



Creating a Culture of Peace 2007 Call for Essays Invitation to Participate

Bluegrass Community and Technical College's Peace and Justice Coalition, in connection with the May 19, 2007 Second Annual Peace and Global Citizenship Fair, is sponsoring an essay contest.



All adults, 18 years of age and up who live in the Bluegrass of Kentucky are eligible to participate. In 1000 words or less, articulate your vision of how we can create a culture of peace in Lexington and the Bluegrass of Kentucky.

The United Nations defines a Culture of Peace as “a set of values, attitudes, modes of behavior and ways of life that reject violence and prevent conflicts by tackling their root causes to solve problems through dialogue and negotiation among individuals, groups and nations (UN Resolutions A/RES/52/13: Culture of Peace and A/RES/53/243, Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace). For peace and non-violence to prevail, we need to: foster a culture of peace through education; promote sustainable economic and social development; promote respect for all human rights; ensure equality between women and men; foster democratic participation; advance understanding, tolerance and solidarity; support participatory communication and the free flow of information and knowledge; and promote international peace and security.”

Please complete the entry form printed on the back of this information sheet. Entries will be accepted at Bluegrass Community and Technical College between April 1st and April 15th. Two \$50 prizes will be awarded and the entries will be displayed on May 19th, during the Second Annual Peace and Global Citizenship Fair, at the BCTC campus (directly north of Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington). The best essays will be displayed publicly and recognized with the winning entries sent to the newspaper for publication.

If you have any questions about this contest, please contact Rebecca Glasscock, Associate Professor of Geography and faculty advisor for the Peace and Justice Coalition. Her email address is rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu and her telephone number is (859) 246-6319.

We thank the Shambhala Center of Lexington and several community-minded citizens for their support of this contest.

Creating a Culture of Peace:
2007 Essay Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number _____

Email address: _____

Are you 18 years of age or older? _____

Title of your essay: _____

Deliver or mail entry to Peace & Justice Coalition, Bluegrass Community and Technical College, 221 Moloney Building, 470 Cooper Drive, Lexington, KY 40506. For pick-up at your school, call (859) 246-6319.

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