How To Be Part of Picturing Peace
A Self-Curriculum

Create and upload photographs and writing that express your feelings, ideas and desires for peace and share them with others. Join the movement!

There are always two things to keep in mind: Words and Photographs. Picturing Peace uses the double power of words and images. Think about peace, select a synonym, and then create a photograph that means peace to you. After giving your picture a title, briefly explain in writing the thoughts you had when composing your picture. These personal texts will increase the impact and depth of meaning the photos convey.

STEP 1. Think about the meanings of Peace

- Why is peace important? Where is it important to have peace?
- What does "Peace" mean to you?
- Words in this list appear in thesaurus synonyms for peace.

Many of them represent FEELINGS.

- Calm
- Caring
- Closeness
- Collaboration
- Friendship
- Giving
- Harmony

- Happiness
- Love /Affection
- Order
- Quiet
- Safety
- Spirituality
- Unity

*Keep your words for Peace in mind.

STEP 2. Think about Photography

*The focus in Picturing Peace is on **creative photography**. All photographs convey information, but some images are designed to communicate feelings, or an ideal, or something that the viewer needs to think about.*

Methods of photography:

- In <u>candid photography</u>, a photographer <u>finds</u> interesting objects, people, and places to take pictures.
- In <u>studio photography</u>, a photographer <u>directs</u> other students as actors and <u>arranges</u> settings or backgrounds. Or, the photographer <u>makes a composition</u> of objects in Still-Life photographs.

Some types of photographs:

- Portrait/Self Portrait
- Social photography: two person or groups
- Place photography/Landscape
- Still-Life
- Multi-sensory/Abstract

STEP 3. Start taking photos.

What picture could capture one or more of the words you have chosen for peace? There is no single right answer. Many photographs will picture the same word, but they will go about it in different ways. Start taking pictures of your peace words in action to make them visible.

Your photos could involve:

- Social or group photographs, showing scenes of collaboration, caring, unity, harmony, diversity or friendship.

- Portrait photographs that capture moments of peace or peace-making. Gestures by individuals or groups can communicate the feelings behind peace words.

- Landscape photography, taking advantage of setting and what can be experienced from different vantage points
- Outdoor still-life photos that collect and arrange materials as a wish for peace, or as a vision of peace. Rocks, sand, flowers, twigs or leaves arranged with attention to space and pattern can communicate peace words.
- Indoor still-life and abstract photographs made with materials or objects from home.

These should be symbolic objects and arrangements that you feel have the power to assist in the cause of peace, or that could create a small place of peace.

Step 4. Write why your photo means peace to you.

Choose 1-2 of your photos that you really like. Title your picture with the peace word that inspired it. Write a few sentences to explain the thoughts you had when composing your picture.

Step 5. Email your photo and text to the Picturing Peace website:

info@picturingpeace.org

Let us know if you wish to add your photo and text to our website's EXHIBITIONS page, together with the photos and thoughts from other website viewers.

Become part of the movement for Peace by sharing your insights into peace and all that it can mean.