

Global Peace Café

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Goals

- ◆ In *global peace café*, people who originate from different countries meet and discuss what peace is and how they can achieve peace in local communities, in regions and in the world.

Participants at global peace café are expected to:

- a) develop inter-disciplinary /-cultural knowledge about peace, exchanging ideas that they contribute;
- b) acquire communication skills to facilitate dialogue and discussion on varying subjects about peace;
- c) foster personal ability to think about peace.

Participants

- *Global peace café* is a public space where people join freely.
- Door is open. Everybody is welcome.
- Students and citizens, young and old people meet and discuss peace at global peace café.
- Guest speakers from different backgrounds and professions are invited to speak about specialized topics.

Coordination

- To invite guest speakers from different sectors
- To moderate discussion, combining different methodologies such as:

The art of questioning, socratic dialogue, philosophical consultation... (Philosophy café's method)

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Discussion based on presentations given by guest speakers... (Science café's method)

- ★ Why me? As a professor at Osaka University, I am involved in networks of university scholars as well as of students. Moreover, as a member of scientific associations, I can contact scientists, engineers and scholars in diverse fields of research and study. Plus, as a practitioner of philosophy (e.g. the art of questioning, philosophical counseling, socratic dialogue, etc.), I can facilitate discussion in a methodical way.

Stakeholders

- International students & academics (highschool, universities & associations)
- Politicians (local & governmental)
- Activists (student & civil society groups)
- Owners of coffee shops and cafés
- Citizens

Measurable expected outcomes

- Interesting, updated and new informations
- Diversified inter-disciplinary/-cultural perspectives
- Increasing number of participants from different fields and sectors
- Exciting and inspiring messages from participants
- Communication skills of facilitating discussion
- Friendships

Strength & Weakness

Strength

- Ease of joining

Weakness

- Potential for incoherency



Partners



- “Philosophy Night” held every 3rd Tue evening at Lovely School (www.lovely-school.com) in Toyonaka, Osaka
- NPO Peace Game (www.npo-peacegame.org)
- Article 9 Association Osaka University



- Peace Café Events (Bangkok & other cities in the world)

*Philosophy Night every 3rd
Tuesday from 8:15pm*



*No really think about it,.... we listen, we look, we accept, when we should hear, see and question, why is this now the case? Is it because to be smart is uncool or because we are being dumbed down???? Does this kind of conversation whet your intellect or just bore the pants off you, if its the former come on down and give it a try.
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Venue

- Lovely School (private English language school, Toyonaka Osaka)
- Osaka University International House (dormitory for international students & scholars, Toyonaka Osaka)
- Kitatenma Science Café (public space run by Japan Scientists' Association, Nakazaki-cho, Osaka)

Timeframe

- ★ Started off the inaugural meeting in the “Philosophy Night” at Lovely School on January 11, 2011.
- Will hold a meeting once a month.
- Will expand cafés into different areas based on experiences and outcomes of initial gatherings and discussions.

Next Steps

- Exchange trip between cafés in different cities
- Virtual *global peace café* on the Internet
- Exchanging letters and pictures between cafés in different areas
- Link *global peace café* events with Peace Media project (radio programme, news letters, etc.)