



Seeds of Peace is pleased to announce the New Visions for Peace Fellowship, designed to support creative educators and artists who have an educational mission as part of their work. Fellowships will be awarded to support and amplify exceptional work that demonstrates the greatest potential to contribute to a more just, more peaceful future in communities affected by conflict. The Fellowship will provide a modest stipend, technical support, and skills training for a cohort of educators and artists who are poised to make a positive difference in the Middle East, South Asia, and the United States.

THE PROGRAM

Seeds of Peace will convene approximately 16 educators and artists of proven accomplishment and/or unusual promise who are putting forward fresh and practical ideas that contribute to advancing positive change in their communities. The Fellowship will:

- Strengthen and expand a dense and deeply connected network of educators, artists, and grassroots community leaders who are actively building a more humane and just future for their own communities.
- Seed or accelerate projects that use education and the arts to encourage creativity, critical thinking, cross-cultural understanding, civic engagement, leadership, and conflict transformation.
- Identify, collect and disseminate best practices at the intersection of education, the arts, and conflict transformation.
- Showcase tangible educational and artistic initiatives that foster a culture of peace.

The Fellowship will begin on June 1, 2015; we aim to host our first class of New Visions for Peace Fellows in Cyprus from June 28 to July 3, 2015. Follow-up activities will take place in person and online over the course of a year, through May 31, 2016.

FELLOWSHIP CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY

This Fellowship is open to Afghan, American, Egyptian, Jordanian, Indian, Israeli, Pakistani, or Palestinian citizens, or to individuals who live and work in these countries. The ideal Fellow will possess the following attributes:

- Demonstrated excellence as a formal or informal educator, musician, visual or dramatic artist, writer, or other artist.
- A specific project or idea that creatively and effectively addresses issues of cross-cultural understanding, youth empowerment, civic awareness and engagement, and the building of a more humane, just, and peaceful future.

- Special attention will be given to educators who integrate the arts into their work, or artists who seek to educate, with a focus on the learning and teaching of “narratives,” identity, and how visions of the past shape the future.

BENEFITS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

- Participation in the Cyprus convening.
- Mentoring and support via Seeds of Peace’s extensive network.
- Modest grant award.
- Eligibility for future Seeds of Peace programs and awards.
- Platforms to showcase and disseminate work.

Application Deadline: April 10, 2015

Fellows Announced: April 30, 2015

Fellowship Start Date: June 1, 2015

Fellowship Closing Date: May 31, 2016

If interested, apply at www.seedspeace.org/fellowship

Participants will be expected to submit a progress report on their project by September 1, 2015. A final report, along with the project or sample of the project, is due by May 31, 2016. Fellows are asked to make their work available online and to participate in educational showcases throughout the year in order to garner attention and support for their work.

Selection will take place through a nomination and application process overseen by a team of Seeds of Peace staff, alumni, and outside advisors. For more information, please contact Daniel Noah Moses, Director of Seeds of Peace Educator Programs, at daniel@seedspeace.org.

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