**WORKING TOGETHER FOR PEACE AWARD 2024**

An initiative of [Psychologists for Peace](https://groups.psychology.org.au/pfp/) - an Interest Group

of the Australian Psychological Society

*Thinking about the world today, there are many areas where we need to build peace. For example, in some communities the relationships between people of different cultural backgrounds or religions need to become more peaceful and respectful. At the national level there are ongoing debates about environmental protection and safety, equity and representation for all. Globally, urgent action is needed on the climate crisis to prevent widespread suffering and violence. This Award is an opportunity for groups of young people to work together to promote peace at any one of these levels, incorporating the use of psychological principles, understanding and/or skills in their project.*

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**What you need to do:** Teams of young people (aged around 16 to 25 years) living in Australia are encouraged to develop and submit a creative project to build peace, whether at local, national or global levels. The Award is particularly appropriate for young people studying psychology, but any group of young people who want to use psychological principles, understanding or skills in their project are welcome to apply.

The Working Together for Peace Award is designed as a team project because working in teams develops valuable skills in cooperation, conflict resolution and problem-solving - which are all essential skills in peace-building. It is important that all members of the group are respected and heard and that problems are resolved peacefully. Working together is also a great way to deal with feelings that can arise when thinking about difficult issues such as community violence and climate crisis. It’s also more fun to work in a team! ​​

Projects can focus at a range of levels. Your project might be focused on local issues, perhaps in your educational setting, sports club or community; at the national level, like refugee or environment policies; or at a global level, like international conflicts, climate change and sustainable development. Or it might involve more than one of these levels (e.g. learning about a global issue and organising local activities to address it).

Projects can take many forms. For example, writing and performing songs, poems or plays; developing a website; writing letters to important people or the media; organising speakers; developing petitions; surveying students’ opinions and feelings about a topic; working with people in need; restoring a natural environment; raising funds for peace-promoting programs. **Prize:** A first prize of **$1500** and two ‘runners-up’ prizes of $750 each will be offered.  **TO APPLY**   
Simply respond to the questions on the Application Form below and submit your project material following the instructions at the end of the Application Form.

**Some examples of possible areas for teams to work on:**

✥ Inter-group intolerance, prejudice and violence

✥ Prejudice and discrimination on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation or ability, within families, schools, work and communities

✥ The climate crisis, which is a peace issuebecause it causes and increases conflict and social injustice through, for example, shortages of food, water and liveable land, people being forced to migrate or relocate and being met with hostility, and because people who are already disadvantaged will suffer most from climate change. It also provides opportunities for peacebuilding - for example, by people working together for climate action, more local production of food and energy, and ensuring there is a just transition to a more sustainable world.

**APPLICATION FORM**

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**PROJECT DETAILS**

1. **Project title** [maximum 20 words]:
2. **Target audience** [maximum 100 words]: Who is your target audience? Research shows that for messages to work, they have to be targeted to a particular audience.   
     
   Decide on an audience whose behaviour or attitudes you want to influence or change. There are many possibilities, such as the federal government, your local council, companies, consumers, media organisations, journalists, schools, students, sports organisations, businesses, etc.
3. **Key messages and aim** [maximum 300 words]: What key message(s) about creating peace in the area you have chosen do you want to include in your campaign? What changes in behaviour or attitudes do you hope to see in your audience?  
     
   Try to put yourself in the audience’s shoes. What might they be worried or concerned about? What might be stopping them from changing their behaviour and taking action? Show them how working towards peace is actually in their interests too.
4. **Resources** [maximum 200 words]: Gather useful information from the resource list provided [**here**](https://psychology.org.au/getmedia/2066bbfc-0425-4a2a-b07d-78459d61dd3f/Working-Together-for-Peace-Award-Resource-List.docx) and/or any other resources you can find. What are the main resources you have used to develop your project?
5. **Create the campaign**: The creative campaign you develop for your application may be presented in the format of your choice, for example, social media posts, a podcast, YouTube video, blog, exhibition, artwork, song lyrics, theatre script, photos, PowerPoint presentation, letters, surveys, or some other medium. You will need to submit a copy of your campaign material with your application.
6. **Promotion** **strategies** [maximum 300 words]: How will you go about distributing your campaign i.e., how will you get your message out to your target group(s)?
7. **Learning** [maximum 300 words]: What did you as a team, and as individuals, get out of doing the project? E.g., what worked well? How did you make sure you worked together peacefully? What did you learn? What were some of the obstacles you encountered, if any? How did you manage these?

