



LIFE-LINK

Friendship-Schools Programme

Your school now has the chance to be included in the Mid-Term World Report 2005, on the “Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World Decade 2001-2010”

- ❖ UNESCO and also Fundación Cultura de Paz plan for a Mid-Term World Report 2005 on the Culture of Peace campaign. The Mid-Term report will be presented at the United Nations later this year.
- ❖ Life-Link will make a contribution to the Mid-Term Report 2005 by sending an extensive summary of the Life-Link performed activities 2000-2005.
- ❖ Individual Life-Link schools can also be included in the Mid-Term Report!

I. We now ask for a photo from your school - Motto:

“A Culture of Peace at our School”

One possibility is to run a friendly competition between interested classes at your school, each class producing its special photo. Then arrange a photo exhibition at your school on the motto:

A Culture of Peace at our School

Care for Myself – Care for Others – Care for Nature

Perform a voting procedure in order to select the “best” photo that will represent your school for the Mid-Term World Report 2005. (The photo exhibition can then be shown in your community and also be used in contacts with schools in other regions and countries!)

II. We also ask your school to produce a written report maximum 300 words, on the same motto / theme: “A Culture of Peace at our School”. Will you have time to organise an essay writing / "competition"? It will be most time-saving for Life-Link if you E-mail the report. But an ordinary letter/fax is welcome. (Report form on www.life-link.org will not allow 300 words!)

Important information: your comments on these 2 questions **MUST** be included in your report!
Have you seen progress toward a culture of peace in your school over the past few years?
What are the main obstacles to progress?

III. We need your school’s Photo + Report latest 23 April 2005 -

Sorry for urgency - The idea to give all Life-Link schools a chance to contribute directly to this Mid-Term report came up recently in discussions between Life-Link Sweden and David Adams at Fundación Cultura de Paz.

Size of photo if possible minimum 12 x 18 cm, maximum 18 x 24 cm. Any smaller photo will of course be accepted, as well as **photos sent by E-mail, preferably jpg format.**

IV, Your school’s Photo and Report, after been sent to Life-Link, will:

- ◆ Be part of the “Mid-term report from civil society to the United Nations General Assembly in Fall 2005”. (See attached document.)
- ◆ Be registered on your school’s Life-Link page.

Welcome! We wait for your school’s Photo + Report with great curiosity!

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A thrilling letter recently arrived to Life-Link Friendship-Schools office in Uppsala Sweden:

WORLD MID-TERM 2005 REPORT ON THE CULTURE OF PEACE

International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World, 2001-2010.

Your organization is invited to contribute to the midterm report from civil society to the United Nations General Assembly for the International Decade. Information received from you by April 2005 will be included in the report sent to the UN Secretary General in accordance with operative paragraph 10 of General Assembly Resolution A-58-11. It will then figure in the plenary session of the UN General Assembly devoted to the Culture of Peace in Fall, 2005.

This report provides a unique opportunity to assess the progress (or lack of progress) toward a culture of peace in the world today. The Fundación Cultura de Paz is proud to take part in preparation of the report. Your involvement will strengthen the global movement for a culture of peace.

The *Programme of Action*, adopted by the UN General Assembly as Resolution A/53/243 encourages and calls for the strengthening of "partnership between and among the various actors for a global movement for a culture of peace. A culture of peace could be promoted through sharing of information among actors on their initiatives in this regard."

After discussions with Mr David Adams at the Fundación Cultura de Paz, Life-Link Friendship-Schools Programme will send an extensive report summarizing the Life-Link activities 2000-2005. A further initiative is to invite each Life-Link school to send a Photo + a written Report (maximum 300 words) on the theme "Culture of Peace", that will also be included in the Mid-term report 2005.

More information

<http://decade-culture-of-peace.org>

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