## Youth Champions for Securing our Common Future Friday, October 11 2019

An event to raise awareness of how peace and non-violence are critical in achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals



Peace Boat and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) invite you to join us for a special event, coinciding with the UN General Assembly - First Committee on Disarmament, Peace and Security, with approximately 75 young people from the ages 18–30 who will participate in activities promoting peace and disarmament in relationship to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The event is held under the "Youth for Disarmament" initiative to connect young people with experts in order to learn about today's international security challenges, the work of the United Nations, and how they can become involved. The event will take place at UN Headquarters and onboard Peace Boat on Friday, October 11, 2019 and will feature keynote speakers, educational panel discussions, workshops, and musical performances. Youth will have the opportunity to engage with UN Officials, diplomats and civil society working towards disarmament on a global scale.

Peace Boat and UNODA encourage youth applicants to take the messages from this event back to their schools, organizations, and communities and encourage action for disarmament campaigns to promote a more peaceful and sustainable future.

Those interested in applying may fill out this registration form online: <u>http://bit.ly/UNODA-Registration-Peace\_Boat-Oct11</u>

Applications will be open August through September 15 of 2019.





## **PROGRAM OUTLINE:**

Panel discussions on the United Nations Secretary-General's Agenda for Disarmament: Securing Our Common Future will include topics related to Disarmament to Save Humanity, Disarmament that Saves Lives, and Disarmament for Future Generations as three main pillars of conversation. The panel discussions will be held in line with these main pillars, and will include representation by youth, leading civil society organisations, and government "champions."

Youth will engage with speakers from a range of backgrounds which may include key members of leading civil society organizations in the field of humanitarian disarmament such as the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), International Campaign to Ban Landmines - Cluster Munition Coalition (ICBL-CMC), International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) and the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots, Hibakusha (survivors of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki) and senior government and United Nations officials.

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Note: all times are tentative and subject to change

9:30 AM	Youth will meet at the United Nations Headquarters to check-in E 46th Street and 1st Ave, New York City
10:00 AM	All registered youth participate in the UN First Committee on Disarmament and International Security as observers in Conference Room 4
11:45 AM	Side event focused on youth participation on securing our common future at the UNHQ
1:30 PM	Youth representatives will depart for afternoon session at Peace Boat, docked at the Manhattan Cruise Terminal (W 50th St and 12th Ave)
2:00 PM	Check-in for Peace Boat at the Manhattan Cruise Terminal, Ship Tour
2:30 PM	Afternoon Conference onboard Peace Boat: "Youth Champions for Securing our Common Future"
	Panel discussions on the UN Secretary General's Disarmament Agenda
4:30 PM	Closing plenary and musical performances by youth and special guests
5:30 PM	Disembarkation



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