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IPBYN BCN Call for Contributions

Guidelines

Five years after the Berlin Congress “Disarm! For a Climate of Peace” (2016), the International Peace Bureau is proud to host the Second IPB World Peace Congress, “Stronger Together for Peace” in the Mediterranean city of Barcelona. Our goal is to bring together vast swaths of civil society – from peace and disarmament initiatives to trade unionists and human rights campaigners, from environmental activists to social movements – to generate a unified response to the anxiety of the current crises.

With a strong focus on the next generation of peace advocates, there will be a series of events at the Congress led by Youth organizations from around the globe. In case you would like to submit a proposal for a Youth initiative to be held as a pre-conference under the banner of the Barcelona Congress, during the actual event or within our virtual program at the Congress, please find our submission guidelines below. Topics include, but are not limited to: Climate Change, Racial Justice, Gender Equality and Diversity, Military Expenditure, the Rule of Law and Human Rights. We warmly invite you to join us in the creation of this vision and to work strongly together for its implementation.

Preliminary timeslots are*:

- Pre-Conferences – From now on through September
- Friday, 15/10, 11-16 CET
- Saturday, 16/10, 11-12.30, 15:00-17:15, and 17:30-19:30 CET
- Sunday, 17/10, 10:45-12.45 CET (conclusions)

*Exact times TBD

Exemplary activities and formats:

- Interactive workshops
- ‘Elephant-’ and open discussion-rounds
- Teambuilding and communication exercises
- Skills training
- Social events
- Roundtable conversations
- Small-group sessions or larger group activities
- Outdoor activities around the venue and the city of Barcelona
- Recreational sessions
- Music/arts performances

General guidelines:

Content

- The topics should align with the Congress' overarching themes and the key idea of inclusive peace
- All events must be open to all participants expressing genuine interest to join
- Possible themes include, but are not limited to:
 - Climate Change and the Environment
 - Rule of Law and Human Rights, Racial and Indigenous Justice
 - Gender Equality & Diversity
 - Military Expenditure and Disarmament, Corruption and the Arms Trade
 - Nuclear Weapons, WMD Abolition or -Free zones
 - Great Power Conflict and Common Security Conflict Transformation and Conflict Resolution
 - The Mediterranean Region – covering Europe, Asia, and Africa
 - International Solidarity Campaigns
 - Technological Development and Threats to Peace
 - Peace Education, nonviolent Resistance and Activists' Toolkits

Logistics

- The congress will take place at the CCCB (*Barcelona Centre for Contemporary Culture*), as well as at one or two nearby universities (*Universitat de Barcelona and Blanquerna - Universitat Ramon Llull*).
- We will be able to assist, to a certain degree, with facilitation, logistics and resources, please inform us about your (expected) needs with the submission of your proposal
- We are only able to support the travel expenses of a few individuals and will give priority to individuals and organizations that are from regions which would otherwise be underrepresented at the congress. Overall, travel costs, save for a few exceptions, must be covered by your organizations. However, we would be happy to support you in your funding applications. Please note within your proposal whether or not your ability to host an event is dependent on additional funding.
- Please note that the hybrid format of the congress aims to adjust for both the pandemic's fallout and the financial as well as geographic travel restrictions by hosting a number of online sessions as well as livestreaming parts of it. We strongly support you in case you would like to run online pre- events or parallel activities under the banner of the Congress, directly where your organization's members are based!

Creativity, ingenuity and inter-organizational collaboration are strongly encouraged and we are open to hearing your ideas! We are looking forward to receiving your **first proposals by the 15th of March!** Please **fill out the form** you can access [here](#). For more information and to view the preliminary program of the Congress, please visit ipb.org. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us under info@ipb-office.berlin.

Together, let's (Re-)Imagine Our World: Action for Peace & Justice!

The IPBYN Barcelona Team