

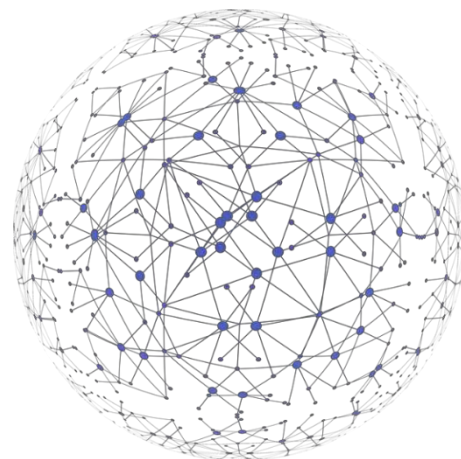


Living peace, living for peace. Building a culture of world peace.

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

During 2024, despite major challenges worldwide, Living Peace International's activities continued to spread and new realities, projects were even created:

- **People Involved:** About 3,650,000 people in 136 nations have been involved in or reached by our activities.
- **Collaborations:** We have worked with 80 international and national organizations.
- **Active Participation:** 2000 schools, associations, parishes and 757 Youth Ambassadors for Peace actively participated.
- **Virtual Events:** Approximately 660 meetings were held via videoconference With the contact persons of the various networks.
- **Field Missions:** The project coordinator carried out missions to 12 countries, meeting about 25,000 people. These missions were key to strengthening and monitoring the network, as well as presenting the project.
- **Network organization:**
 - 1 international coordinator at AMU
 - 1 coordination group with 6 members
 - 100 people including local volunteer coordinators and members of national and multigenerational coordination groups.



In addition, the project made materials and activities available to participants in 5 languages on website www.livingpeaceinternational.org News and updates were shared via the 10 Facebook pages, 2 YouTube channels (Living Peace International and United world Project), Instagram, TikTok, Viber, and more than 40 informal WhatsApp groups around the world.

MAIN ACTIVITIES 2024 - LOCAL

- **Workshop path in the Castles schools**

This year we continued to involve schools in the Castelli Romani (Grottaferrata and Frascati) for the third year in a row with pathways, in primary middle and high school, of active and global citizenship starting from the needs of the territory identified, as part of the 6X1 project and the peace dice. Students addressed and proposed solutions to local and global problems.

Once again this year, a new die was born to make the rounds around the world: the peace die for Christmas



Significant was the ecological activity done by the IC Falcone School in which children collected trash wearing gloves brought from home and donated origami made in class to shopkeepers. At Trajan Park, they all painted peace flags together gives then sent to the warring countries of our world network.

- **Show kindness for peace**

On the occasion of Grottaferrata being named Capital 2025 of Kindness. The initiative involved local schools, citizens and an international network, promoting kindness through art and poetry.

Prior to the event, a meeting was held with three classes from IC Falcone School, where children created poems about kindness and peace. These poems, along with 70 others from the international network, were collected and printed for the exhibition display.



The initiative was a great success, raising community awareness and celebrating the universal values of kindness and solidarity.

- **Strengthening the Castelli Romani teachers' network:**

Throughout the year, we continued to strengthen the teacher network of Castelli Romani schools through periodic and strategic meetings. meetings provided an important platform for exchanging ideas, experiences and best practices among teachers in the region.



MAIN ACTIVITIES 2024 - WORLD

- **Scientific Committee**

Established in 2023, it is composed of Living Peace members selected for their specific experience and knowledge in the project context, as well as their depth in professional and empirical research fields such as pedagogy, psychology, psychiatry, sociology and anthropology.

The group is made up of six members from Europe, Latin America and Africa aiming to best represent the different regions of the world and give voice to cultural diversity.

In 2024, **two doctorates** were realized based on the Living Peace experience from the sociological and Pedagogical by network members in Brazil and Portugal.

The committee has been working on the scientific structuring of the project, each in its own field and socio-cultural context of reference, and on planning the scientific day be held on April 24, 2025 in Porto.



