



IEATA 8TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Expressive Arts in Social Action: Peace-ing our Communities Together

Creating *Peace-Arts Zones* in our communities

Two-day pre-conference expressive arts based social action project for artists, arts educator, and arts therapists

August 10, 2009: Train the trainer pre-conference workshop (youths and adults)
August 11, 2009: Social Action Project (youths, adults, and elders)

On August 10-11, 2009 we are organizing a locally based community arts project in the Boston area. We would like to invite you to be part of this exciting initiative. We are calling this project a "Peace Arts Zone: Peace-ing our Communities Together." We define *Peace-Arts Zones* as personal vision and action plans to create a healthy and safe community.

On day one (August 10), we will invite youth groups from the greater Boston area to Lesley University to share an arts-based experience focused on violence prevention and healthy and safe communities. This training workshop will take place from 12:00-4:00pm (lunch included).

On day two (August 11), we will take these youth groups to visit elderly centers in the area to share our experience of creating a Peace Arts Zone. This interactive and inter-generational morning (9:00am-12:00pm) will include a multi-arts based project. Youth, facilitators and volunteers would then return to Lesley University campus for a short de-briefing and celebration (cake and ice-cream).

Peace Arts Zone in your Community

As part of the intertwining of social action with the 2009 International Expressive Arts Therapy Association conference, Expressive Arts in Social Action: Peace-ing Our World Together, we are also inviting local and international IEATA members and non-members to pledge to create a Peace-Arts Zone in their organization or community. We define *Peace-Arts Zones* as personal vision and action plans to create a healthy and safe community.

Communities everywhere can sign the *Peace-Arts Zones* pledge to establish such zones. Visual documentation of local initiatives will be displayed as part of a continuous installation during the IEATA conference. This could take the shape of a room that promotes peaceful dialogue through the use of the arts, an area with artwork that promotes peace, or whatever else your personal organization might envision the Peace-Arts Zone to be.

Please document your process either in photographs or digital videos in order to have them displayed at the conference. Photographs and videos should be sent via e-mail to peaceartszones@gmail.com. All digital videos should be sent in .mov or .avi format and be no longer than two minutes. All photographs should be sent in JPEG format. If your organization does not have access to a digital camera, original prints can be sent via the postal service to the following address:

Peace Arts Zones Documentation
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We will scan any pictures sent to the physical address into the presentation. Please be aware that any pictures sent to this address will not be returned.

All organizations that decide to create Peace Arts Zones are being asked to sign a pledge in commitment to the process. Be creative, have fun, and spread the word about creating Peace-Arts Zones in your community.

