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# WORLD FORUM - NORMANDY - FOR PEACE

6<sup>th</sup>  
edition

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# 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, a hundred 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, festive and interactive events, testimonies, a bookshop with author signings, exhibitions, meetings with NGOs and associations....

**Objectives:** 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 2022 FORUM

There were several key events during the 5<sup>th</sup> edition on the theme of "Down with the walls! These confinements that make wars"



The intervention of **Sébastien Lecor-nu**, Minister of the Armed Forces, during the second plenary conference. To fight against the phenomenon of withdrawal, several solutions based on diplomacy and education were discussed during this round table.



The Region hosted **a seminar on Russia** organised by the Collège des Bernardins, composed of geopolitical experts and intellectuals to find solutions to define a path towards the democratisation of Russia.



**The four debates dedicated to young people** allowed them to tackle various themes such as memory walls, the values of the European Union, "fake news" or the Russian-Ukrainian conflict. The students had the opportunity to meet NGOs such as Amnesty International and the Croix-Rouge Française.



Parliamentarians gathered around the **Parliamentarians for Peace initiative**, by Open Diplomacy with the support of the **Normandy Region**. Elected representatives from the five continents met to discuss the geopolitical challenges of our world and to work on solutions for a sustainable peace.



In partnership with the Indian think tank Strategic Foresight Group and the Geneva Center for Security Policy, the **"NormandyP4"** initiative brought together international experts to address nuclear and international security challenges.



**The focus on security in Europe** after the outbreak of war in Ukraine by Russia. Several debates were held to analyse the conflict and the issues at stake.



**9 000**  
**PARTICIPANTS**  
INCLUDING  
**4 650 YOUNG**  
**PEOPLE**



**15**  
**DEBATES**  
AND 6  
DEDICATED TO  
YOUNG PEOPLE



**2**  
**PLENARY**  
**CONFERENCES**



**157** **SPEAKERS**  
OF 27 DIFFERENT  
NATIONALITIES



**60** **PARTNERS**  
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## OVERVIEW OF THE 2023 EDITION



The 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Normandy World Peace Forum will be held on 28 and 29 September 2023 at the Abbaye aux Dames in Caen on the theme :

**REISTANCE!**  
**Bring peace back to the people**

People's resistance is often a response to a situation of injustice or oppression experienced by society. With the retreat of democracies in the world, there is an increased mobilisation of the people. Their role is becoming more important, both in preventing violence and in rebuilding peace. This resistance is also organised around social issues such as women's rights or the climate crisis.

**Fifteen debates and several youth workshops** will deepen the conferences and address current issues through the eyes of experts.

**The Village for Peace** will offer numerous events related to the Forum's theme: photographic exhibitions, an ephemeral bookshop with signing sessions, meetings with experts and NGOs, etc.



### ON THE AGENDA

**Two plenary conferences** will provide a global overview of the Forum's theme, combining experiences and testimonies.

In parallel to the general public programme, various discussion sessions will be hosted throughout the event with UN experts and members of the **Normandy Peace Network**. Major achievements such as the **Normandy Index** will once again be highlighted.





# NORMANDY FOR PEACE : THE 2023 AGENDA



## › 27 to 28 January 2023

### Mannheim, Germany

As part of the "Journées normandes", two conferences co-organised with the French Institute of Mannheim and the Reiss-Engelhorn Museum: "Where is the world going in 2023?" and "Franco-German relations: questions for the future".

## › 8 to 10 February 2023

### Dômes, Caen

Deliberations of the international jury of the Prix Liberté 2023 composed of 24 young people

## › 14 to 19 March 2023

### New York, United States

Development of the Normandy for Peace networks

## › 13 April 2023

### UniLaSalle, Rouen

Conference "Water, source and resource" in partnership with the magazine L'OBS in the framework of the conference series "The World in 2049"

## › 26 April 2023

### Toamasina, Madagascar

12<sup>th</sup> Toamasina High School Human Rights Advocacy Competition

## › 30 May 2023

### Caen Zenith

Award ceremony of the Freedom Prize and restitution of the ecHo programme in partnership with the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace

## › 18 to 23 June 2023

### Caen University

22<sup>nd</sup> University of Peace on the theme "Women and Peace" organised by the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace

## › June 2023

### Paris

Normandy for Peace event in partnership with the Arab World Institute

## › 7 to 9 July 2023

### Aix-en-Provence

Economic meetings of Aix-en-Provence

## › 28 to 29 September 2023

### Abbaye-aux-Dames, Caen

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## › 9 to 15 October 2023

### Bayeux

30<sup>th</sup> edition of the Bayeux Calvados-Normandy War Correspondents' Prize

## › November 2023

### Normandy

Normandy for Peace event in partnership with the Festival Les Boréales



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