- **Online trainings for young ambassadors and peace leaders**

Four online courses were held again this year in different languages (PT, SP, IT and EN) to train young people (16 to 30 years old), presenting the most important points in their engagement. At the end of the course, each person decides whether or not they want to run for Youth Ambassador for Peace (GAP). Always very important is the involvement of those who are already a GAP, from organizing to holding the meetings!

- **Portuguese with 30 participants**
- **English with 150 participants**
- **Spanish with 60 participants**
- **Italian with 138 participants**



- **Together for Humanity Congress (May 16-19)**



During the TOGETHER FOR HUMANITY Congress, AMU ETS experienced days full of excitement and fruitful exchanges, sharing Living Peace International's extraordinary peace experiences and activities to spread the message peace and cooperation.

One of the highlights was the appointment of young peace ambassadors from Italy, Sierra Leone, Argentina, Spain and Burundi.

International Coordinator Trips

Again this year there were several **trips**, opportunities for new sowings of culture of peace, strengthen network nodes through meetings and trainings and to bring hope! A few relevant aspects of each these trips, in which about **25 thousand people** were reached, especially young people and adults related to the educational world

Travel to ASIA: INDIA - NEPAL - MYANMAR

From January 28 to March 2, the Living Peace International coordinator embarked on an exciting journey through India, Nepal, and Myanmar. The culmination of this trip was the Peace World Summit in Kovalam, India, where we had the honor of receiving the **World Peace Award 2024**.

During this trip, we had the opportunity to present the Living Peace International project in schools, universities, seminaries, parishes, movements and organizations, meeting people who were very open to the project.

working in synergy for peace. Each meeting was a time of mutual exchange and enrichment, and we saw new ideas and collaborations emerge.

One of the most touching moments was seeing the children's eyes light up as we talked about peace. Their curious questions and sincere smiles reminded us of the importance of our work. We also had opportunity to meet members of various religious communities, prominent Buddhist and Hindu figures and organizations, building new synergies and bridges of fraternity



INDIA

MYANMAR



NEPAL



In total, we met about **14,047 people**, with about **350 new members** joining. But it also led to the creation of two new Peace Dice: **the Ecumenical Peace Dice and the Art Peace Dice**. These new tools were sent to the entire international network, which also received it with great appreciation.

Trip to LATIN AMERICA: MEXICO - BRASIL - PARAGUAY - URUGUAY

PARAGUAY

The second forum of Living Peace International was held in the National Parliament building, with the participation of personalities in the political, educational, artistic and sports circles. The first giant peace nut in Paraguay was inaugurated on that occasion.



URUGUAY

The National Coordinator visited schools and institutions of the Uruguayan network, carrying out a training moment for local coordinators. Especially moving was the visit to the network's second music conservatory with the birth of the peace nut for music.





BRAZIL: Gen Fest

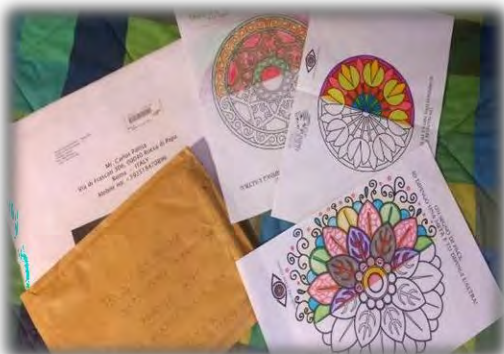
In the **FIRST** phase: a school in the city of **Rosario** welcomed a nice group of young people to **volunteer** in a **suburban neighborhood**, and in the city of **Aparecida** a large **Interfaith Dado** was **inaugurated**



In the **SECOND** phase three network experiences were included in the program, **inaugurated the Inter Religious Peace Nut**. Two workshops involved many young people!

In the **THIRD** phase: it started with a musical evening for peace: **Canto pela Paz**

A **Round Table**, **3 workshops** and the **inauguration of a large Ecological Peace Nut** in the **Fazenda da Esperanza**



MEXICO

From October 4 to 18, 2024, the trip to **Mexico** involved 980 people and saw intense and enriching moments together with the Living Peace network and members of the Focolare Movement. From October 7 to 11, we participated in the **Fourth World Peace Congress**, where local young ambassadors took part in a panel discussion entitled "Youth Voice for Peace," sharing their experiences and receiving support from participants. During the Congress, Living Peace received **recognition** for its global peace work.

