



# Peace & Justice 2015

## My Peace, Your Peace

In 2015, the United Nations and the International Court of Justice will both celebrate their 70th anniversary. In today's increasingly interdependent world, global governance is more important than ever. Regional conflicts have the potential to affect economies and societies on the other side of the globe. Peace and justice are paramount if we are to create a world that is a better place to live for us all.

After a highly successful project in 2014, the Hague project Peace and Justice – an initiative of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the city of The Hague – and Cartoon Movement are teaming up again to create a global debate about peace & justice that will involve editorial cartoonists and students from around the world.

For 2015, we have chosen the theme **my peace, your peace** to reflect how we all depend on each other to create a sustainable peace. We have to understand each other's perspective to build peace. Within this broad theme the project will focus on women and peace, peace and security and peaceful resolution of conflicts.



## How does it work?

We're asking the Netherlands missions abroad to take part in this project. The only thing your ambassador will have to do is give one or more guest lectures on peace and justice. If possible, we encourage ambassadors to give a guest lecture at a school or university in the Netherlands as well. In return, the project will result in a cartoon exhibition that will be freely available to participating embassies.

- The project will team you up with a professional editorial cartoonist. Your lecture will explain the importance of peace and justice. The cartoonist will explain how cartoons and a free media in general contribute to the free exchange of ideas, a prerequisite for peace and justice and will give a locale perspective on the issue. In countries where political cartoons are sensitive, we will use photographers, artists or scientists.
- After the lecture, students will get involved themselves. In a workshop, we ask what their perspective is and encourage them to visually express this perspective by coming up with ideas for cartoons and sketching or tweeting these.
- The sketches and Tweetlines are uploaded to the online newsroom of Cartoon Movement, a community of over 300 professional cartoonists from more than 80 countries. These cartoonists will take inspiration from the students' ideas and translate them into 'real' editorial cartoons. The newsroom also offers students the opportunity to engage with the cartoonists, and with students from other countries that are taking part in this project.

On September 21, 2015, the International Day of Peace, the best cartoons from the project, and the ideas they were based on, will be on display at the Peace Palace in The Hague around the international HagueTalks event. This exhibition will also be made available to participating embassies.

In addition to the project exhibition, all the cartoons and related materials from this project will be made available to participating embassies to be used in related exhibitions, on websites and in books or other print materials. The 2014 project resulted in over 250 cartoons based on almost as many ideas from students.

The project launches in January 2015. In 2014, close to 30 embassies participated. For this year, we hope even more will take part.

To join the project, or to receive more information, please email project coordinator Ingrid de Beer at [ingrid-de.beer@minbuza.nl](mailto:ingrid-de.beer@minbuza.nl) or [ingrid.debeer@den Haag.nl](mailto:ingrid.debeer@den Haag.nl)

Visit this link for an overview of last year's project: [www.cartoonmovement.com/project/28](http://www.cartoonmovement.com/project/28)

**Hague project Peace and Justice** is an initiative of the Netherlands ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Municipality of The Hague and the Hague Academic Coalition. This foundation includes a network of 160 Hague-based international organizations and knowledge institutions that work towards a peaceful, just and secure world.

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