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Note to readers

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Whether you attended the 2019 Normandy World Peace Forum or not, the Normandy Region has created this document to summarise the highlights of the second edition of this event. You will find a summary of the conferences and debates and a presentation of the highlights of the event, held on 4 and 5 June 2019.

The Normandy World Peace Forum in a few figures:

-  **6,000 attendees, including 2,500 young people**, came to focus on peace: debating, learning, finding out more and discussing.
-  **240 experts, Nobel Peace Prize winners, government representatives and figures from the academic world and civil society** analysed the stakeholders and the processes involved in the development of long-lasting peace.
-  **More than 400 people signed the Manifesto for Peace** during the two days of the Forum.

We hope you enjoy reading this document!

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FINAL EVENT: WALK THE (GLOBAL) WALK

4 June 2019, 1.30pm - 4pm Salle Plénière

Moderator:

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Leader

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KEY MOMENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE NO. 1: WALK THE (GLOBAL) WALK

Walk the (Global) Walk, in a few words



a **European education programme** for and by youth that they work on throughout the year



projects relating to 3 of the 17 Sustainable Development Objectives: Sustainable cities and communities, Climate Action, Peace, justice and Institutions



7,645 young people involved in Europe

WALK
#walktheglobalwalk

With the aim of spreading a culture of peace, Walk the (Global) Walk raises awareness among young people through training, experience-based learning and support for a project set up by pupils. In collaboration with the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace, this European education programme on the Objectives of Sustainable Development closed with 813 secondary school students and apprentices from Normandy schools who came to present their initiatives during the 2019 Normandy World Peace Forum.

Walk the (Global) Walk is a great success across Europe because of the dynamism of young citizens involved. At the final event, participants asserted their interest in today's major societal and environmental issues by sharing their long-term visions and proposing practical solutions adapted to the many transitions under way, in front of an audience as diverse as it is influential at regional and international levels.

The President of the Normandy Region, Hervé Morin, affirms his commitment to this training programme: "By encouraging young people to be agents of change, the European Walk the Global Walk project helps to bring out the talents of tomorrow. Normandy, which has been involved in this project since it was implemented, has stepped up its educational dimension. Through this programme, I hope that our young people will be able to tackle the major global challenges - living together, gender equality and climate - and feel fully that they are European citizens. Walk the Global Walk also aims to create conditions of peace and stability by contributing to the achievement of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals".



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The 2019 Normandy World Peace Forum was the occasion to close the Walk the (Global) Walk project. During the feedback session, the pre-selected projects were presented on stage by the secondary school students, and three initiatives were awarded prizes.

“ On the way to a zero waste cafeteria ”

Tifenn Jennat and Arthur Thierry, Institut Saint-Joseph, Le Havre

The Innovation Award was won by the Lycée du Golf in Dieppe for their “Waste Revolution Day” project against food waste in the school canteen. The pupils carried out an awareness campaign in partnership with local people, and an “anti-waste” action day on 19 March 2019. They also participated in the Dieppe “Soupe des bénévoles” humanitarian association.



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“ Let’s make sorting available to everyone, and for everyone ”

Helladji Dehen and Ines Courty, Lycée Porte Océane, Le Havre

The Educational Award was won by the Institut Saint-Lô in Agneaux with their project “Solidariday”, a day of solidarity and sharing with migrants during which sports activities took place. The pupils also organized a fundraising campaign to support local associations that help migrants by selling drinks and cakes prepared in “zero waste” mode. This operation will be repeated in 2019-2020.



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“ Be like the hummingbird: change the world to your scale ”

Youssef Rehafhi and Jeanne Danguy, Institut Saint-Lô

The project “Ecocup, passons du jetable au durable (Ecocup: from disposable to sustainable)”, led by the Institut Saint-Joseph (Le Havre) won the Audience Award. It encourages the creation of recyclable, reusable and retractable cups, compatible with the school’s beverage vending machines, along with locally produced fruit juices and smoothies to replace the drinks and soft drinks distributed up until now.



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The Walk the (Global) Walk programme was recognized by the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize winner **Denis Mukwege** in his opening speech:

“ We commend the commitment of millions of volunteers who, just like the hundreds of young secondary school students here, have contributed to sustainable development projects with the European programme Walk the (Global) Walk, who work for charities, who are driven by a desire to build bridges between individuals and cultures and who want to create a fairer and more equitable society, in the spirit of solidarity and fraternity. ”



FIRST FREEDOM PRIZE AWARD CEREMONY AND TRIBUTE TO VETERANS

5 June 2019, 2pm - 4.30pm, Salle Plénière

Peace must be spread; it is everyone's responsibility to fight ceaselessly against war, hatred and global warming, something which affects all of mankind today. This belief led to the creation of the Freedom Prize by the Normandy Region, in partnership with the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace, the Normandy Board of Education and Ouest France.

