

Feel at home in The Hague

The International Community Fair 2008

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Feel at home in The Hague: International Day of Peace @ International Community Fair – part 1

The concept of peace, once perceived to have been simply the absence of war, has evolved over the centuries. Today it is commonly accepted that it means more than the absence of something and rather includes the presence of many things: food, water, energy, opportunities and so many more. [more]

Not the least of these added elements of peace are one's own inner peace. 'World Peace starts with Inner Peace' is the motto for Hands at Work an international network of qualified professionals dedicated to helping their clients to improve and maintain balance between body, mind and spirit www.handsatwork.nl. They will be present at the 'Feel at home in The Hague – The International Community Fair' offering a selection of their services and it is through their motto for the Fair that they will also introduce a Peace Pole to the city of The Hague.

"A Peace Pole (www.worldpeace.org) is an internationally- recognised symbol of the hopes and dreams of an entire human family, standing vigil in silent prayer for peace on earth." Each bears the message *May Peace Prevail on Earth* in different languages, and Hands at Work invites all visitors present at the Fair at 12:00 on the Sunday the 21st of September to a small ceremony around the pole. Visitors will be encouraged to contribute, in their own languages, their own personal messages for peace. The Peace Pole will then, on October 2nd, be formally placed in the garden of Hands at Work which is appropriately overlooked by the Peace Palace.

There are more than 250.000 Peace Poles erected around the world and the organisations that have raised them are part of a global network of governmental, non-governmental, private and public institutions and organisations around the world dedicated to raising peace consciousness. They are a symbolic but powerful reminder of a desired world.

While visitors gather at the Fair in search of information about their new home, in this the city of Peace, Justice and Security, it is worth taking a moment to honour that character, and the ideal we all strive for. Be sure of your quick and easy access to the Fair by pre-purchasing discounted tickets on www.FeelathomeinTheHague.com or from the ABC in downtown The Hague.

We hope you too will join us in this wish for a better, peaceful, world.

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