



TEACHING FOR PEACE

Invitation to attend 7 meetings
on Teaching for Peace

Picture: Banksy, Palestine

The idea of inviting to these meetings is to have the opportunity to discuss how we can use teaching for peace in schools with pupils or students, or in the local community. The desire stems from the fact that we live in a time where we are pressured to believe that war is the way to peace. Our starting point is that there is no path to peace. Peace is the way!

With these meetings, we want to support the UN organizations' calls to work actively to create a more peaceful world. The meetings will be online, except for the first two, which will take place during the Peace Conference at Tvind in May 2025, where you can choose to participate.

Who we are: A group of peace activists and teachers who are concerned about the many wars and conflicts going on in the world today and want to develop activities to teach for peace with other like-minded people.

You can join individually, or you can gather a small group of interested teachers or others to meet locally and participate together.

The UN has adopted many declarations calling for peace education:

<https://2024.16mai.org/geneva-declaration/>

Here is the program for the 7 meetings

- 1. War and rearmament threaten our planet,**
Saturday, May 10, Tvind, (English)
- 2. War, climate and refugees,**
Saturday, May 10, at Tvind, (English)
- 3. Fredscontaineren in Fredsby Aalborg,**
Tuesday, May 27, 16.00-17.30, Online (Danish)
- 4. Without understanding history, we cannot understand the present and plan well for the future**
Tuesday, June 24 19.30-21.00, Online (Danish / English)
- 5. The Sabona method for conflict resolution in the classroom,**
Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 19.30-21.00, Online, (Danish)
- 6. Title: Establishing friendship classes with schools in other parts of the world**
Tuesday, October 7, 16.00-17.30, Online (Danish)
- 7. Title: Peace Journalism and War Journalism**
Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 16:00 - 17:30, Online (Danish)

1. War and rearmament threaten our planet

Date: Saturday May 10, See the program for the Peace Conference.

Place: The Peace Conference at Tvind

Language: English

Introduction:

Over the past 10 years, and especially since the start of the war in Ukraine, many countries in the EU have decided to tackle the crisis by providing more funds for arms purchases and production than ever before. Laws that have long been in place to control arms production and international arms trade are now being relaxed. Few people realize that Denmark now has 200 industries producing weapons or parts for weapons, and that this production is central to Danish rearmament as well as that of the EU, US and NATO.

Content:

Carefully planned systems to regulate war and the arms trade are breaking down, but there are ways build a better future.

Below is the movie "Shadow world" (with Danish subtitles), which is an investigation into the multi-million dollar international arms trade.

Link to Shadow World: English with Danish subtitles.

<https://fjernleje.filmstriben.dk/film/9000002465/shadow-world-bag-om-den-internationale-vabenhandel>

Hosts:

Tom Paamand, from Never Again War, Poul Eck Sørensen from Esbjerg Peace Movement



2. War, climate and refugees

Date: Saturday May 10, See the program for the Peace

Conference Location: Peace Conference at Tvind

Language: English

Introduction:

According to the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law, there are more than 110 armed conflicts around the world today. These wars, as well as the climate crisis, have created the largest flow of internal and external refugees ever.

At the same time, war affects global warming.

Content:

A power point presentation of the topic followed by debate and suggestions for activities. Discussion about the UN and the international humanitarian world order.

Host:

Helge Ratzer, Peace Center in Aarhus.

The peace conference takes place at Tvind International School Center from the 9th to

on May 11 under the headline War and Climate Change. For more information, log on to [www. peace-justice.org](http://www.peace-justice.org)

3. The peace container in Peace Village Aalborg

Date: Tuesday, May 27, 16:00-17:30

Location: Online

Language: Danish

Introduction:

The city of Aalborg has declared itself Peace City Aalborg. In connection with this, a shipping container has been set up with material for children on how to resolve conflicts among themselves and how conflicts can easily escalate and become serious if they are not resolved from the beginning.

Content:

Presentation of the idea of setting up a Peace Container where children can learn to resolve conflicts and experiences of using it.

Watch the movie about the Peace Container.

Skim the book "The Peace Container - Inspiration Catalog".

Discuss how we can make use of the material in the book in our schools.

