

# Education for Peace Newsletter



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## EFP-World: A New On-Line Program of Peace Education

### Special points of interest:

- Swiss Government donates €1.35 million to EFP-World program
- Japanese Government Supports Education for Peace
- Education for Peace presented at UN Midday Dialogue on Sustainable Development in Africa
- Thirty-six Bosnian teachers graduate as certified EFP specialists
- Rotary International funds Education for Peace in Mostar
- „Culture of Healing“ initiated with nearly 400 participants from across Bosnia & Herzegovina

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EFP-WORLD, a new internet- and CD-Rom based version of the Education for Peace (EFP) curriculum is currently being developed for introduction to 100 secondary schools in Bosnia and Herzegovina, through a grant of €1.35 million from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and a €2 million grant from a private foundation in Canada.

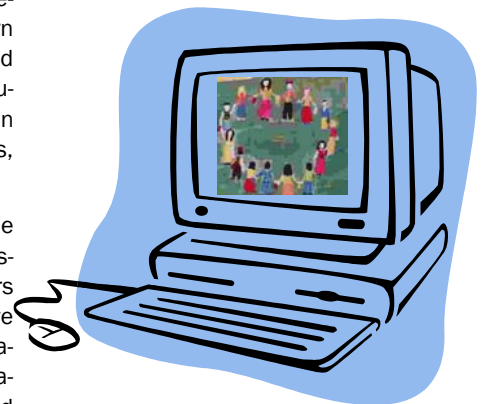
Developed on the basis of the experience gained in the EFP program in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) over the past two years, the ultimate objective of EFP-WORLD is to provide a comprehensive peace education program online and free of charge to schools around the world, particularly in those regions where the ravages of war, terrorism, prejudice, rapid socioeconomic and cultural

change, and the demands of modern life have created conditions of insecurity and conflict in families, schools, and communities.

The program has the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the respective Ministries of Education of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republika Srpska.

The first phase will include introduction of EFP-WORLD over 4 years to 100 secondary schools in BiH. Starting September 2003, the Project is being implemented in both entities of BiH— involving almost 5,000 teachers and school staff, 60,000 students, and by extension their

families and the community-at-large. Grants for the introduction of the program to the remaining 200 BiH secondary schools are being sought.



**Swiss Government  
Supports  
Education for Peace**

See article above

## Two Gymnasias in Mostar to Begin Education for Peace

With the financial support of the Rotary Club, Zurich, the EFP Program will now be introduced in the city of Mostar starting February 2003.

The two schools to be included are the Bosniak Gymnasium, currently housed in 7th Primary School and the Fra. Dominika Mandica Gymnasium, housed in the old Mostar gymnasium.

Minister Dujimović and Deputy Minister Spago of the Mostar

Cantonal Ministry of Education expressed enthusiasm for the initiation of the program, and for the trainings that will be given to the 60 teachers and staff and 700 students of the two schools over the next two years.

During a recent visit to Mostar, Mr. Bakir Krpo and Mr. Jusuf Hadziosmanović, directors of the two schools, commented on the great spirit of unity-in-diversity that histori-

cally characterized the city of Mostar and on the necessity of an all-inclusive program like EFP for re-establishing the bonds of community-life between the Croat and Bosniak populations.

Facilitating the EFP-Mostar project will be Mr. Lars Rogers from USA, and Ms. Nyambura Mwangi of Kenya, both graduate students in International Conflict Resolution of Landegg International University.



National Peace Event, February 2001  
Banja Luka



Regional Peace Event, May 2001  
Sarajevo

## A Short History of Education for Peace in BiH

Education for Peace (EFP) is a community service program of EFP-International, offering comprehensive training in a culture of peace, based on the principles of the oneness of humanity, the principle of unity-in-diversity, and the practice of unified, non-adversarial decision-making. The primary focus of the program is children and youth, the future leaders of society. The approach is all-inclusive, involving teachers, parents, and the wider community. For the past two years, Education for Peace has been piloted in the following six

schools with the support of the Ministries of Education of Federation BiH and Republika Srpska, and the Office of the High Representative:

- 3rd Primary School, Ilidža
- 2nd Gymnasium, Sarajevo
- Ivo Andrić Primary School, Banja Luka
- Gymnasium, Banja Luka
- Nova Bila Primary School, Nova Bila
- Mixed Secondary School, Travnik

The EFP program has since gained the dedicated support of the BiH Ministry of Foreign Affairs and international governments, and will be extended across the country in two phases. See article "EFP-World..." on p.1 for more details about expansion in BiH.



Primary school students, October 2000  
Nova Bila

## International Education for Peace Conference, May 2002

On 15-16 May 2002, an International Education for Peace Conference was co-hosted by Landegg International University and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation with representatives from the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada and Japan. Also present were Directors of participating EFP schools in BiH, experts in the fields of peace education, conflict resolution and "e-learning", and guests from various segments of Swiss society. Participants came to three important

conclusions:

- There is an urgent need to reach the present generation of secondary school students in BiH who retain memories of the 1992-1995 war, and who therefore require special consideration before leaving the public school system to form their own families and become active participants and decision-makers in the life of their society.

- There exists the necessary political will and practical support for the expansion of

this program across the country.

- Every effort must be made to take advantage of these conditions while they exist.

The participants of the International EFP Conference resolved to undertake a joint commitment to realize plans for the extension of the EFP program to schools across BiH through introduction of the EFP-World program to all 300 BiH secondary schools, and the EFP-Intensive program to 30 strategically selected schools

over the next four years, thereby reaching a total of some 180,000 students, 15,000 teachers and 340,000 parents.

