



**VARBERG
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for Peace**

PROGRAM

**INTERNATIONAL
PEACE FORUM
VARBERG**

23-25 of October 2015



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The Municipality of Varberg invites you to an international peace forum. The forum is part of the year of peace called VARBERG CALLING for Peace. A series of events for peace and sustainability take place in Varberg in 2015 and is a tribute to the responsibility that was taken in the city 100 years ago. 200 organizations gathered in the city in 1915 for the General Peace Congress in Varberg, at the height of World War I. Ten resolutions for world peace were formulated and sent to world leaders. With the International Peace Forum Varberg we will create a new forum for peace and sustainability, which we hope will recur after this year.

ORGANIZER	VARBERG CALLING for Peace - The municipality of Varberg
LOCATION	Campus Varberg
TIME	October 23-25 day time
AUDIENCE	General public in Varberg, Students from Campus Varberg and from Global Studies at the University of Gothenburg, members of the Adult Educational Associations, students from secondary schools in Varberg and others.



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The program is meant to inspire the audience and participants to continue to work with commitment to these issues and to help start a new forum for peace and sustainability. The program has been put together in collaboration with the Swedish Peace and Arbitration Society, United Nations Association of Sweden, Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, the Swedish Church in interfaith dialogue, Adult Education Associations amongst others.

The organizers mentioned above, cooperate with each other, as well as with other organizations within the program.

Elements of art and culture will be featured during these days.

More information about **VARBERG CALLING for peace:**

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

SWEDISH PEACE AND ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION

1. Diplomatic solutions for sustainable peace

On political and diplomatic tools, that through dialogue and negotiation create sustainable peace solutions.

2. Preventing Armed Conflicts

How can you make use of disagreements and with dialogue prevent them from escalating into armed conflict?

3. Once it has gone too far? Is it really possible to come to terms with Putin? Conflicts in our neighbouring countries: Ukraine

4. Swedish arms industry - exports to dictatorships

5. Sustainable peace process in Burma/Myanmar

How are the peace negotiations proceeding in Burma/Myanmar? Will ceasefire agreements lead to a real peace process and eventually a sustainable peace agreement? What role can the civil society play? What will the national elections in 2015 mean for peace and democracy in Burma/Myanmar?

6. Peace and Democracy in Afghanistan

What happened after the crucial year of 2014? How are the peace negotiations going with the Talibans? What are the prospects of peace and democracy in Afghanistan?

The program is divided into two tracks to choose from. There will be time for groups to meet and discuss. At the end of the day there will be a debate with several of the participants.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF SWEDEN

1. UN, Sweden and Mali

The situation in Mali is referred to by many as one of the most serious and intractable conflicts in the world today where civilians are very exposed. Several international actors are present, including the UN mission Minusma in which Sweden participates. But what do Sweden and the UN actually do in Mali? How do you create peace and security in Mali? What can Sweden and the world do to contribute?

2. Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

The DRC is one of the places in the world where women and children are most exposed to systematic and strategic violence, forced displacement and abuse. How do we protect the people of the DRC and how can we create peace? What is the other side of the intervention of the Western world? What place has the NGOs?

3. Syria and the Islamic State – the UN toolbox

The systematic abuses of the Islamic state against the civilian population in Syria and the Middle East have put fear into millions of people worldwide. Meanwhile, the Assad regime continues to commit crimes under international law against its population and bomb civilians. What international standards, laws and institutions are there to stop them and bring them to justice? Is this a case for the International Criminal Court? What does the UN toolbox for peace look like?

THE UN - 70 YEARS

In cooperation with the United Nations Association of Varberg

A festive ceremony to celebrate that the UN turns 70 on this day. Hans Rosling talks about the global developments during the UN's 70 year of operation.

The representative of the Swedish UN holds a speech and the youth representatives give their point of view on their hope for the future of the UN.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE & FREEDOM

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, WILPF, celebrates 100 years. The focus of the day will be on women as main actors and the efforts to empower women in the work for peace; the impact of the civil society in preventing conflicts, in resolving conflicts and in reconstruction. We intend to highlight examples from both local, national and international levels.

Theme day: Women's Power to Stop War

1. Introduction

WILPF welcomes everyone and talks about the conference in The Hague, in 1915, and presents the manifesto that was endorsed at the WILPF's conference in The Hague in April 2015. Tina Wilhelmsen plays the song she composed for WILPF's 100th anniversary.

2. TED talks marathon

Four persons receive 8-10 minutes to talk about a topic of their choice.

3. Spoken word

4. Talks

Talks between prominent women in the peace movement. What are the problems today? How do we get organized? Where is the power? Operating within or outside the system?

5. Documentary

Viewing of the documentary Pray the Devil Back to Hell on the women's peace movement in Liberia.



6. Speech

Key figure with a subsequent conversation between her and two of the other participants.

7. Spoken word

8. Talks

Militarism, masculinity and power.

9. Conclusion

Short summary, thank you for attending. Entertainment and mingle.

The program is under development. Interactive work is planned for example in the form of workshops on nonviolence.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 CONT.

THE SWEDISH CHURCH

Interreligious dialogue - a way forward for peace

Representatives from different religions gather to talk about faith and views on life.

Participants

Leaders from churches and religious communities.

Representatives from youth associations.

Activists working for solutions containing dialogue and consensus.

Svenska kyrkan 

ADULT EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS IN COLLABORATION

Sensus and Bilda invite priest and writer, Sofia Camnerin, to speak about reconciliation based on her book “Försoning behövs” - “Reconciliation is needed”.

OTHER ADULT EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS WILL INTERACT WITH THE REST OF THE PROGRAM





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