

**4<sup>th</sup>**  
EDITION



# WORLD FORUM

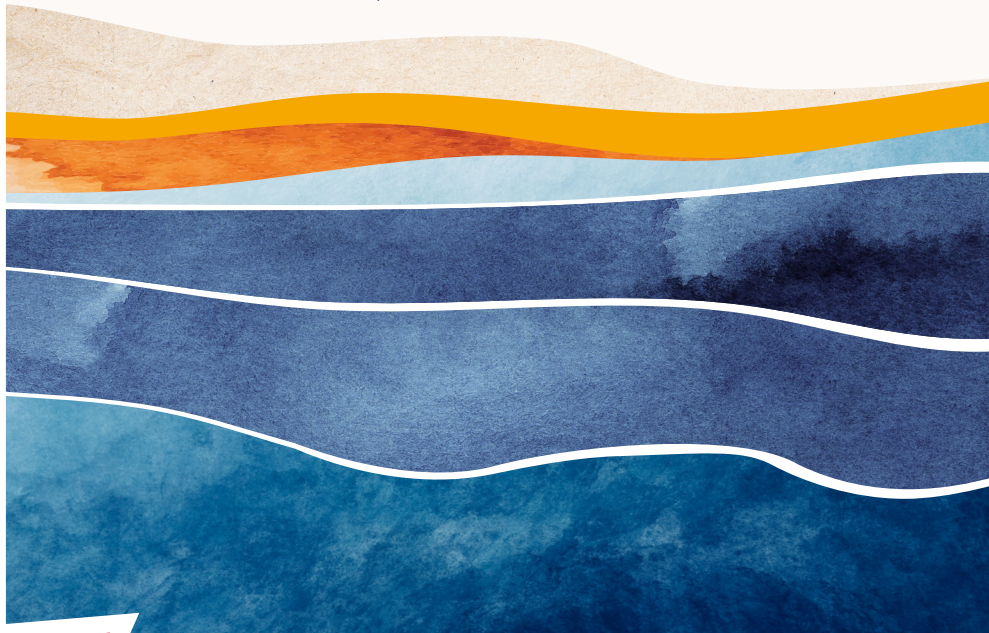
**- NORMANDY -**  
**FOR PEACE**

**30 SEPT & 1<sup>ST</sup> OCT 2021**

CAEN – ABBAYE AUX DAMES

**WORLD PEACE AND GLOBAL SECURITY:  
HOW TO GOVERN PEACE?**

CONFERENCES, DEBATES AND VILLAGE FOR PEACE



RÉGION  
**NORMANDIE**

# THE NORMANDY WORLD PEACE FORUM

**As an international event which is open to all, the Normandy World Peace Forum is a hub for reflection and discussion on the themes of peace, freedom and contemporary geopolitics.**

Every year, over 200 renowned speakers and several thousand participants, including many secondary school students, meet in the historic grounds of Abbaye-aux-Dames in Caen.

**On the agenda:** conferences, debates, evening events, events for young people, personal accounts, a pop-up bookshop with book-signing sessions, exhibitions, meetings with NGOs and charitable associations and more.

**Objective:** to exchange views and to encourage discussions and the search for solutions to help to build lasting peace in the world.

## A LOOK BACK AT THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2020 FORUM

There were several key events during the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition on the theme of “Preventing war: responding to new threats”.



The concert by **Barbara Hendricks and her Blues Band**, “The Road to Freedom”, paid tribute to Normandy’s medical staff for their work during the **COVID-19 pandemic**.



The opening speech by the UN Secretary-General, **António Guterres**, on the need to reinvent our economic and social model in response to the pandemic and environmental challenges.



Speeches by **Nicolas Hulot, Yann Arthus-Bertrand and Dr Jane Goodall** which highlighted the consequences of global warming on world peace and the importance of young people’s involvement in the fight against climate change, illustrated by the march led by young people from Normandy as part of **Walk the Global Walk**.



**The Freedom Prize 2020**, given to the sisters of **Loujain Al Hathloul**, a Saudi Arabian women’s rights activist recently released from prison.



The conference, in partnership with **ELLE** magazine, on **the role of women in peace-building** which highlighted their lack of representation in peace processes and which featured personal accounts from women who have been victims of violence during conflicts.



**The evening events of the 2020 edition:** the screening of the Oscar-nominated documentary “The Cave”, followed by a discussion with the film’s director Feras Fayyad and protagonist Dr Amani Ballour, along with a literary evening in partnership with **L’OBS**.



