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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE: CELEBRATION THROUGH FAIR TRADE

In 1982, the United Nations celebrated the first International Day of Peace or "Peace Day" and in 2002 the General Assembly declared September 21st as the permanent date for this event. This year the BSU Center for Peace and Conflict Studies (CPCS) and the Social Justice League (SJL) are teaming up to celebrate peace all week (Sept. 19-23). The organizations will be hosting tables in the Atrium during lunch Monday through Wednesday and in the Student Center food court Thursday through Friday. The tables will feature a BeadforLife jewelry sale, a fair trade product made by women in Uganda, and a creation of a peace banner. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to stop by the table and write what they do to promote peace on the banner.

Fair trade is the practice of buying and selling products at fair prices. It provides safe, dignified working conditions for those making the product as well as provides them with a reasonable wage. Fair trade discourages the conditions of dangerous sweatshops and child labor. It also encourages sustainable practices. In all these ways fair trade promotes peace, by empowering all who benefit from it.

BeadforLife is a non-profit organization based in Colorado. The organization employs impoverished women in Uganda who create jewelry out of recycled paper. The goal of the organization to have the women become independent from BeadforLife in 18 months, by helping the women launch their own small business or by getting involved in agriculture in the rural communities. All the profits from the jewelry go back to the organization and are used for community development, program services, and keeping the foundation running.

At the Peace Day table, handouts will also be provided about other fair trade opportunities and ideas to live more peacefully.

Look for us in the Daily News!

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Come celebrate the International Day of Peace with us!

Thursday and Friday

10:00 am — 2:00 pm

Student Center -Tally

We'll have info on fair trade, BeadforLIfe, and a banner you can sign.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS— ON CAMPUS

Wednesday, September 21

- *International Day of Peace*

  The Center for Peace and Conflict Studies will be celebrating the International Day of Peace all week long by selling beaded products from an organization called BeadforLife. BeadforLife is a fair trade organization, and all proceeds go to the women in Uganda that handmade the beads. We accept cash, checks, and debit/credit. Also, there will be a banner on which you can tell us how you promote peace. Please stop by our booth at the following times and locations to show your support for peace!

  Thursday and Friday 10:00-2:00 @ the Student Center

  For more information on the International Day of Peace or BeadforLife, please visit http://internationaldayofpeace.org and http://beadforlife.org.

- *Hijab Panel Discussion Sponsored by the International Ambassadors Club*

  Would you like to learn more about the hijab, its meaning, and why it's important? Come par ticipate in our panel discussion at 5:00 PM in the Student Center Forum Room.

Monday, September 26

- *OXFAM America Meeting*

  5:30 PM in WB 140. For more information, contact oxfambsu@gmail.com.

- *Social Justice League Meeting*

  6:00PM at the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies (310 N. McKinley Ave.) For more information, contact SJL@bsu.edu .

Tuesday, September 27

- *Feminists for Action Meeting*

  6:00 PM in BB 220. Come have tea, discuss current events, and become an activist for gender equality. Everyone is welcoming, including non-students and community members. For more information, contact feministforaction@gmail.com or ckhurst@bsu.edu.

- *International Ambassadors Club*

  7:00PM at the L.A. Pittenger Student Center in Room 306. For more information, contact IAC@bsu.edu .

- *Free the Slaves Meeting*

  9:00PM at Bracken Library in Room 301. For more information, contact Chelsey Outcalt at cloutcalt@bsu.edu .

