

## Human Rights: A Solvent for Hate Speech?

International Day of Peace Celebrated to urge youth toward promoting human rights rather than joining hate groups

WASHINGTON, DC, USA, August 23, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- <u>Human Rights</u>: Are they a Solvent for Hate Speech? International Day of Peace Celebrated

In response to the anniversary of the deadly Unite the Right demonstration in Charlottesville and the moving of that event to Washington, D.C. – many community groups have searched for activities to counter hate speech. Announcing a campaign to promote human rights instead of hate, Youth for Human Rights was inspired to hold a Human Rights exhibit on September 21st in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights – created in 1948 by the <u>United Nations</u>. More events throughout the coming year will be done to counter hate with human rights education and peaceful responses.

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movement for peace," Erica Rodgers, Director of Youth for Human Rights National Office, Washington, DC, commented.

The UN Declaration is the basis for the Youth for Human Rights educational campaign featuring

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Engaging the community in knowing, defending, and promoting their rights and encouraging youth to respect the rights of others – to counter any hate groups or hate speech they might be exposed to – the event will feature a human rights education exhibit. An entire floor of the Church of Scientology will cover feature panels, displays, artwork, and videos promoting and educating on various

aspects of human rights.

The highlight of the event will be "<u>Peace Lights</u>" - an artistic rainbow of selected multi-color lights projected on walls, which was originally shown at the International Youth for Human Rights Summit at the United Nations in New York. These will be displayed on the exterior of the Church

of Scientology's building at the corner of 16th and P St NW Washington, DC, for Peace Day on September 21st, 2018. The lights will simultaneously be shown at of the UN in NY, Melbourne Australia, and other sites across the World.

Other human rights organizations will display their materials at the event which will include interactive stations where people can participate and learn about human rights. Human rights related art displays will also be featured.

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Human Rights materials available



Youth from around the world at the Youth Summit at the UN

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