



The Peace Alliance



STUDENT PEACE ALLIANCE

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

The Peace Alliance empowers civic engagement toward a culture of peace

The Peace Alliance is an alliance of organizers and advocates throughout the United States taking the work of peacebuilding from the margins of society into the centers of national discourse and policy priorities – working to make it the bedrock of our personal, national and global interest and investment.

A great need exists in our country and world for a comprehensive and coordinated approach to preventing and resolving violent conflict. From the growing rate of domestic incarceration to increasing problems of international conflict, the United States faces great challenges around the issue of violence in our homes, communities and world.

ADVOCACY

We advocate for evidence-based peacebuilding legislation and policies that will enhance our capacity to reduce violence through prevention and intervention – building sustainable peace both domestically and internationally. We are working to greatly increase peacebuilding infrastructure and investment. Our advocacy for a **U.S. Department of Peace**, The **Youth PROMISE Act**, and greater funding for U.S. Institute of Peace are a few examples of the policies we are championing.

EDUCATION: SPOTLIGHT PEACEBUILDING

The Peace Alliance works to make the practices and values of “peace,” in it’s many forms, a better understood, more tangible, personal, and accessible phenomenon. By shining a bright spotlight on the “Faces of Peace” out in the world we show the many facets and practices of peace. Through various formats, including traditional and new media, we are educating the public and our political leadership about what peace looks like and it’s importance to our nation and our planet bringing the field of peacebuilding into the national spotlight.

GALVANIZING A MOVEMENT

We are working to build a large-scale constituency 1,000,000 strong for peace. We support individuals and groups working for political change. To better serve the field, we also work with special focus to help strengthen and grow **coalitions and alliances** among like-minded groups and organizations.

Our youth-adult partnership with the **Student Peace Alliance** (www.StudentPeaceAlliance.org) has generated a multi-generational peace constituency with the capacity and drive to achieve our goals. Together, we continually strive to embody the principles of peace in our advocacy work with Congress, decision-making, organizational structures and personal interactions, recognizing these principles as fundamental to a sustainable model for change.

Our network aims to create change not only at one level of society, but at all levels by combining a community-based approach to building peace locally with a political advocacy approach to sustaining and funding peace through the government. Thus we organize state-by-state, district by district, and school by school to facilitate community-based change and grassroots lobbying. In conjunction with our Washington D.C. based staff, this network forms a powerful platform from which to shift the national discourse of our country and make peacebuilding a true policy priority. This will be a gift for generations to come.