

Piece of the Palace is an educational initiative that seizes on the 100th anniversary of the Peace Palace in The Hague as a 'teachable moment' for students and the broader public beyond The Hague. By 'connecting the dots' amongst the Peace Palace, the 'peace through law' tradition that it symbolizes, the values of non-violence, and the revolutionary legal reforms ushered in by much younger courts in The Hague (such as The International Criminal Court), the project aims at promoting a deep understanding, awareness and appreciation for the moment and its promise. There are three different components to the initiative:

1) A student conference in The Hague, Netherlands on the topic of "Peace Through Law"; (<http://www.iccsn.com/peacethroughlaw>)

2) Pro Concordia Labor - a public event on the eve of the Centenary in Delft, Netherlands; and (<http://www.proconcordialabor.com>)

3) Points of Light: an educational outreach component involving 30 communities throughout the world. (<http://www.pointsoflight.nl>)

August 28, 2013 not only marks the Centenary of the Peace Palace, but is also the 50th Anniversary of Martin Luther King's 'I Have a Dream' speech. Thus, the moment affords a powerful opportunity for the broader public to make connections amongst peace, justice and the values of non-violence.

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The main website for Piece of the Palace can be found at: <http://www.pieceofthepalace.com>

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