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# WORLD 7<sup>th</sup> edition FORUM NORMANDY FOR PEACE

# THU 26 & FRI 27 SEPT. 2024 THIS WORLD THAT ESCAPES US

HOW TO WIN PEACE IN THE FACE 7 OF NEW VIOLENCE ?

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### THE NORMANDY WORLD PEACE FORUM

The Normandy world peace Forum is an international event open to all, providing a forum for reflection and mediation on the themes of peace, freedom and geopolitical developments in the contemporary world.

Each year, around a hundred recognised speakers and several thousand participants, including many high school students, are welcomed to Caen, in the historic grounds of the Abbaye aux Dames. **On the programme:** conferences, debates, interactive activities, testimonials, a bookshop with author signings, exhibitions, meetings with NGOs and associations, etc.

**Goals:** to compare points of view, encouraging discussion and the search for solutions to help build a lasting peace in the world.

## REVIEW OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2023 FORUM

This 6<sup>th</sup> annual gathering was marked by a number of highlights on the theme of "Resistance! Bring peace back to the people"



Izzeldin Abuelaish, Shole Pakravan, Nathan Law, Garry Kasparov... The many personal accounts given by leading figures in the Resistance helped to make this year's event a time for sharing and raising awareness of the realities faced by people around the world.



During the seminar organised behind closed doors by the Collège des Bernardins, many Russian opponents of Vladimir Putin's regime came together to agree on a strategy for a democratic transition in Russia.



Oleksandra Matviichuk, Nobel Peace Prize winner in 2022 and Ukrainian human rights lawyer, and Jody Williams, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997 for her campaign against anti-personnel mines graced the Forum with their exceptional presence.



During the first plenary conference, **Pramila Patten**, United Nations Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict, addressed the audience to give an overview of her mission.



The highlight "Between war and peace", organised in partnership with the Indian think tank, Strategic Foresight Group, brought together prestigious guests around the Peace Manifesto, written in 2019 and the observation that war is not inevitable.



Former French Prime Minister, Jean-Pierre Raffarin, attending the Forum for the second time, expressed his concerns about the threats posed by populism and climate change, but also his confidence in democratic principles and the mobilisation of young people.













## HEADING FOR THE FORUM IN 2024



The theme of this year's 7th Normandy world peace Forum, to be held on 26 and 27 September 2024 at the Abbaye aux Dames in Caen, is :

#### THIS WORLD THAT ESCAPES US

How to win peace in the face of new violence?

The violence that is shaking up our world is disrupting our understanding of how it works. Wars are ongoing, civilian casualties pile up and the international community remains divided. This violence, albeit in forms seen before in history, is something new. It is a symptom of a world shifting towards a new era. However, many voices are being raised. So how can we think about a new world together? Numerous debates and several workshops for young people will expand on the lectures and address topical issues from the viewpoints of experts.

A sequence will be organised in partnership with **the French House of New York University**, as part of the cycle of conferences on the issues of the Global South, available in video form on the Normandy for Peace website

The Village for Peace will offer numerous activities linked to the theme of the Forum: photographic exhibitions, a popup bookshop with signing schedules, meetings with experts and NGOs, etc.



**ON THE PROGRAMME** 

Two plenary conferences will provide an overview of the Forum's theme, combining experiences and personal accounts.



In parallel with general public programming, various discussion sessions will be held throughout the event with UN experts and members of the Normandy for Peace network. Major achievements like **the Normandy Index** will once again be implemented.



# NORMANDY FOR PEACE : 2024 AGENDA



#### > 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dôme, Caen Deliberations of the international jury of the 2024 Freedom Prize composed of 24 young people.

#### » 24th April 2024

Toamasina, Madagascar 13<sup>th</sup> moot court competition at Toamasina high school in a plea for human rights

#### › 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Zénith, Caen Freedom Prize award ceremony and restitution of the ecHo programme in partnership with the International Institute of Human Rights and Peace

#### › June 2024

Normandy Normandy for Peace welcomes international partners to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day

and the Battle of Normandy

#### › June 2024

University of Caen 23rd University for Peace, organised by the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace

#### • 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Webinar Event around the theme of the Forum "This world that escapes us" in partnership with The

**Conversation France** 

#### > 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Tocqueville Castle - Manche Conversations de Tocqueville

#### > 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Aix-en-Provence Economic meetings in Aix-en-Provence

#### > 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Abbaye-aux-Dames, Caen 7<sup>th</sup> Normandy world peace Forum

#### > 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Bayeux 31<sup>st</sup> Bayeux Calvados-Normandy War Correspondents Prize

#### » November 2024

Abbaye-aux-Dames, Caen Normandy for Peace event in partnership with the Festival Les Boréales



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