

World March for Peace & Nonviolence

At a Glance



What: The World March for Peace and Nonviolence is the united effort of more than one million people in 7 continents who yearn for peace and are calling out for the end of war and nuclear arms and the elimination of violence of all kinds.

The march aims to generate consciousness of the dangerous global situation in which we are living, a situation marked by the heightened probability of nuclear conflict, a renewed arms race, and the violent military occupation of foreign territories.

Overview: For the first time ever, an **International team of marchers** will cross the planet from New Zealand to Argentina. At the same time there will be initiatives taking place in more than 100 countries linking everything together. Thousands of events including marches, festivals, exhibits, concerts, forums, conferences, and social, cultural, educational, and athletic events will take place to raise awareness of the urgent need for peace and nonviolence.

When: Begins October 2, 2009 – the International Day of Nonviolence – and ends January 2, 2010

Where: Starting in Wellington, New Zealand and ending in Punta de Vacas at the foot of the Andes Mountains in Argentina.

Continents: 7

Countries participating: 100+

Distance travelled: 99,419 miles (160,000 kilometers)

Participants in the tour: 1 million

Proposals of the World March:

- nuclear disarmament at a global level;
- the immediate withdrawal of invading troops from occupied territories;
- the progressive and proportional reduction of conventional weapons;
- the signing of non-aggression treaties between countries;
- the renunciation by governments of the use of war as a means to resolve conflicts.



Humanist Movement

- To create a new global consciousness – as has already happened with environmental issues – that recognizes the urgent need to condemn of all forms of violence and bring about real Peace.

Origins: The World March is a proposal for an unprecedented social mobilization, advanced by the Humanist Movement through one of its affiliated organizations, “World Without Wars”.

Who is Participating?

The World March has received the endorsement of thousands of people, pacifist and nonviolence groups, a variety of institutions, and renowned figures from the worlds of science, culture, and politics, who are sensitive to the urgency of the moment. It has also inspired an enormous diversity of initiatives in more than 100 countries, becoming a rapidly growing human phenomenon. Some of endorsers include: Yoko Ono, Jimmy Carter, President Michelle Bachelet, Zubin Mehta, Viggo Mortensen, Abolition 2000, Mayors for Peace. For an extensive list see theworldmarch.org/

What is happening in the US/NYC:

The World Marchers will pass through the US Nov 30 - Dec 3, 2009. We are encouraging the development of local, state, and regional marches and it is our goal to have activities connected to the march in each of the 50 states during its 3-month duration.

In New York, we are promoting the development of hundreds of local initiatives by community groups and associations, elementary schools, high schools and universities, churches, mosques and temples, non-profit peace, immigration, youth, and social services organizations, and at the city government level. These initiatives will be multiple in forms but singular in purpose: to give a voice to the majority of world citizens who want peace and an end to violence as a means of social interaction.

We call for all those who agree to join us in organizing, educating and planning for the World March.

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