

FIRST PEOPLE'S SUMMIT FOR DEPARTMENTS OF PEACE

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Today, we announce the launch of an international initiative for the creation of Departments of Peace in governments throughout the world.

Violence of all kinds is increasing.

There is an urgent need to find responsible solutions, expanding on past and present peace-building successes.

This international initiative will both provide resources and support for existing national Department of Peace campaigns, and assist new ones as they appear in other countries.

While the exact role of the department will differ in each country, its basic functions will be the same:

- To foster a culture of peace;
- To research, articulate and help bring about non-violent solutions to conflicts at all levels; and
- To provide resources for training in peace-building and conflict transformation to people everywhere.

We, the undersigned, joyfully vow to support and encourage each other, to share information, to enrich each other's experience, to listen to one another and to celebrate our commonalities and differences in our journey together towards a culture of peace.

- Department of Peace, Australia
- Working Group for a Federal Department of Peace, Canada
- *ministry for peace*, United Kingdom
- The Peace Alliance, Campaigning for a US Department of Peace, United States of America
- Delegation from Israel
- Binnie D'egli Innocenti, WWGHM, Italy
- Federation of Damanhur, Italy
- Global Peace Campaign, Working for a Ministry of Peace in Japan
- Ank Mesritz, House of Peace, Netherlands
- Paul van Tongeren, European Centre for Conflict Prevention, Netherlands
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