly García will never again have to sing that song, because no human being will be struck down for any reason; not for reasons of sex, nor religion, nor culture, nor colour, nor skin, nor any cause, nor social or economic difference; each and every human being will be per se the gem of the Universe, the most important thing in the world. For this to happen, I encourage you to join the March for Peace and Nonviolence, which will be passing through Madrid in November, because, my dear friends,... it's a dream, but it will come true!"

Such a memorable night of rock like the one seen in Alcorcón could only end with the universal "Canción de la Alegría" ("Song of Joy"), to which Miguel Rios had the entire audience singing along, and where the power, joy, and profound emotion of the moment left no one in attendance indifferent.



WM at the 7th edition of DEFESTIVAL, Paris

FRANCE The World March for Peace and Nonviolence as the guest organisation gave the theme to DEFESTIVAL 2009, held on the 19th September. On the Champ de Mars in Paris, by the Peace Wall, Défestival festively celebrates Diversity and Mixtures of all kinds. It's about sport, live shows, music and games to which nearly 10,000 people "came with their differences and shared their similarities".

In the presence of personalities such as the celebrated Professor Albert Jacquard, President of the Regional Council of Ile de France, Jean-Pierre Huchon, the Minister Martin Hirsch, but also able-bodied sporting champions and those

with disabilities, the World March did not go unnoticed.

The March was frequently mentioned by the organisers through all means of communication of the event but also thanks to an official stand and the appearance of Pascale Oster as a delegate of the World March who presented the international campaign and invited everyone to the launch of the March on the 2nd of October. In addition to the painting of a Fresco for Peace, a very remarkable moment was the presence of World March float at the head of a parade in front of which, after receiving a complete file of information about the World March, the celebrities posed for photographs.



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