

## SGI Peace News

Newsletter introducing Soka Gakkai International (SGI)'s activities to promote a culture of peace

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*This bimonthly SGI Peace News provides recent updates on SGI's public educational activities to raise people's awareness on issues such as nuclear disarmament, human rights, sustainable development, interfaith cooperation and humanitarian assistance.*

### SGI Cosponsors Workshop on Education for Global Citizenship in the Post-2015 Development Agenda at UN

New York, US, Aug 27, 2014

Various representatives from civil society and UN agencies attended the workshop on education for global citizenship (EGC). After a panel presentation, nearly 200 participants took part in small group discussions. Some key values of EGC were brought up such as the ability to perceive reality from another's perspective, recognition of the differences between cultures, and recognition that we all belong to one human family who share the earth's resources...[more](#)



(See also: <http://www.ipsnews.net/2014/08/sdgs-make-room-for-education-for-global-citizenship/> )

\*For more information on EGC, please see SGI's collaborative website with Inter Press Service (IPS):

<http://www.educationforglobalcitizenship.net/>

## Human Rights Education

### SGI Supports Promoting Human Rights Education at UN Human Rights Council

Geneva, Switzerland, Sept 10 & 16, 2014

SGI, together with other NGOs, participated in and supported two public side events promoting human rights education: the launch of a new web resource tool "The Right to Human Rights Education" and a workshop for media professionals and journalists. Emphasis was made on raising awareness of human rights education among the media and ways to engage media in promoting it...[more](#)



## Peace and Disarmament

### SGI Youth Meet in Hiroshima, Issue Peace Declaration

Hiroshima, Japan, Sept 7, 2014

SGI youth from 15 countries discussed ways forward in the challenge to abolish nuclear weapons and adopted a [peace declaration](#) which included three main pledges: (1) not to tolerate the development, testing, production, stockpiling, transfer, use or threat of use of nuclear weapons; (2) to work towards the convening of a World Youth Summit for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons in Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the earliest opportunity; and (3) to confront the mindset that justifies nuclear weapons and the sense of powerlessness that hinders progress towards [more](#)



### Anti-Nuclear Weapons Exhibit held at University of Wisconsin

Wisconsin, US, Sept 24-Oct 3 2014

As of September 24th, over 500 individuals have viewed the exhibit, "From a Culture of Violence to a Culture of Peace: Transforming the Human Spirit" in Swenson Hall at UW-Superior. The exhibition explores the root causes of violence and the importance of individual



actions that can foster a culture of peace on a personal, local and global level...[more](#)

## **Humanitarian Activities**

### Role of Faith-Based Communities in Crisis Response

Manila, the Philippines, Aug 5, 2014

SGI-Philippines participated in the workshop with other faith groups representing the Muslim, Catholic and Buddhist communities as well as those from the public and academic sectors. The discussion focused on the vital role of faith-based-organizations in responding to natural disasters and strengthening communication for efficient management...[more](#)



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