



# PeaceJam<sup>UK</sup> CHANGE STARTS **HERE**

November 2011

**PeaceJam Annual Youth Conference Weekend 28-29 April 2012  
University of Bradford  
Hosted by Adolfo Pérez Esquivel**

Dear Teacher/ Youth Worker,

Welcome back to another exciting year with PeaceJam. We look forward to seeing you and your group again at our fantastic PeaceJam Youth Conference 28-29 April 2012. The conference will include youth from around the UK as well as groups from across Europe.

This year we are also launching an **exciting new curriculum** to help you and your group broaden and deepen the PeaceJam experience beyond the conference itself. Registration forms and details of the Laureate attending this year's PeaceJam conference will be sent out soon.

To help ensure all young people who attend the conference weekend are fully supported in PeaceJam programming before and after our conference, **every group attending the conference this year will need at least one adult advisor who has completed the PeaceJam Ambassadors Curriculum Training.**

### **About the PeaceJam Ambassadors Curriculum**

PeaceJam Ambassadors explores issues related to peace, violence, social justice and oppression. Youth study the lives and work of the Nobel Peace Laureate attending our conference this year and the strategies they use to address pressing global issues. Participating young people create and implement their own PeaceJam Global Call to Action projects, becoming creative leaders who are committed to solving the most difficult problems facing our world.

Each chapter of the curriculum contains specifically structured and sequenced activities to foster skill development, team building, and critical reflection:  
**Critical Thinking & Discussion Questions:** Each chapter provides young people with the opportunity to think, write, and talk about the concepts and issues they have explored in the chapter through journal writing, artistic expression, discussion, or sharing.

**Data & Source Documents:** Each chapter includes news sources, data on issues, published articles, speeches, and interviews to provide new information from diverse sources.

**Leadership Skill Builders:** Each chapter engages young people in a leadership building activity that relates to the life and work of the Nobel Peace Laureate.

Citizenship & Service: Service-learning is a central component to the PeaceJam curriculum and each chapter asks young people to apply their knowledge and skills to real issues in their local and/or global community by creating a Global Call to Action project.

Key Educational Concepts:

The PeaceJam Ambassadors Program explores concepts relating to history, political science, geography, social justice, human rights, citizenship, language arts and so much more. It enhances academic skills through historical analysis, research, formal report and letter writing, public speaking, analysis of source documents, group projects, reflection, service-learning, and other engaging activities.

Conflict Resolution:

PeaceJam Ambassadors is a conflict resolution curriculum that intentionally builds the skills and dispositions to allow young people to manage conflict situations that arise or exist in their interpersonal relationships and their communities. The Nobel Peace Laureates uphold that fundamental skills such as active listening, civil discourse, cross-cultural understanding, and nonviolent problem-solving are the cornerstones of conflict resolution.

### **Training Costs and How to Register for Online Curriculum Training**

We are offering **discounted online training** with full access to the new PeaceJam Ambassadors Curriculum. The online training will take 2-4 hours but it can be completed at your own pace in one session or over multiple days. Your details will be saved and you may return at any time to complete the training or even to review your completed session.

The discounted fee is £50 (the full fee direct from PeaceJam USA is \$150). We are also offering additional discounts for training for multiple people from the same school or organization, £80 for two people and £100 for three people. A small number of **scholarships** are also available for people or groups in need.

Please email Tony Myers with the School or Organisation Name, Teacher/Youth Leader Name(s), email address(es), and phone number(s) of all participants and send payment as below. Please let us know if you need to be invoiced prior to the payment.

Once the payment is received each participant will be sent the login details for the online training. Once the training is completed there will be an online, phone, or face-to-face meeting with a PeaceJam UK team member to help you tailor the curriculum to your own needs.

**Cheques** should be payable to 'University of Bradford/Peacejam' and sent to Tony Myers 50 Witcombe Close, Bristol BS15 4RY

### **Global Call to Action**

Peace Jam's Global Call to Action is an international movement of young people who have decided to work together to solve the most pressing issues of our time. Log onto [www.peacejam.org](http://www.peacejam.org) to find out about GCA projects world-wide, meet fellow Peace Jam Ambassadors and upload your GCA projects/ photos/videos. More details about PeaceJam UK's 2012 Global Call to Action Award will be sent out soon.

### **Alec Dickson Trust**

The Alec Dickson Trust provides grants of up to £500 to help young people of up to 30, or small groups of young people, run a volunteering project in their local area. The fund seeks to support projects that enhance the lives of others, particularly those most marginalised by society such as: • the homeless; • those with drug dependency problems; • people with disabilities. This trust is not associated with PeaceJam. The details are provided only as a possible resource for your Global Call to Action projects. For further information on how to apply contact [alecdicksontrust@gmail.com](mailto:alecdicksontrust@gmail.com) or call 020 7278 6601. For more information visit [www.alecdicksontrust.org.uk](http://www.alecdicksontrust.org.uk)

### **Conference Fees**

If you register before the deadline, there is a special 'early-bird' fee of £45 per young person. Registration after the deadline will be £60. As I'm sure you appreciate, there is an enormous amount of organisation for the conference, and in order to give you all the best possible experience, we need to have the numbers of attendees a month in advance, so **PLEASE REGISTER** before **FRIDAY 23 MARCH**.

This price includes ALL conference activities and materials (such as a lovely fair-trade T-shirt), all food and drinks (breakfast on both days, lunch on both days and a hot evening meal, plus snacks during the day) and the Saturday night social activity. It does not cover transport to and from the University of Bradford, nor overnight accommodation. We will send details of local bunk barns, youth hostels, scout camps and hotels on request.

### **About PeaceJam**

PeaceJam UK aims to inspire a new generation of peacemakers who will transform themselves, their local communities, and the world. PeaceJam is built on a pyramid of three simple ideas: Inspiration, Education, Action! It is the only education programme devised by and involving leading Nobel Peace Laureates who work personally with young people to pass on their spirit, skills and wisdom, tackling issues ranging from violence, racism and conflict to educate and inspire a new generation of peace-makers to take action in youth-led Global Call to Action (GCA) projects!

Please contact Tony Myers for further information about PeaceJam UK, the April Conference, the new Ambassadors Curriculum or any other questions you may have.

Tony Myers email: [tonypeacejamuk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tonypeacejamuk@hotmail.co.uk) or: 07772 018571.

We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you and your PeaceJam group to another wonderful conference at Bradford in March!

Kind Regards,

The PeaceJam UK team

Websites: [www.peacejam.org.uk](http://www.peacejam.org.uk) [www.peacejam.org](http://www.peacejam.org)