Wednesday, September 28

- *Continuum Brown Bag Professional Development Series*

  12:00PM – 1:00PM in the Student Center, Room #306

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS— OFF CAMPUS

Wednesday, September 21

- [Indianapolis] *The IPS Latino Resources Roundtable*, which promotes and supports the programs, services and activities of organizations such as Immigrant Welcome Center, Indianapolis International Center, Muslim Alliance of Indiana, African Community International, Sociedad Amigos de Colombia, Mexican Consulate and the National League of Cities, will meet at 9:00 am at IPS John Morton-Finney Educational Services Building, 120 E. Walnut. For more info, contact Nora Trincado at 226-4831 or trincadn@ips.k12.in.us.
- [Indianapolis] *Sacred Music of the Middle East*: The Arab, Jewish, and Christian artists in the Yuval Ron Ensemble will come together to unite the sacred musical traditions of Judaism, Sufism (Islamic mystical tradition), and the Christian Armenian Church in an International Day of Peace celebration concert entitled at 7:00 pm in Clowes Auditorium at Central Library, 40 E. St. Clair, which is sponsoring this free event. Parking is available (for a fee) in the Central Library parking garage off of Pennsylvania. For more info, visit yuvalronmusic.com or phone 275-4099

Friday, September 23

- [Indianapolis] *The Weekly Vigil Protesting Warfare* will take place, 4:30-5:30 pm, in front of the Federal Building, North and Pennsylvania, sponsored by the Indianapolis Peace and Justice Center. Bring an appropriate sign or have one provided. For more info, phone Gilbert Kuhn at 926-3068 or email Ron Haldeman at ronjane@igc.org
- [Indianapolis]*10th Anniversary Benefit Concert & Poetry S*lam Doors open at 7:00 p.m. at the Steelworkers Hall, Local 1999, 218 S Addison, benefiting Jobs with Justice. A strong social justice movement is needed more than ever in this fight back to save our economy. Tickets includes great Local Bands, a poetry slam and great munchies! Cash bar. $20 advance tickets or $25 at the door. For more info, email Allison Luthe Carter at allison@centralindianajwj.org.
- [Indianapolis] "*Eternal Vigilance— Racial Discrimination— So Much Left to Do*" by Prof. William P. Quiglev at 617 Indiana Avenue. For more info visit http://www.aclu-in.org/events

Saturday, September 24

- [Nashville] *The Weekly Peace Vigil on the theme "War Is Not the Answer!"* will begin at 6:00 pm at the Brown County Courthouse, Main and Van Buren Streets, sponsored by Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (Brown County Branch). For more info, contact Tom Hougham at 878-4210 or annntom@hotmail.com.

Sunday, September 25

- [Indianapolis] SNAP, Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, will meet at 1:30 pm at Crestwood Village Community Room, E. 91 at the Monon Trail. For more info, phone Cecilia Shelpey at 844-2993
- [Indianapolis]There will be a closed business meeting of Socialist Party USA at 3 pm, an open business meeting of Democratic Socialists of America at 3:30 pm, and an open meeting and get-together of Indiana Socialist Fellowship at 4 pm at MoJo, 300 W. Michigan For more info, contact Marvin Williams at WilliamsMDWJr@aol.com or 955-2779.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS— OFF CAMPUS (CONT.)

Tuesday, September 27, 2011

- [Indianapolis] *Hal Culbertson on "The Quest for Global Healing: Educating Strategic Peacebuilders"*

  Sponsored by The Spiritual Life Center & the Spiritual Oneness Group— 7:30 PM at Robertson Chapel (St. Luke's United Methodist Church 100 W. 86th St.). Today's conflicts represent a number of complex challenges for peacebuilders. Should atrocities committed during war be prosecuted or forgiven? How do highly contentious groups learn to live together? How do we rebuild economic, political, and social institutions that have been fractured by violence, corruption, and injustice?

  Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies prepares students to address challenges such as these through a holistic approach called "strategic peacebuilding." Mr. Culbertson will identify the key elements of strategic peacebuilding and describe how faculty, alumni, and others are applying this approach in conflicts around the world. For more information, call 317-846-3404 or visit www.stlukesumc.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are no upcoming events at this time.

DISCLAIMER: The events described in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect the views of the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies.

If you would like for your events to be included in this newsletter, please contact Lacey Lord at lglord@bsu.edu.