YOUTH HIGHLIGHT #2: THE FREEDOM PRIZE

The Freedom Prize in brief



Recognition of a public figure who is known for his or her work for freedom, peace and human rights



A tribute to all those who fought and continue to fight for freedom



3 candidates chosen from 113 applications by a panel of judges of 30 young people from around the world



6,000 voters, aged 16 to 25

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The Freedom Prize has three patrons, all of whom are veterans of World War Two: Charles Norman Shay, medic during the landing on Omaha Beach on 6 June 1944 and Penobscot tribal elder, an Amerindian community in the United States, Léon Gauthier, green beret, naval fusilier and a member of Philippe Kieffer's commandos and Bernard Dargols, who fought for the Americans and died in April 2019.

The latter often repeated Churchill's words: "a country that forgets its past has no future". He stressed the importance of remembrance to ensure that the events of the Second World War never happen again. He saw the Freedom Prize as a means of paying tribute to the men, many of whom were in their twenties and who did not feel they were doing anything heroic when they came to fight on the beaches of Normandy. It was created to pay tribute to their sacrifice, to share this message with those who now enjoy this freedom, because of their sacrifice. It is these people who are now responsible for protecting this freedom; freedom can quickly be lost when hate-filled words are spoken every day.

The anniversary of the Allied landings in Normandy is a timely reminder of the need for vigilance and reflection and encourages a humanitarian commitment to embody, to staunchly defend and to pass on the values which drove the veterans of the Second World War. More than ever, this focus on remembrance is a task for the present and a way ahead for the future.

For this very reason, the Freedom Prize is part of an educational initiative for secondary school students. It follows the 70 Voices of Freedom programme, which was organised to mark the seventieth anniversary of the D-Day landings and brought together seventy men and women involved in D-Day or the resistance along with 3,000 secondary school students. Following on from this, in 2019, history laboratories were set up in a school in every department within the Normandy Region. These writing workshops led to the publication of a collection called Chemins de la liberté (Roads to Freedom).

The ceremony on 5 June 2019 was an opportunity to showcase this work in front of a large audience of young people and veterans, all of whom attended this event to acknowledge the links between past, present and future.

The first Freedom Prize was awarded to the young Swedish activist Greta Thunberg for her commitment to the climate and her efforts to raise collective and global awareness of one of the greatest challenges which humanity has ever had to face: climate change. She shares a simple message of the solidarity which the more than seven billion inhabitants of the Earth must demonstrate in the fight for their very survival.

Greta Thunberg is supported by young people who are taking a stand in response to the climate emergency. The awarding of this prize therefore has a strong symbolism: the formerly young soldiers of D-Day pass the torch on to the youth of today who will continue the fight. The battle for freedom and the struggle for climate justice have the common goal of guaranteeing a just and peaceful future for future generations.

The panel of judges also chose to acknowledge the work of photographer Lu Guang, who has immortalised the hidden China for several decades and is now missing, and the Saudi Arabian blogger Raif Badawi, who has been imprisoned for eight years for his fervent defence of freedom of expression, once writing: "freedom of expression is the air that every free thinker breathes, the wood that fuels the fire of thought and free debate."

Freedom Prize medals were also awarded to six D-Day veterans: Charles Norman Shay, Leonard Hobbes, sailor, Bob Conway, driver in the Royal Army, Walter Beal, gunner, Billy Ness, pilot, and Alan Gullis, delivery driver, one of the first soldiers to enter Berlin in 1945.



AWARDING THE FREEDOM PRIZE TO GRETA THUNBERG

The Freedom Prize trophy was awarded to Greta Thunberg during her visit to Caen on 21 July 2019.

More than 2,000 people came to meet Greta Thunberg and to attend the ceremony, which was also attended by Léon Gautier, Charles Norman Shay and Hervé Morin, President of the Normandy Region.

“ The least we can do to honour veterans is to stop destroying that same world and the humanity that Charles, Leon and their friends fought so hard to save. ”

Greta Thunberg,
winner of the Freedom Prize 2019

She spent the day before the award ceremony on the D-Day beaches with Charles Norman Shay. This man, who Greta described as a “hero”, also believes in the importance of the fight for the environment.

“ As a soldier, I fought for freedom and to liberate Europe and the world from Nazism, seventy-five years ago. But this is a nonsense if Mother Nature is deeply wounded and if our civilisation collapses due to inappropriate human behaviours ”

Charles Norman Shay,
medic on Omaha Beach on 6 June 1944



From left to right:
Hervé Morin, Léon Gautier, Greta Thunberg, Charles Norman Shay
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- The 240 speakers for their sincere commitment and inspiring speeches
- The partners and patrons of the Forum, who promote the Normandy for Peace initiative in the region, in France and internationally
- The Region's elected officials and agents for their year-round work on the themes of peace and freedom
- The 6,000 participants who attended this second Forum

See you next year!

Hervé Morin

President of the Normandy Region
and Regions of France,
former French Minister of Defence



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