Link to the material and the movie:

<https://fredsbyaalborg.dk/inspirationsmateriale/>

Hosts:

Malene Agermose, curator at Fredscontaineren.
Karin Rasmussen, board member of Fredsby Aalborg.

4. Without understanding history, we can't understand the present and plan well for the future - a

Time: Tuesday, June 24, 19:30-21:00

Location: Online

Language: Danish / English

Introduction:

Jeffrey David Sachs is an American economist and political analyst, former director of The Earth Institute at Columbia University. Today he is the Director of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network under António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations. Sachs is also a Commissioner of the ITU/UNESCO Commission on Development.

During his lifetime, he has participated in many peace negotiations and has first-hand experience of what has gone on in governments and the UN and how many opportunities for peace have been lost.

Content:

In this session we will discuss the film of Jeffery Sachs' speech to the European Parliament on March 12, 2025, where he shares his personal experiences from the period since World War II to today.

A story worth listening to.

We will discuss his message and what it means for our teaching.

The program includes a film to watch before the meeting. See link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4c-YRPXDoM> It is in English with subtitles in English.

Host: Inger Bertelsen

Picture: Fredsby, Aalborg





5. The Sabona method of conflict resolution In the classroom

Time: Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 19:30-21:00.

Location:

Online

Language:

Danish

Introduction:

Johan Galtung was a Norwegian sociologist and the main founder of the discipline of peace and conflict studies. He was the main founder of the Peace Research Institute Oslo in 1959. He developed the "conflict triangle", a tool for analyzing the dynamics of conflict that includes contradiction (the conflict itself), attitude (the parties' perceptions) and behavior (the parties' actions). This model has been used for conflict resolution and peace negotiations.

Content:

Sabona is Ndebele and means "I see you".

In this session, we will get an introduction to Johan Galtung's method of peacemaking, translated into practical use in schools, and about experiences from working in the classroom.

Link to materials: https://hardangerakademiet.no/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Galtungs-metode-for-fred_2_opplag_komplett.pdf It is a good idea to look at the materials before the meeting. The book is available for purchase, but it is free to download as a PDF file. (About Sabona - see p. 100 - 104)

Host: Poul Eck Sørensen from Esbjerg Peace Movement.

Speakers: Gorm Sigersted, on the theory behind Sabona.

Bodil Elisabeth Vibede, about her experience using the Sabona method.



6. Establishing friendship classes with schools in other parts of the world

Time: Tuesday, October 7 from 16:00-17:30. Location:

Online

Language: Danish

Introduction:

Every time we meet people from other countries face to face, we realize that most people are friendly and have the same concerns as we, about the daily struggle to make a living and to secure a better future for their children. Likewise with children. They are curious and open to meeting strangers, regardless of their faith or color. With this idea, we want to give many children the opportunity to get to know each other across borders of different types, in the hope that such friendships will help them avoid falling victim to believing in stereotypes that create mistrust.

Content:

Presentation of the idea of buddy classes and examples of activities that such classes can share. Practical distribution of contacts with school classes around Europe and on other continents.

Hosts: Sarah Delangre and Annica Mårtensen

7. Title: Peace Journalism and War Journalism

Time: Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 16:00-17:30. Location:

Online

Language: Danish

Introduction:

Given the one-sided way most Western media presents current wars and how easily a person is ostracized for having a different opinion, we go back to Johan Galtung and his description of how to determine whether a journalist is using what he calls Peace Journalism or War Journalism.

Content:

Based on two recent articles from Danish newspapers, we test Galtung's method. Followed by a discussion on how we can teach students to evaluate what they listen to or read about.

Hosts: Irene Jørgensen and Karen Thorst



Many greetings from:
Poul Eck Sørensen, Esbjerg Peace Movement
Helge Ratzer, Peace Center in Aarhus.
Gorm Sigersted, Odder for Peace
Tom Vilmer Paamand, Never Again War
Piotr Dzialak, Librarian
Inger Bertelsen, former teacher
Irene Jørgensen, teacher, Peace Initiative Roskilde
Sarah Delangre, teacher
Karen Thorst, former teacher
Annica Mårtensen, Principal, The Necessary Seminary

If you are interested in joining us, alone or with a smaller group, please contact us karenthorst@tvind.dk