

Youth and Students for Peace Workshop Details

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Youth and Students for Peace (YSP) is a non-profit organization focusing on creating sustainable peace through youth and students and supporting the United Nation's 2030 17 Sustainable Development Goals through 3 areas: Character Education, Service Work and Intercultural Activities. With character education we teach about the 4 kinds of love we learn in the family that leads to developing ourselves as healthy individuals and families for a healthy society. With service projects and the peace designer program we teach how to create and lead community "peace projects" and practice "living for the sake of others". With intercultural activities we plan to hold festivals and events young people from all religions and nationalities can attend and participate in together through service, sports, music and art in order to promote sustainable peace.

What YSP has to offer that is perhaps unique from other youth organizations is the concept of "Hyojeong Culture". Hyojeong is a Korean word translated as "filial heart" or "heart of filial piety". Filial piety is a virtue taught in Confucianism and is the love and devotion a child shows their parent. Hyojeong has a more deep and heartistic meaning where the child's love is not based off a feeling of duty, but an overflowing love and desire to make their parents genuinely happy. YSP teaches that practicing and understanding a filial heart is the foundation and motivation needed for creating peace in our families, and when relating to God as our Heavenly Parent with a heart of filial piety then we can see all of humanity as our family and create sustainable peace in the world. This concept of filial piety is not as well known in western cultures, but has the potential to create a positive impact in the culture of young people in today's society.

YSP will be holding a 2-day workshop for youth leaders and educators ages 18-40 in NYC on June 9 and June 10. The goal is to be able to educate young adults who are youth pastors, camp leaders and staff, and youth workshop educators the YSP curriculum so they can teach and lead its 3 main areas of activities in their local communities. The education is directed towards a broad audience and can be adjusted and used for youth groups of different cultural and religious backgrounds.

Title: Peace Designer: YSP Trainer Workshop

Venue: Wyndham New Yorker Hotel, 481 8th Ave, New York, NY 10001, 12 Floor

When: Saturday June 9 from 9am-5pm and Sunday June 10 from 9am-2pm

Workshop Cost: \$50 for those coming from NY, NJ, CT, and PA. For those traveling from outside of these areas the workshop cost will be waived.

Other details: Lunch and refreshments will be provided for the 2 days of the workshop. Participants are responsible for their own breakfasts and dinners. Those attending from NY, NJ, CT, and PA will need to commute back and forth to the venue or secure their own lodging. Those traveling from outside these states should notify us if they need accommodations.

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