

International Network for Conflict Resolution Education and Peace Education

The organizing members of the International Network for Conflict Resolution Education and Peace Education (INCREPE) are pleased to announce the initiation of the network in conjunction with the GPPAC conference at the United Nations in July 2005.

The mission of INCREPE is the advancement of conflict resolution education and peace education throughout the world.

INCREPE is an outgrowth of initial work done by the organizing committee of the Peace Education and Conflict Resolution Education working group at the GPPAC conference. That committee included representatives from Canada, Colombia, Germany, Ghana, Norway, Thailand, Sierra Leone, and the United States.

The regional action agendas generated by the GPPAC process have clearly identified Peace Education and Conflict Resolution Education as critical to the furtherance of the role of Civil Societies in the Prevention of Armed and Violent Conflict. A recommendation of the Dublin Action Agenda stated, "CSOs should play a leading role in fostering a culture of peace at all levels, through a world-wide, pro-active and participatory program, from the classroom outwards. We should aim to generate new constituencies of support, be inclusive by bringing together groups now divided across ethnic, linguistic, religious, cultural and gender lines. Building capacities for conflict resolution at all levels is a universal priority, with education as its most comprehensive means."

At the GPPAC conference the Peace Education and Conflict Resolution Education working group had three sessions in which 47 representatives from 25 nations in all of the world's regions participated to identify the current state of collaboration between government and NGOs/CSOs, to recognize challenges to that work and further collaboration and to develop recommendations and action strategies for the further institutionalization of the network and the important work it supports. Accomplishments of the working group and reports on global CRE and PE will be distributed in a post-conference reader. Follow-up meetings of INCREPE partners have already been planned and will occur at Hunter College in New York and the National Conference on Conflict Resolution Education in Ohio, USA.

INCREPE will serve as a network for (1) tracking and disseminating information about CRE and PE efforts globally, (2) initiating research and action agendas for the promotion of CRE and PE, and (3) supporting the advancement in global CRE and PE at global and regional conferences in the fields of conflict, peace, human rights, and human security. INCREPE is

intended to complement current efforts of domestic and international organizations that are involved in CRE and PE but do not serve as a clearinghouse of information. INCREPE sees one of its purposes to partner with these organizations and extend information about their activities and accomplishments to others around the world. INCREPE is not a membership organization, a service provider, or a policy-making function; but looks forward to collaborating with all of these organizations to spread the work about effective Conflict Resolution Education and Peace Education.

Specific goals for INCREPE include:

- form [partnerships with other organizations to support for CRE and PE related work](#);
- development of a clearinghouse of current information on CRE and PE programs, legislative mandates that support/require PE and/or CRE, curricula, research, and any other information on CRE and PE initiative and accomplishments; Deleted: ¶
- creation of research and evaluation agendas that build on existing knowledge and provide direction for critical work to address current “knowledge gaps”; Formatted: Bulleted + Level: 1 + Aligned at: 18 pt + Tab after: 36 pt + Indent at: 36 pt
- [clarification of culturally and contextually sensitive implementation processes to enable application of CRE](#) and PE [efforts to fit the cultural and social-political conditions of the community of use](#); Formatted: Bulleted + Level: 1 + Aligned at: 18 pt + Tab after: 36 pt + Indent at: 36 pt
- [dissemination of best practices/models for designing and implementing conflict management systems for enhancing program and staff capacities in schools, universities](#) and communities; and, Formatted: Bulleted + Level: 1 + Aligned at: 18 pt + Tab after: 36 pt + Indent at: 36 pt
- promotion of teacher and professional/para-professional educator preparation in CRE and PE through development of materials and delivery processes to address best practices. Formatted: Bulleted + Level: 1 + Aligned at: 18 pt + Tab after: 36 pt + Indent at: 36 pt

Invitation to Participate in INCREPE:

If your country has legislation, policies, standards or mandates in Conflict Resolution Education and Peace Education, and you wish to be a part of the INCREPE network, please e-mail Jennifer Batton at the Ohio Commission on Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management at the following e-mail address by August 1, 2005.

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Please e-mail her a contact name, an e-mail address, a country name, and a description of the policy/mandates in CRE and PE in your country. This information will be included in the post-conference reader, which all partners will receive.