

Press release
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United World Week **#InTimeForPeace**

This year's version of United World Week, which is promoted by Focolare Youth, will be online and its mark will be peace: disarmament, peace in the Middle East, petition against the embargo in Syria, planetary solidarity during the Covid-19c, stories about legality and justice from Asia to Africa.

The two main events will take place on Saturday May 2 and Sunday May3

1 - 7 May 2020 in more than 100 countries
Worldwide online meeting on May 2 at 12.00 (UTC +2)
Website www.unitedworldproject.org

United World Week 2020 will be held online. This global workshop and expo is promoted by Focolare Youth who want to demonstrate experiences, activities and initiatives that contribute towards fraternity, unity and peace among individuals and peoples in very part of the world, even during Covid-19.

The central theme will be *"In Time for peace"*. The two main worldwide events and many other local ones will provide space for a marathon of ideas and testimonies from one side of the globe to the other to relate humanity's journey towards universal brotherhood, even at the time of Covid-19.

Thus, through the message promoted by United World Week, the Focolare Youth want to symbolically join **Pope Francis** in his constant appeal to humanity for peace and care for the most vulnerable and also **António Guterres, the Secretary General of the United Nations** in his appeal for a global ceasefire: "It is time to put armed conflict on lockdown and focus together on the true fight for our lives (...) End the sickness of war and fight the disease that is ravaging the world. It starts by stopping the fighting everywhere. Now. Our human family needs it now more than ever".

One can follow the multimedia marathon "In Time For Peace" **on the website www.unitedworldproject.org**. This website is promoting United World week, and it also provides information about the programme of local events and the necessary links to follow activities held at different times during the whole week in various countries such as Italy, USA, Australia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, just to mention a few. United World Week [events](#) may also be followed on the social media of [United World Project](#).

Main Events

Saturday May 2, at 12.00 (UTC +2), live streaming "**#InTimeForPeace Web Event**": Various cities all over the world will be connected and experiences, activities, debates and artistic performances will be shared.

Sunday May 3, from 11:00 to 12:00 the virtual [Run4unity](#) will be held in each time zone. This sports relay race will embrace the whole world through games, challenges, experiences and commitments and spread a symbolic rainbow of peace on earth.

United World Week, launched by Focolare youth in May 1995, aims at being a sort of world observatory on fraternity promoted by the Focolare Movement in collaboration with other movements, associations and communities worldwide that work for peace and fraternity among peoples

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