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"The first nuclei of this Galaxy is formed by the members of the Peace and Cooperation International Council, which is open to every teacher in the world".

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the First United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful uses of Outer Space (http://www.unoosa.org/pdf/gadocs/A_7285E.pdf) which set out the big challenges and goals on spacial exploration, Peace and Cooperation is calling for the 2018 Peace and Cooperation School Award "Galaxy of Peace – Space, common Heritage of Humanity".

The interest raised by the 2017 School Award "Looking to the Stars. The future of the world" in which teachers, students and schools were invited to take interest in space exploration, should now be complemented with special attention to its benefits, not only looking at countries who are main actors in space but also non-space countries and developing countries, in order to encourage their capacity. More than 21.000 participants have attended more than 300 training activities that UNOOSA has organized in the last 45 years.

Because of this, space exploration is a common heritage of humanity which is at the service of every country in the world.

The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) set up by General Assembly Resolution 1472 (XIV) [http://www.un.org/es/comun/docs/index.asp?symbol=A/RES/1472\(XIV\)&referer=http://www.un.org/es/documents/ag/res/14/ares14.htm&Lang=E](http://www.un.org/es/comun/docs/index.asp?symbol=A/RES/1472(XIV)&referer=http://www.un.org/es/documents/ag/res/14/ares14.htm&Lang=E) sets the aims of space exploration usage in benefit of peace, security and development.

The First UN Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space was held in Vienna, and the celebration of its 50th anniversary will be taking place in 2018.

Categories:

According to the Oxford Dictionary of Astronomy, a galaxy is: "a system of stars, often with interstellar gas and dust, bound together by gravity. Galaxies are the principal visible structures of the Universe".

For Infant and Primary School (until 6 years old):

Lets start from the beginning, lets get to know the universe and its constelations.

After an explanation by the teacher about the elements which compone a galaxy, we are going to get familiarized with what we see at night when we look up at the sky. All the children in the class will choose a constellation (a group of stars which, through imaginary traces, form a picture which evokes a certain shape) they like best or prefer most for any reason and we ask them to represent it. Then we ask the teachers to take a photograph (working in group) or that the children draw the constellation on paper. *Note for teachers:* In UNOOSA's website there are many educational units in various languages (English, Spanish and French) which could help for inspiration http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/psa/regional-centres/study_curricula.html

For Primary School (from 6 to 12 years old):

In 1959, the General Assembly created the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS).

Which are, for you, the elements which compose a "galaxy of peace": friendship, companionship, cooperation, tolerance, respect, curiosity...? Draw it. Explain to the world in a visual way how would a Galaxy of Peace be for you. *Note for teachers:* The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) is an intergovernmental organism which is integrated by 61 Member States and it is tasked with coordinating the activity developed by the United Nations in this specific sphere. Likewise, it is also competence of this Committee: international cooperation in peaceful uses of outer space, encouraging space research programmes and developing the law applied to the exploration of Outer Space. Link in English: <http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/copuos/current.html>

For Secondary School (from 12 to 18 years old):

Do you know which are the main contributions from the "spacial race" for your day to day?

Do you know the benefits of pacific and responsible usage of Outer Space? From all of them, which one is the one you like best or which one do you consider more important to achieve "peace, security and development both in the sky and on Earth"? *Note for teachers:* The benefits of pacific and responsible use of Outer Space are available in the following link: <http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/benefits-of-space/benefits.html> However, we are sure that the children's imagination will capacitate them to find new benefits and challenges.

-School celebration: students, teachers and family. In 2018, the first UN Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space will be celebrating its 50th anniversary. UNOOSA is going to celebrate it, shall we celebrate too? From the Peace and Cooperation Foundation we would like to encourage you to celebrate International Day of Human Space Flight on April 12th (A/RES/65/271) with a great party. Send us your pictures!

Network of educators committed with Peace ¿Shall we form a galaxy of teachers committed to peace? If you are an educator who thinks a better world is possible, you have to take part of the Galaxy of Peace <http://waace.org/docentescomprometidos/>

LANGUAGES

The works will be presented in each of the 6 official languages of the UN (Arabic, Chinese, Spanish, French, English and Russian).

DELIVERY DATE

The works must be presented before the July 2, 2018 in the central office of Peace and Cooperation in Madrid, either by e-mail or better by post:

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Every work must be identified with: name, surnames, birthdate, age at the time of realisation of the work, address of the Educational Centre, telephone and/or e-mail of all the authors in an attached closed envelope .

For the sending of images which exceed 10MB through e-mail we suggest using WeTransfer.com

The works will NOT be returned to their authors. The art works will become part of the Peace and Cooperation catalogue.

INTERNATIONAL JURY

The international jury will meet in Madrid on "UN Day", October 24, 2018 at the Egyptian Institute.

AWARDS

6 diplomas in each category and 4 first prizes of 500 euros which could be shared.

- For Infant and Primary School (until 6 years old)
- For Primary School (from 6 to 12 years old)
- For Secondary School (from 12 to 18 years old)
- For teachers and Schools

OFFICIAL CEREMONY: In Paphos, Cyprus, on December 10th 2018, in commemoration of the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

REFERENCES

- Coordination of space-related activities within the United Nations system: directions and anticipated results for the period 2016-2017 — meeting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/oosadoc/data/documents/2016/aac.105/aac.1051115_0.html

- UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR OUTER SPACE AFFAIRS

(available in: [عربي](#) [中文](#) [English](#) [Français](#) [Русский](#) [Español](#))

United Nations Treaties and Principles on Outer Space and related General Assembly resolutions.

http://www.unoosa.org/pdf/publications/st_space_11rev2E.pdf

Call for teachers

Education for peace must be a constant need in our work as educators if we want to improve human relations. PEACE AND COOPERATION wants to help you in this challenging task offering different activities, through this calling, to motivate pupils and give content to these objectives which, without a doubt, are part of the Educational Principles where you work.

Your work is important, and this is why we encourage you to participate and thank you for everything.

To everyone, THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATION and, above all, THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING THAT TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE A BETTER WORLD. And especially, THANK YOU TEACHERS who help us educate and train the children of the world with the spirit of improvement which this world needs.

Peace and Cooperation was founded in 1982 by the Spanish peace activist Joaquín Antuña. Since the beginning this organization promotes Creativity for Peace through several initiatives, the most well-known its School Award. The work of this Foundation has been acknowledged by the United Nations, which granted the "Messenger of Peace" recognition in 1987 and the Special Consultative Status with ECOSOC in 1999. So far more than one million teachers and students from all around the world have taken part in the Annual Peace and Cooperation School Award.