Efforts are currently underway to realize these objectives.



Conference Participants, May 2002

## First "Culture of Healing" Seminar Held in BiH

With a grant from the Government of Japan, an Education for Peace (EFP) Training Seminar on a "Culture of Healing" was held in the city of Tuzla from 25 to 27 October.

The first of its kind, this memorable gathering was attended by near 400 teachers, support staff, representative parents and administrators from the participating EFP pilot schools in Sarajevo, Banja Luka and Nova Bila, as well as a

Gymnasium in Mostar, which will begin to implement the EFP-Intensive program early in 2003.

Invitees also included guests from pedagogical institutes and schools across BiH as well as representatives of those schools being reconstructed with Japanese funding.

The Seminar was a significant opportunity for school communities and expert educators,

representing the Bosniak, Serb and Croat ethnic groups to come together.

The primary purpose of the training was to familiarise the participants with the concepts underlying a "Culture of Healing" and how such a culture and new outlook on life can be nurtured and take hold.



Participants discussing at the "Culture of Healing" Seminar in Tuzla

## 36 Teachers Graduate as EFP Specialists

On 26 October 2002, a graduation ceremony was held in recognition of thirty-six Bosnian teachers from Sarajevo, Banja Luka and Travnik, who successfully completed the Education for Peace Professional Certificate Program. The ceremony was held in Hotel Bristol, Tuzla, and attended by 300 guests.

The EFP Certificate is a two-year program focussed on intensive



Teachers from Banja Luka and Nova Bila Primary Schools

training in the Education for Peace curriculum, modern teaching methodologies, and project coordination skills, for individuals preparing to become EFP trainers and facilitators. Through joint training workshops, peace related research and analysis, development, implementation and evaluation of EFP-related curricular units, teachers in the Professional Certificate program become specialists in Education for Peace.

The graduates now form a core resource team upon which the future expansion of the EFP program to schools across Bosnia and Herzegovina will rely.

## Peace depends on unity-in-diversity

*We human beings create two things in life: first, we create our own unique selves. We become, each one of us, unique in the way we approach life. This uniqueness is, of course, one of the main causes of beauty in the world: individuals and societies are unique.*

*Some societies in history have tried to remove the quality of uniqueness from their members, to create unity through uniformity. But this doesn't work.*

*Uniformity goes counter to life. As we grow as individuals, each one becomes a unique being and this uniqueness adds to the strength of the society.*

*Second, we human beings create civilizations. A civilization requires unity. A civilized society, by its very nature, is diverse, but united.*

*Civilizations based on unity in uniformity must be held together by force. And as soon as the force is removed, unity is destroyed and old hostilities and conflicts ensue.*

*But societies based on unity-in-diversity recognize that the greatest benefit is achieved when each new generation can fully develop its unique talents and capacities and its members dedicate themselves to the creation of peace.*

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## Education for Peace at the United Nations

New York — On 23 September 2002, Dr. H.B. Danesh, Founder and Director of the Education for Peace (EFP) program, gave the keynote address on the role of peace in development at the recent United Nations "Midday Dialogue on Sustainable Development in Africa", in New York.

In attendance were 120 diplomats, educators and NGO representatives from across the African continent.

Dr. Danesh emphasized that "effective development programs require training not only in social and economic expertise, but also effective conflict prevention and resolution, violence prevention, and peace."

He recalled UNESCO's 1998 statement that "education is fundamentally associated with social justice and sustainable human development".

Citing the pilot program recently completed in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Dr. Danesh described the components of Education for Peace, relating it to key issues affecting development efforts in Africa, including poverty, inter-ethnic violence, and poor governance.

Following the dialogue, Dr. Danesh met with His Excellency Olara Ottunu, Under-Secretary General of the

United Nations for Children in War, to discuss strategies for implementation of Landegg's Education for Peace program in African countries.

## Japanese Government Supports Education for Peace

Sarajevo — On Tuesday, 22 October 2002, representatives at the Japanese Embassy in Sarajevo signed a contract between the Japanese Government and Landegg International University's International Education for Peace Institute providing over €45,000 (approx. \$44,000 US) for the support of a three-day training on the "Culture of Peace", held 25 to 27 October in Tuzla, BiH.

The partnership between EFP and the Japanese Government represents an important step in the evolution of the EFP project and its possible future expansion to other schools and regions.

## Presentation of EFP to 250 School Directors

Sarajevo — On 4 October 2002, the Cantonal Ministry of Education and the Pedagogical Institute.

The presentation was part of an annual training seminar for all education officials, organized by

Naghmeh Sobhani, Director of EFP-Balkans, and Nermana Sukalić, EFP-BiH Coordinator, gave a formal presentation on Education for Peace to 200 directors of primary and secondary schools of the Canton of Sarajevo.

Mrs. Indira Buljubašić, Advisor to the Cantonal Minister of Education and Director of one of the participating EFP schools, spoke enthusiastically of the positive impact of the EFP project on her own community.

Many of the school directors

present expressed eagerness to become involved. Meetings with the Pedagogical Institute and schools will be held in coming weeks.

## International Education for Peace Institute

The International Education for Peace Institute (EFP-INTERNATIONAL) is a research, training, and community development agency, registered in Switzerland as an independent, non-profit association.

Founded by Dr. H.B. Danesh, President of Landegg International University and Director of EFP-INTERNATIONAL, the Institute receives counsel from an International Advisory Board and is administered by a Director and Board of Directors. The Institute is an affiliate agency of Landegg International University, Switzerland.

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