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## Toolkit: Ways to Celebrate International Youth Day

[International Youth Day](#) is commemorated on 12 August each year. The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) encourages all young people, youth structures, and civil society to celebrate International Youth Day in a variety of ways. Take a read through some of the ideas below to help you plan your activities on this year's theme of **Youth Building Peace**!

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#YouthDay #Youth4Peace  
#ActOn2250

#### SHARE

Share your artwork, poetry, stories, writing, or thoughts related to this year's theme on our social networks! Use the five pillars of the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR 2250), the UN's first ever [Resolution on Youth, Peace and Security](#), to showcase your work:

**Participation, Protection,  
Prevention, Partnerships, and  
Disengagement and Reintegration.**

#### MAP

Let us know how you intend to celebrate International Youth Day in your community or country by marking it on our **World Map of Events** here: <http://bit.ly/2r6V4L9>

# Celebrate in Your Community

## ACT

Take action by organizing events in your community about youth participation in peacebuilding. Be inclusive and invite as many youth as possible to ensure representation from diverse backgrounds. You can also invite a politician or policy-maker to speak at the event.

## PARTNER

Build partnerships through networks with members of your community like ministries, youth councils, UN agencies and faith-based groups. Find ways to collaborate on addressing issues such as preventing violence and building peace.

## SHARE

Spread the word by sharing information about young people and their peacebuilding efforts. Highlight these stories through social media such as facebook, twitter or Instagram using the hashtags: #YouthDay, #Youth4Peace and #ActOn2250. Create or develop other platforms about youth and peacebuilding efforts.

## OUTREACH

Engage the media by contacting local/ national radio or TV stations to request a slot for a discussion with well-known officials working with youth. Speak out on the importance of viewing youth as agents of change and involving them in all levels of decision-making.

## ENGAGE

Engage your community by organizing a public meeting, panel discussion or a debate to engage them on finding innovative ways to support youth as peacebuilders at the local, national and international level. Create an 'information point' about youth and peacebuilding and provide the community with resources that can help them support youth in the promotion of peace.

## INNOVATE

Be creative by organizing events such as concerts and festivals on the theme of youth and peacebuilding. Invite your local musicians and use a variety of fun activities to encourage your community to promote peacebuilding through activities such as song, art, dance, games and plays.

## MOBILIZE

Mobilize support in your community for the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2250, the first resolution on Youth, Peace and Security. Organize an event with high level officials such as the Minister of Youth and discuss ways of supporting your peacebuilding efforts for greater impact.

## ADVOCATE

Be an advocate and highlight the importance of youth participation in peacebuilding by lobbying your Government to ensure that youth have a place at the table in matters of peace and security. Schedule a meeting with policy-makers to discuss how they can implement the resolution in your country and involve youth in decision-making processes.