



**8<sup>th</sup> International Youth Peace Festival (IYPF-2013)**  
 "Promoting Volunteering to Break the Barriers & Bridge the Gaps"  
 September 27 to October 2, 2013

*Inviting Young Change Makers...*

## VISION

We envision a world where all people are equally respected, fully protected and universally realized. Included in this vision is a world where all young people – regardless of nationality, ethnicity, religion, class, gender or other differences – are encouraged and empowered to non-violently claim their own rights and serve as advocates for the rights of others.

## MISSION

We believe there are capable young leaders in every global community, who can become catalyst or 'Agents of Change'. Bringing those leaders together to inspire change is the mission of the International Youth Peace Fest.

## Yuvsatta (an NGO)-Main organizer

Yuvsatta (*Youth power*)-an NGO is working in a variety of areas to steer the young people towards implementing Gandhian ideals of *Constructive Programme* based on voluntary effort and individual & community action.

Yuvsatta's work to promote the spirit of volunteering amongst the generation next, to bridge the barriers of race, colour, religion, nationalities plus fill the gender and economic divides by empowering the young people is more timely than ever. Each day the headlines demonstrate the human cost of this divide. Each day the hatred and distrust grow.

To create a more just world by empowering young change makers from around the globe, Yuvsatta organizes an annual International Youth Peace Fest (IYPF), in which a combination of cross cultural learning workshops, volunteer service and youth activism is aligned with grassroots NGOs, policy makers, and other stakeholders.

## THE PLANS

During IYPF not only the dancing souls found their rhythmic feat & open arms, it also opens up all locks of inhibition and consequently the sluice gates of the mutual understanding, respect and discovery get opened: flooding away the dogmas and suspicion. Beyond the borders connectivity is also generated by the spade cultural exposes, events, face to face interactions and intermingling by the participants within and without, specially with rural and urban populace. Wherein the locals open up their hearts and doors of hospitality and thereby allowed closer peep-in, which generates an almost utopian spectacle of universal bonding.

In IYPF 2013, around 700 young people from 50 countries, almost all continents of the world and different states of India are expected to participate. It'll provide them a platform for increased cross-fertilization of ideas. So that they become true global citizens in thinking and action and Volunteer to co-create a future equal to their vast potential.

And we in the Yuvsatta firmly believe that continuity of organizing IYPF will prove infectious and it is definite to spurt similar sprouting elsewhere in India & Globally too.



## OUR INSPIRATION

IYPF is organized in sacred memory of Late Didi Nirmala Deshpande, a former Member Parliament, Government of India and senior Gandhian Peace Activist whose relentless struggles for peace among people of this region was witnessed by a whole generation in Asia, particularly in Pakistan and India. Her commitment to all sections of the society for national integration and communal harmony remained paramount throughout her life. In reality she was a crusader and a great peace icon who believed in building stronger and durable relations among Asian countries.

## SUSTAINABILITY

The idea is fully sustainable in a sense that participants arrange for their own travel expenses. Local School, College, Government Guest houses offer their accommodation at subsidized rates. Plus many educational institutions, Government organizations, NGO's, corporate bodies, senior social & peace activists they all contribute towards its organization.

## OBJECTIVES

### Major Objectives

- To promote **peace, equality and living in harmony with nature.**
- To provide challenging intercultural learning experiences for young people.
- To promote their social and personal development through participation in various multi-cultural, academic, sports & service initiatives.
- Explore ways of understanding peace and conflict.
- **Connect** youth-based social change efforts across issues, geography, and all lines of difference, unleashing the collaborative power and collective action of today's younger generations.
- To encourage dialogue amongst young leaders, and strive to create the next generation of nonviolent peacemakers. As the mission of Peace Festival is to ignite a generation-wide movement of young people helping to bring forth a thriving, just, sustainable world.

### Secondary Objectives

- IYPF 2013 will provide a platform for increased exchange of ideas through greater interaction amongst the participating youth.
- At least 50 per cent of the participants go back with a project idea that they would implement in their community.
- To promote increased sharing of ideas and learn from each other's local initiatives, at least ten international youth exchange programs will be organized before IYPF 2015.
- As the Peace Clubs in Chandigarh and adjoining towns of Panchkula and Mohali, similar Peace Clubs will be formed in at least 5 different countries by the participants of IYPF.
- IYPF 2013 will train fifty young people as 'Youth Peace Volunteers' who can further train more and more young people in different countries to carry forward the spirit of volunteering, nonviolence, equity and justice.

## MAJOR ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED DURING IYPF 2013

1. Volunteering - a medicine or a way of life?
2. Focus on the Girl Child -towards a Different World
3. Green Citizens - exploring a New Joy of Living
4. Peace Dialogue and Youth Aspiration.



## VENUE

It's very difficult to imagine any major city in India more ideal than peace-city Chandigarh, a model of outstanding modern urban planning. Chandigarh's beautiful gardens, bicycle paths, architecture, vast network of educational institutions and culture all contribute to a quality of life that is unbeatable anywhere else. Come and see Chandigarh - a Utopia!

For more details about the city; <http://chandigarh.nic.in/>

## METHODOLOGY

IYPF is an amalgam of a week of inspirational peace-talks, creative workshops, cooperative-games, action based activities, volunteer action, building cross-cultural relationships, cultural festivities and neighbourhood walks.

Beyond friendships, IYPF is also breeding grounds for inspiring new ideas. Brainstorming new ideas was not limited to discussion forums. Young people also channel their creativity into posters, pot painting, comics and collages to fully emphasize the issues. As these artistic outlet makes a bold statement.

## IMPACT

1. IYPF is a catalyst for young people to get involved in their community and make a difference. Such efforts energize those who are already engaged in good causes, helping people recognize they are not alone in their endeavor. The IYPF brings everyone together and promotes new bonds beyond boundaries of race, religion and nationalities.
2. In the past seven years IYPF have created a network of hundreds of motivated youth across the globe. From issues of environment to violence, these youth have been advocating for equal human rights and sustainability in various manners.
3. In addition, mobilizing the host city Chandigarh's own local youth organizations is an important focus of the event. There are over 10,000 youth in local schools associated with Yuvsatta through their Peace Clubs and annual International Youth Peace Fest (IYPF).
4. Now seven years of intervention of an annual IYPF has started regular youth exchange program between young people of India with ten other countries of Pakistan, Nepal, Sri-Lanka, Bangladesh, China, USA, Mauritius, Myanmar, UAE, UK & Bhutan.
5. IYPF provides young people a platform for increased exchange of ideas, so that they become true global citizens in thinking and action and volunteer to co-create a future equal to their vast potential.
6. IYPF further energize the local Peace Clubs in Schools & Colleges of Chandigarh, not only to take active part in the initiative but also to share ideas, network and start campaigns for common good of all.

## PARTICIPATION FEES:

SAARC Country delegates—INR 1000, other countries \$US 50



## MAJOR COMMITTED PARTNERS FOR IYPF 2013

### ORGANIZERS

YUVSATTA (An NGO)

### CO-ORGANIZERS

GGD SD College, Chandigarh

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### Link to IYPF-2011 video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CA1SjrQjoXA>

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***"When the power of love overcomes the love of power there will be  
'Peace in the World.'" - Anonymous***