

Teaching Children Peace

From kindergarten onwards we need education to strengthen our inner values not just pursue material goals. Dalai Lama on twitter April 3rd 2019.

Western Cultures focus on **Human Doing** vs **Human Being**. If this could be shifted just slightly toward more **Being and Loving Kindness** with the understanding that we are ALL sacred beings, we might have **less Suicides** and **less Bullying!**

Children today are exposed to many positive and negative visual messages at earlier and earlier ages and begin to often creatively learn with tablets, computers and cell phones many facts and ways of discovering our marvelous universe. Our children begin music lessons at 6 and 7 years old – music is often introduced in grades 2-4 and sports at the same time or earlier. Children in high school and possibly earlier are asked what they want to be when they grow up and how they plan to make a living. However, when are children and even adults asked what is their ***DEEP PURPOSE** and how can **they make the world a better place?** Why is this question, except in exceptional cases, often left to when people are older, close to retirement?

- The discovery of one's Deep Purpose can be the happiest moment in one's life which can bring our highest joy, fulfillment and possibly our highest enrichment.

Yale College's - Early Child Peace Consortium...Creating a Culture of Peace certainly emphasizes these ideas. <https://ecdpeace.org/>

"Make the image of peace as compelling as the image of war. Teach peace as a value, a tool, a habit, a virtue, and a rule. Can we teach children that the law of the planet Earth is peace?" Melvin Ming, Former CEO Sesame Workshop

<https://medicine.yale.edu/childstudy/fcpb/ecpc/> Early Child Peace Consortium ...Creating a Culture of Peace, The **Gentleness and Kindness** of Mr. Rogers.

Science says that peace is possible — and the science of early childhood development can facilitate the development of a more peaceful world. Dr James Leckman

https://medicine.yale.edu/childstudy/fcpb/ecpc/origin_timeline.aspx

Compassion is not a religious business, it is a human business: it is not a luxury but essential for our own peace and mental stability; it is essential for human survival. Dalai Lama

There is no alternative. Either we build a future together or there will not be a future. Pope Francis to World Religious Leaders Feb 2nd 2019

****2015 A Century of Women Working for Peace (Peace for the past 100+ years has been the work of mainly Anglo Saxon white males. If women had been an equal or in charge we probably would have peace today!)** <https://www.nationofchange.org/2015/04/30/a-century-of-women-working-for-peace/>

THE HAGUE, Netherlands—One hundred years ago, more than 1,000 women gathered here in The Hague during World War I, demanding peace. Britain denied passports to more than 120 women, forbidding them from making the trip to suppress their peaceful dissent. In 2015 they were marking the 100th anniversary of the founding of WILPF, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

"If we are to reach real peace in the world, we shall have to begin with the children." M. Gandhi