At the Citadel "El Diamante," **Peace Day** was celebrated with presentations, workshops and artistic moments, culminating in the unveiling of a large Peace Nut and the appointment of three new Ambassadors for Peace.

At **St. Mary's School**, dubbed "an oasis of peace," the second grand Peace Nut was inaugurated, involving all staff and parents of students in educational activities and workshops on the culture of peace.



Parents created more than 20 models of Family Peace Dice, addressing the issue of family violence. Living Peace has proven to be an effective tool for reconciliation, both in families and educational institutions, addressing the reality of violence and promoting peace.

In Mexico City, an **interreligious meeting** with the Friends of the Focolare group creators of the Interfaith Peace Nut, with moments of deep dialogue and testimonies on the Charism Unity. meeting strengthened synergies and enhanced personal talents, contributing to a fraternal experience.

PORTUGAL

From April 5-12, 2024, the trip to **Portugal** saw the Living Peace Tejo network organize the "**Building Bridges Peace**" event. meeting officially presented Living Peace at the cultural, governmental, and educational levels, involving mayors, church movements, Scouts leaders, school principals, and partner organizations.



Many students and professors attended the event, which included four panel discussions with prominent figures such as young peace ambassadors, mayors, a cardiologist, a general from the United Nations Armed Forces, and leaders of ecumenical activities.

In the days following the conference, several network schools were visited in different cities, presenting the project globally and establishing a dialogue with teachers and pupils. Peace Ambassador graduation ceremonies were held two cities. These intense days of meetings and exchanges laid the foundation for the second half of the school year's program and a new training course for young peace ambassadors, further strengthening Living Peace's mission.



SWITZERLAND

From May 17-19, 2024, Carlos P. Participated as a speaker at the **FORUM FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE at United Nations Headquarters in Geneva**. Organized by AISA, Living Peace's NGO partner, the event celebrated the 7th International Day of Peaceful Coexistence with the theme "Peace at the Heart Education."



Carlos' talk, entitled "Living Peace International, un chemin d'éducation pour tous," was warmly received by participants from many countries and a large representation of students from Canton Geneva. He presented the innovative concept of the peace nut and its pedagogy, a fundamentally important tool for generating peace inside and outside of each person, with nature and the world.



The event led to the creation of new relationships with organizations, peace studies centers and the "Maison de la Paix" in Algeria, Spain and the Netherlands. Moments of personal dialogue with Khaled Bentounes strengthened the common commitment for peace education to be officially recognized by the United Nations as a pedagogical subject to be introduced all schools around the world.



Journey to ITALY: LOPPIANO - MILAN - TURIN (April 29 - May 5, 2024)

Extraordinary and engaging moments were experienced during this year. Both in large cities as well as smaller ones in northern Italy (Venna, Vedano Olona, San Donato Milanese, Lodi)

In **Loppiano**, May 1, with 900 young people gathered, the "Paint with Me" activity was presented and organized three consecutive workshops to paint mandalas for Genfest in Brazil. For the first time, Living Peace was officially presented at Sophia University Institute, promoting a shared path of peace education.

In **Milan**, the visit to the SON association was followed by a meeting with 35 network members from northern Italy. This time of sharing experiences and brainstorming led new strategies for strengthening the relationship between generations and promoting peace in the network.

In **Turin**, a workshop and interactive dialogue with 50 teenagers was held, culminating next morning with Run4Unity, an event that featured peace organizations and concluded with a solemn Time Out.



The trip involved 1,200 people in Loppiano and 200 in Turin, including youth and educators. We noticed increased motivation in developing activities that involved not only schools, but also the social and cultural spheres. The presence of the mayor of Vedona further emphasized the importance of these initiatives.



GERMANY



Carlos met with the network of local coordinators made in its majority of psychologists who are applying the psychology nut in their professional lives in various clinics in Berlin, with amazing results, but also teachers at various levels.

SLOVENIA

The international coordinator met with the local network and presented Living Peace experiences also within the focolare movement. Several visits were made to various schools here as well. program concluded with an open presentation to new schools and institutions LIVING PEACE IN POWERS.



