

**"If we are to teach real peace in the world, we have to begin with children".
- Mahatma Gandhi**

Culture of Peace

Our Vision Statement

Working together to become agents in developing life-skills that nurture peace and harmony in schools and society.

Why peace initiative?

Schools are a microcosm of the larger society and are influenced by social systems, cultural values, religious beliefs, economic policies and political thoughts. Recognizing this, schools are increasingly moving towards a holistic approach to education, rather than confining it to a subject-centred and academic oriented learning.

Conflict and violence are emerging in an unprecedented manner in society, and unfortunately disharmony finds its way into schools. Therefore, the need to nurture the value of peaceful co-existence in children is essential.

Culture of Peace (COP)

We believe that educational institutions play a crucial role in shaping future generations. Through the COP program we empower teachers and students to be sensitive, to relate and to thrive in a heterogeneous environment. COP aims at developing life skills to enable participants to be team players, hone leadership qualities, inculcate higher social and human values and expanding behavioural skills.



- To facilitate the development of skills for effective communication, creativity and problem-solving.
- To enable teachers and students to work together as a team.
- To develop the students with relevant responses and skills for living in a multi-cultural society.
- To train teachers the use of effective discipline and classroom management strategies.

Working Strategies

- Workshops
- Peace Events
- Student exchange programs
- Peace Camps
- Creating and sharing resources

Modules and Activities

- *Role of a teacher:* self-awareness and envisioning the future.
- *Conflict Transformation:* understanding conflict, creative and peaceful responses to conflict and decision making processes.
- *Communication skills:* effective listening, summarizing, non-verbal & non-violent communication and strengthening interpersonal relationships.

Building bridges: understanding & dealing with identity, stereotypes, prejudices, judgementality, intolerance and differing perspectives.

Some schools/organisations we have worked with

1. Princess Essin's Girls High school, Hyd.
2. Wordsworth School, Hyd.
3. Springfield's School, Hyd.
4. Platinum Jubilee High School, Warangal.
5. Borgula Ramakrishna Girl's High School, Hyd.
6. Rewanchand Bhojwani Academy, Pune.
7. Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Public School, Hyd.
8. Little Star Matriculation, Adilabad.
9. Princess Dureshevar Girl's High School, Hyd.
10. Ahmedabad Community Foundation, Gujarat.
11. Confederation of Voluntary Association, Hyd.

Objectives

The objective of our COP program is to help participants understand and imbibe the concepts and skills of peace education.

- To create awareness and acceptance for differing perspectives and attitudes.

Feedback

"Things I found helpful in this workshop are, (1) realizing how important the role of a teacher is in peace-building, & (2) how to make everyone participate in the activities we take up."

- Vijayanagar school

"To share thoughts with others and working in a group. How easy it becomes to integrate peace and harmony with our lesson plan."

- Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan