

THE NORMANDY WORLD PEACE FORUM

An international event open to all, the Normandy World Peace Forum is a laboratory for thinking and mediation on the themes of peace, freedom and geopolitical developments in the contemporary world. Every year, over 200 renowned speakers and several thousand participants, including many secondary school students, meet in the historic grounds of the Abbaye aux Dames in Caen.

On the agenda: plenary conferences, topic-based

debates, project presentations, testimonies, a pop-up bookshop with book-signings, exhibitions, meetings with NGOs and associations, etc.

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

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2019 FORUM

There were many highlights to this 2nd Forum on the theme «The Peacemakers»



The opening of the Forum by **Denis Mukwege**, 2018 Nobel Peace Prize winner and its closing by **Jean-Yves Le Drian**, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs.



The presentation of The Normandy Manifesto for World Peace by its 6 authors and first signatories (Sundeep Waslekar, Anthony Grayling and 4 Nobel Prize winners: Denis Mukweg, Mohamed ElBaradei, Jody Williams and Leymah Gbowee) to warn of the need to build a new international security system.



The **Freedom Prize** awarded to the young Swede **Greta Thunberg** in front of a crowd of veterans: a moment of intense emotion and exchanges between generations.



The Walk Global Walk scheme: nearly 800 young people from Normandy who came to present their work on the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



The presentation of the European Parliament's Normandy Index, which measures conflict on a global scale, country by country, in the presence of loan Mircea Paşcu, Vice-President of the European Parliament



The launch of the Normandy for Peace Chair of Excellence in the presence of Pierre Denise, President of Caen Normandy University and Antoine Petit, President of the CNRS.











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MOVING TOWARDS THE 2020 FORUM



PREVENTING WAR: RESPONDING TO NEW THREATS

The 3rd Normandy World Peace Forum will be held on 1st & 2nd October 2020, at the Abbaye aux Dames in Caen. This 3rd Forum will examine the major issues of conflict prevention, such as environmental challenges, access to education and understanding new technologies, on the theme "Preventing war: responding to new threats".

ON THE AGENDA

Each day, major plenary conferences will provide a comprehensive overview of the Forum's theme, cross-referencing experiences and testimonies. The conferences are in a dynamic format, the topics of the conferences being developed around an alternation of video reports and talks by a panel of public figures.

Over the two days, some fifteen thematic debates will go into the conferences in more depth and address topical issues from the perspectives of experts, political representatives and civil society with complementary profiles.

The Village for Peace is open all the time, providing the public with spaces for meetings, exhibitions, presentations of NGO work and projects certified Normandy for Peace, a pop-up bookshop, etc. The Forum will host a day of debates and testimonies on **the role of women in promoting peace**. The Forum's nightly events will feature a documentary screening evening named "The Cave" on Thursday 1 October and a literary evening on Friday, 2 October. Hosted by Jérôme Garcin, in partnership with the news magazine *L'Obs*, it will bring together renowned authors committed to peace and freedom.

Organized in partnership with members of the Normandy for Peace network, international discussion and mediation sessions will be hosted throughout the Forum.

And as usual key events dedicated to youth, including:

The 2nd **Freedom Prize**, which will be held on Friday 2 October, awarded to a personality or an organization engaged in an exemplary fight for freedom.

Walk The Global Walk, on Thursday 1 October, which will bring together nearly 800 young people from Normandy to present their work on the UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDO) no.13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

Free event open to all.



NORMANDY FOR PEACE:



THE 2019-2020 AGENDA

, 1 October 2019

Abbaye aux Dames, Caen

Conference by Antonio Oposa "The time for talk is over. Climate justice for future generations" as part of the Normandy for Peace Chair of Excellence

> 2 October 2019

Abbaye aux Dames, Caen

Launch of the "Walk the Global Walk" programme with Normandy heads and teachers

> From 7 to 13 October 2019

Bayeux

26th Bayeux-Calvados-Normandy Award for war correspondents

> 18 November 2019

Abbaye aux Dames, Caen

Meeting with singer Barbara Hendricks about her commitment to peace in partnership with the festival: Les Boréales

> 19 November 2019

Conservatoire, Caen

Barbara Hendricks concert in partnership with the festival: Les Boréales

> 20. 21 and 22 November 2019

New York and Washington

Cycle of conferences at the International Peace Institute in New York, at Columbia University and Washington D.C following on from the 2nd Normandy World Peace Forum and the actions that were initiated there

> 21 January 2020

Station F. Paris

Conference: "New technologies: for better or for worse?" organised with NGO Humanity Diaspora

, 24 January 2020

Memorial. Caen

Final of the secondary school moot competition organized by the Caen Memorial with the support of the Normandy Region

> 28 and 29 January 2020

Brussels

Normandy for Peace event on the theme "Europe and Peace"

> February 2020

Abbaye aux Dames, Caen

Deliberations of the international jury of the Freedom Prize

310 March 2020

Abbaye aux Dames, Caen

UNESCO Master Class against racism and discrimination in partnership with the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace

March 2020

Toamasina, Madagascar

9th Human rights moot competition for secondary school pupils in Toamasina in partnership with the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace

, 1 & 2 October 2020

Abbaye aux Dames, Caen

3rd Normandy World Peace Forum



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