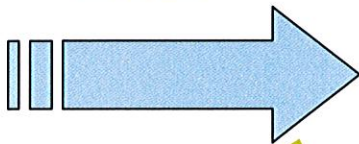




PeaceJam

Youth Leadership Conference

Featuring Nobel Peace Prize Laureate
Leymah Gbowee of Liberia



THEME: Hope: Ignite Action (to Break the Cycle of Violence)

WHEN: April 27-28th, 2013

WHERE: North Community High School, Minneapolis

WHO: Any youth (14+) and adult team

COST: \$85 per participant (incl. t-shirt, meals, materials)

MORE INFO: Contact Callie at callie@youthrive.net



What is PeaceJam?

A Nobel Peace Prize Laureate hosts this two-day event. The youth and adults who attend the conference will meet and interact with the Laureate, as well as present their community projects and hear the Laureate share their powerful story of leading change. Youth participate in workshops, group discussions, games, and service-learning projects in the community. Adult Advisors attend all the workshops, as well as a focus group with other Adult Advisors to share resources, ideas and energy.

Who is Leymah Gbowee?

Leymah Gbowee led a peace movement that helped bring an end to the Liberian civil war in 2003, ushering in a period of peace that enabled a free presidential election in 2005. In 2011, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her "non-violent struggle for the safety of women and for women's rights to full participation in peace-building work."

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(TENTATIVE) SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

PeaceJam Youth Leadership Conference
Saturday, April 27th – Sunday, April 28th, 2013

Conference Day 1 – Saturday, April 27th, 2013

- 8:00 am Registration
- 8:45 am Welcome and Opening Ceremony
- 9:15 am Family Groups
- 10:00 am Speech by Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Leymah Gbowee
- 11:00 am Briefing for Serve and Celebrate
- 11:15 am Peace Walk Rally
- 11:30 pm Peace Walk from North High to Oak Park
- 11:45 pm Lunch at Oak Park
- 12:15 pm Family Groups
- 1:00 pm Serve and Celebrate Projects
- 3:20 pm Peace Walk Rally
- 3:45 pm Peace Walk from Oak Park to North High
- 4:15 pm Family Groups
- 5:15 pm Dinner
- 6:00 pm Team Building Games
- 6:30 pm Evening Cultural Celebration
- 7:30 pm Return Home

Conference Day 2 – Sunday, April 28th, 2013

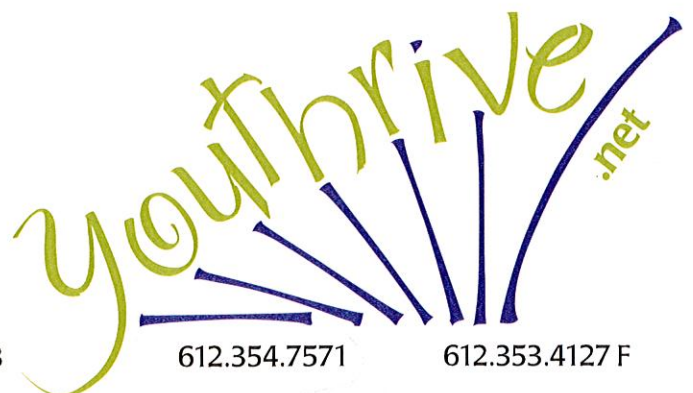
- 8:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 am Ceremony of Inspiration with Laureate Leymah Gbowee
- 9:30 am Family Groups
- 10:30 am Global Calls to Action Presentations to Laureate Leymah Gbowee
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 12:50 pm Learning Sessions
- 2:00 pm Family Groups
- 3:00 pm Closing Ceremony
- 3:30 pm Return Home

Hello, Community Partner -

The PeaceJam Youth Leadership Conference will take place at North Community High School, Saturday, April 27th and Sunday, April 28th in North Minneapolis. Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Leymah Gbowee of Liberia will host this conference, alongside community youth. Leymah Gbowee led a peace movement that helped bring an end to the Liberian civil war in 2003, ushering in a period of peace that enabled a free presidential election in 2005. In 2011, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her “non-violence struggle for the safety of women and for women’s rights to full participation in peace-building work.”

The youth and adults attending the conference will meet and interact with the Laureate, as well as present to the Laureate the service-learning work they have done in their communities. Youth participate in learning sessions, group discussions, games, and hands-on service learning project at Oak Park Community Center in North Minneapolis. Adult advisors attend all the learning sessions, as well as a focus group with peers to share resources, ideas and energy.

For more information, visit www.youthrive.net



April 27, 2013 12:00 - 4:00 PM

**All Service Projects will occur at
Oak Park Community Center
and Neighborhood**

Peace Carnival (Zanewood Community Center) Plan and organize a "Community Reunion" to bring the North Community together as one family. Activity booths will teach peace concepts, provide food and there will also be cultural entertainment!

One Step For Change (Oak Park Community Center) A unity walk/community peace rally and march celebrating and calling for a unified effort to break the cycle of violence.

Peace Poles: Recognizing the Hero Within (Peace Poles - Melvin Giles) Participate in a peace pole planting and ceremony at the Accent Signage building in North Minneapolis in honor of moving forward towards peace.

One Billion Rising (North Community Ed.) One out of every three women on the planet are raped or beaten. Today, join a billion people to walk out, dance, rise up, and demand an end to gender-based violence.



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Peace Bikes (Redeemer Lutheran Church) Create and paint three community Peace Bikes at North High School to be used as talking points for future events. The names of victims and heroes of peace will be added to the bikes throughout the year.

Peace Banners (Juxtaposition) Work with local artists to create Peace Banners to be displayed in a peace hallway at North High School.

The Root (Lead Peace) Focus discussion around the roots of violence. Create an artistic "tree problem analysis poster" that will be displayed in North High School Peace Hallway.

Letters for Peace (youthrive) Write letters to our state senator and congressperson supporting José Ramos Horta of East Timor with his work in Guinea-Bissau, Africa.

Peace Mural (Oak Park) Assist several local artists and community youth in finishing the peace mural on the side of Oak Park Community Center to promote peace and reflect on the need for unity and understanding.

Community Clean Up (The Avenue Staff) Help members of the Avenue Program conduct a neighborhood cleanup in the Oak Park community.

Playground Cleanup (Oak Park Community Center) Help members to prepare and clean up the playground for children.

Peace Games for Children (St. Ann's/Mary's Place) Conduct age-specific games for children from St. Ann's and Mary's Place.

Food Justice Seeds for Tomorrow (Project Sweetie Pie) Seed plantings for "Project Sweetie Pie."



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