

Call for International *Symbols of Peace* Digital Projects (SoP)



The WCCI organization, Media and Technology Special Interest Group is proud to launch the 2014 call for international *Symbols of Peace* digital projects.

The *Symbols of Peace Project* is in its 4th year since the project was initiated in 2010. This call for projects is based on our belief that digital media and technologies support important communication networks for Peace Education development. Curriculum and instruction that give people the opportunity to visualize create and innovate new types of solidarity and innovative solutions will help the world's most vulnerable populations contribute to conversations about the meaning of peace from their uniquely diverse personal and cultural perspectives.

Project Aim

The MT SIG's vision for encouraging advancing *Culture of Peace Education* in teaching and learning is to create active learning and teaching materials. The digital materials are expected to improve knowledge and awareness of peace education through activities that improve academic performance, literacy and technology skills of students using oral and written storytelling that is shared through metaphoric digital imaging and virtual environments.

Digital stories and teacher-guided materials will be made **available free of costs** for curriculum integration as open access resources. The digital stories program is an experimental program using information technology and *Symbols of Peace*[™] stories to support creative, student centered, active learning model of instruction to integrate peace education into different subject areas.

The *SoP* project is designed to give WCCI members, educators and students opportunity to contribute to advancing peace education through innovation. The projects are aimed at active learning and teaching methodology for building knowledge of the world, intercultural awareness and global collaborating.

Eligibility Criteria

WCCI Sigs, school and community groups and individuals are eligible to propose and submit projects. This includes schools, community organizations, NGOs, cultural institutions, public colleges/universities and associations that are actively engaged in promoting or using media and digital technologies in the following areas:

- K-16 education (all disciplines);
- Professional organizations; or
- International educational and tourism groups

The projects must be well structured and fully describe how the ideas support the vision and mission of WCCI/SIGs and peace education awareness over the long-term. The scope of the project can cover a small community, country or several countries. Small projects in just one country are eligible, but should share how ideas are relevant or extend to other countries. Humanitarian ideas that highlight the need for peace education are strongly encouraged.

Geographical scope

This call for projects concerns all UN countries and especially WCCI supported regions.

Evaluation criteria

1. The SoP project answers a clearly articulated concept that is educational and focused on supporting or defining the meaning of world peace in Education curriculum.
2. Projects must include images, graphics, video or other media.
3. The project is financed independently and does not rely on the WCCI organization. We provide no funding.
4. Project designers retain the copyright to their work but agree that the project can be shared on the WCCI Wiki site and related Websites or publications.
5. The project is design and published in a high quality format that can reach a large number of beneficiaries
6. The overall message must be consistent with the WCCI M/T Vision and Resolution agenda.
7. The peace project concerns the most vulnerable people and shows how peace education develops their autonomy and ability to better communicate and exchange with their environment.
8. All projects must be original work and the authors must be owners of all materials submitted.
9. All project submissions will be reviewed taking this criterion into consideration.
10. Complete information for all authors: Names, position, affiliations and contact information must be provided (emails, Websites).

Calendar of the call for WCCI Sigs, Symbols of Peace projects

- Opening: March 1st, 2014
- Closing: June 30th, 2014
- Selection and Review committee: June 30th - July 30th, 2014
- Publication to WCCI M/T Wiki site (August 1-17, 2014)

You must [submit your project online via email](#)s listed on this site for: Dr. Joyce Pittman and Dr. Minnie Ladores.

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Sample Projects and Project Plan Template -
<http://wccisigit.wikispaces.com/Project+Page+Template>