**APPLICANT DETAILS**

1. Please include the names of the applicants in the table below. Include more lines for more team members if needed.

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1. Tell us something about your team (e.g. a psychology course or subject you are enrolled in, interests, skills, faith, cultural background, etc.) [maximum 300 words]

1. Do all applicants belong to the same group or organisation (e.g. tertiary institution school, club, sports team etc.)?

☐ YES - Please provide name and address of the organisation:

☐ NO - Please explain how you came to be working together on this project: [maximum 100 words]

1. Have you sought feedback on your project to someone from your target audience?

☐ No

☐ Yes - Please share what feedback you received [maximum 200 words]

1. Has anyone acted as a mentor for you in this project?

☐ No

☐ Yes - Please describe the involvement of this mentor(s) in your project [maximum 200 words]

1. Name and contact details of a referee who knows about your project and can provide us with information about it. (This can be the same person as in 5. above.)

**SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION**

**Please send your completed application form** by email to [membergroups@psychology.org.au](mailto:membergroups@psychology.org.au) with the subject title Award Application - Psychologists for Peace Interest Group Working Together for Peace by **16 September 2024.**   
Late applications will not be accepted.

**Submission material (please tick all that apply)**

☐ Social media posts

☐ Podcast

☐ YouTube or TikTok video

☐ Blog

☐ Artwork

☐ Song lyrics

☐ Play scripts

☐ Photos

☐ PowerPoint presentation

☐ Letters

☐ Other (Describe) ----------------------------------------------------

**Specify how you are sending these**:

☐ Supporting materials are less than 5 MB and are **attached** with this application form.

☐ Supporting materials are greater than 5 MB, and available at the following **link** (**insert your link here**):

Please list the file names and formats for additional material that you are submitting as part of your application. Make sure that each file name includes your project title.

**Additional information:**

How did you hear about the Award?

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**SELECTION CRITERIA**

The Working Together for Peace Award encourages and recognises innovative group projects that address current social issues around peace and conflict using psychological knowledge or strategies. See details at the [Award webpage](https://psychology.org.au/about-us/what-we-do/awards/ig/psychologists-for-peace-interest-group/working-together-for-peace-award).

**Essential criteria:**

* Helped build peace and made a positive contribution to a community or the broader society in the area(s) specified in the Application Form (i.e. by creating a campaign for climate action for a particular audience).
* Used some of the resources or ideas provided [**here**](https://psychology.org.au/getmedia/2066bbfc-0425-4a2a-b07d-78459d61dd3f/Working-Together-for-Peace-Award-Resource-List.docx) and/or other relevant psychological resources.
* Showed creativity or innovation.

**Additional criteria:**

* Evidence that the project has potential to be replicated or extended.
* The age of team members.

**AGREEMENT**

**Please indicate your agreement by ticking the boxes**

☐ We understand that winners will be asked to provide a photo of their team which may be used to promote the Award in future years.

☐ We give permission for Psychologists for Peace to publicise our project and potentially to work with us to implement this campaign more broadly.

Names and Signatures of applicants:

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| **Name** | **Signature** |
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[Add more lines if needed]

Each team member should also complete the image and consent form on the next page.

Successful applicants will be asked to provide bank account details for the transfer of prize money. All personal details provided will be treated with confidentiality and respect.

**Working Together for Peace Award: Image and Video Consent Form**

As part of the Psychologists for Peace Interest Group Youth for Peace Award, the Australian Psychological Society (APS) will be creating resources and media content for the promotion of the award and the winning teams. This could include photography, interviews/quotes, vox pops and other video content for APS website and social media.

The APS also reproduces photographs, audio and/or video for general APS promotional and marketing purposes via a range of tools and channels. These include publications, the website and social media.

*I hereby agree to the Australian Psychological (APS) Society using, reproducing and disclosing photographs, audio and/or video of me for use in APS educational resources, promotional and marketing materials, publications, on its website and in media or social media.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**If under 18 years of age**

Please ensure that you receive your parent’s or guardian’s permission as per below.

*I am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and hereby agree to the Australian Psychological Society (APS) using, reproducing and disclosing photographs, audio and/or video of the young person within my care for use in APS educational resources, promotional and marketing materials, publications, on its website and in media or social media.*

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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