**6 000**  
**PARTICIPANTS**  
INCLUDING  
**3,400 YOUNG**  
**PEOPLE**



**15**  
**DEBATES**



**3**  
**PLENARY**  
**CONFERENCES**




**122**  
**SPEAKERS,**  
**ATTENDING IN**  
**PERSON AND**  
**REMOTELY**



**34**  
**FOREIGN**  
**COUNTRIES**  
**REPRESENTED**



**35**  
**PARTNERS AND**  
**CORPORATE**  
**SPONSORS**



**2**  
**KEY EVENTS FOR**  
**YOUNG PEOPLE: WALK**  
**THE GLOBAL WALK**  
**AND THE FREEDOM**  
**PRIZE**



## OVERVIEW OF THE 2021 EDITION



The 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Normandy World Peace Forum will be held from 30 September to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 in Abbaye-aux-Dames in Caen. On the theme of “World peace and global security: how to govern peace?”, the Forum will be an opportunity to reflect and to consider different approaches to better govern peace, focusing on two major questions: why is peace eluding us? And how can peace be restored?

### ON THE AGENDA

Every day, **a major plenary conference** will provide a comprehensive overview of the Forum's theme, including personal experiences and accounts. The conferences have a dynamic format, alternating video reports and contributions from public figures.

Over the two days, **twenty one debates, including 5 for young people**, will explore the subjects of the conferences in more depth and will focus on current events from the perspectives of experts, political representatives and civil society.

Open throughout the two days of the Forum, **the Village for Peace** will offer the public the opportunity to meet with representatives of NGOs and charitable organisations and will host exhibitions, a pop-up bookshop, lunchtime and evening concerts and more.

**The Forum will host a cultural evening** on Thursday 30 September, featuring artists and writers on the theme of culture and education to

promote peace, in partnership with the French representation to UNESCO.

Organised with members of the Normandy for Peace network, **discussions and workshops** will be organised throughout the Forum's two-day programme. Once again this year, the programme will highlight major achievements, including the European Parliament Research Service's Normandy Index and the work of the international Parliamentarians for Peace network, in collaboration with Open Diplomacy.

**And, as usual, there will be key events for young people, including:**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the **Freedom Prize**, which will be held in the afternoon of Thursday 30 September and will reward Sonita Alizada for her fight against the forced marriage of young girls in Afghanistan.

**Walk The Global Walk**, which will be held in the afternoon of Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October and which will bring together nearly 500 young people from Normandy to present their work on the UN Sustainable Development Goal 16: “Peace, justice and strong institutions”.

**Free event, open to all.**



# NORMANDY FOR PEACE : THE 2021 AGENDA



## › 10 to 13 February 2021

### Via video-conference

The deliberations of the international panel for the Freedom Prize 2021, made up of 30 young people from 17 different countries

## › 20 February 2021

### Via video-conference

Conference of the Normandy Chair for Peace on the indigenous peoples of French Guiana

## › 12 May 2021

### Toamasina, Madagascar

10<sup>th</sup> human rights moot competition for secondary school pupils in Toamasina

## › 22 to 24 June 2021

### Via video-conference

University of Peace on "Migration and Peace" organised by the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace

## › 24 August to 19 September 2021

### Abbaye-aux-Dames

"Posters for peace" exhibition, created by young people aged 11 to 13 as part of an international competition organised by the Lions Club

## › 10 to 12 September 2021

### Parc des Expositions, Rouen

Normandy for Peace stand at the Normandy Excellence Festival organised by the Normandy Region

## › 17 to 18 September 2021

### Château de Tocqueville, Tocqueville (50)

Tocqueville Conversations on "The Future of Truth"

## › 30 September to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

### Abbaye-aux-Dames

4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Normandy World Peace Forum

## › 4 to 10 October 2021

### Bayeux

28<sup>th</sup> edition of the Bayeux-Calvados-Normandy Award for war correspondents

## › November 2021

### Via video-conference

Virtual conference in partnership with the International Peace Institute on human rights and the environment

## › December 2021

### Normandy

Screening of the documentary "As I Want" in partnership with Docs Up Fund about women fighting for their rights in Egypt

## › December 2021

### Le Volcan, Le Havre

"The World in 2049" conference, in partnership with the magazine L'OBS



THE ENTIRE NORMANDY FOR PEACE AGENDA ON:  
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