All these trips made it possible to meet with about **25 thousand people**, opportunities to strengthen and monitor the network as well as to present the project to institutions, schools, associations; participate in interfaith festivals and peace events also organized by the different partner organizations; participate in ceremonies for the appointment of new peace ambassadors and inaugurations of large Nuts in squares and public places

LIVING PEACE IN PRISONS

Prisons in some countries of the world network have wanted to use the pedagogy of the die and participated in some of our activities. In the **Women's Prison in Lecce** they created **the Peace Nut for Prisoners**, giving them the opportunity to have a real experience of peace inside and outside themselves.



- **Online meeting with international coordinators (Sept. 28)**

Fifty-four coordinators from 40 different nationalities participated.

The meeting was important both to exchange experiences from around the world and to reiterate the importance of the role of coordinators and resume activities together with renewed energy.



EVENTS PROPOSED TO THE ENTIRE NETWORK

- **United World Week:** is now an important event for the Living Peace network. A week of initiatives has been proposed again this year.

- **Peace Got Talent 2024:** an exhibition of artistic talents from all over the world, linked by video conference. The event was organized in conjunction Youth for United World and was attended by more than **5,000 children** and youth from different parts of the world. The week concluded with the worldwide Run4Unity relay race, sponsored by the Youth for Unity Movement, in which schools and Living Peace groups from 5 continents participated.
- **Plogging** an action that combines physical activity ecology. Groups and schools walked around cleaning parks, streets, beaches.



- **Canto Pe La Paz:** a music festival, implemented with the Portuguese association of the same name, proposed this year during The GENFEST in Aparecida, Portugal, in July. Thirty-five hundred young people from different countries, religions and denominations participated: Muslims (Sunni and Shiite), Jews, Buddhists, Hindus, Bahai, Mormons, Evangelicals and Catholics.



Africa and Europe Same Horizon (AFRESH)

European AFRESH project aims to promote and knowledge between educators and young people from various European (Italy, Spain, Belgium and Portugal) and African (Burundi, Kenya, Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda and Côte d'Ivoire) countries, addressing global challenges such as migration flows, climate change, inequality and conflict.

In 2024, several meetings of two hours each were organized. Among them, three meetings involved 63 national and local coordinators and animators from Kenya, Côte d'Ivoire, Spain, and Belgium, with sessions in English, Spanish, French, and Italian.

Two meetings were attended by 146 youth members of the network from Kenya, Uganda, Portugal and Italy, facilitating training and exchange in English.

Finally, two other meetings brought together 60 young peace ambassadors from Kenya, Uganda, Portugal and Italy, with sessions in English and Portuguese.



These meetings provided an important opportunity to strengthen collaboration and develop new strategies to address global challenges, creating a network of youth and educators committed to promoting a more sustainable and inclusive future.

Strategic planning

A small group of 4 people was formed to implement the strategic lines and obtained the following results:

- Elaboration of a detailed and current picture of LP's organizational design, with all its realities;
- design of an international coordination proposal: 1 representative per geographic area who will also follow one of the Living Peace realities (Scientific Committee, Young Ambassadors, Coordinators, etc...). This is the result of several online meetings with LP network representatives from different countries to outline a new organizational design for decentralization and shared coordination at the international level.
- Composition of this first international coordination group: representatives from Latin America, Brazil, Africa and Europe.



Large Peace Dice

In 2024, **14 new large** Peace Dice were inaugurated, bringing to 103 the number of large Peace Dice placed in parks and public squares on 4 continents



Synergies with peace organizations from different cultures and religions.

are already 94 associations, foundations and organizations that are part of the worldwide network. Each year 40 of them are involved in creating activities that then propose themselves , involving more 3 million people.



Ist. Comprehensive Di Guardo Quasimodo of Catania First school in Italy named AMBASCIATE OF PEACE



Creation of the Peace Dice in the "Braille" (for the blind) writing system in 5 languages



Living Peace Guide 2024-2025

As every year, the guidebook in 5 European languages (+Arabic and Croatian) was compiled, gathering experiences, proposals, good practices to support educators and animators of the Living Peace network.

