

Essay and poster competitions

Two successful competitions, the national essay competition entitled "What is peace and what can I do to achieve it" and the national poster competition on the themes of the International Year of Peace, were organized by the UN Association of Canada as part of Canada's IYP program.

Submissions for both contests were sent from all parts of Canada. Some 900 essays and more than 1 700 posters were received.

Each competition was divided into three age categories – 12 and under, 13 to 17, and 18 and over. Two winners, chosen in each category, visited the United Nations headquarters in New York.



Winning poster by Roger Alexandre (18 and over).



Winning poster by Natasha Dastoor (13 to 17).

A passionate commitment to true human brotherhood and love for all people can change the world.

Diana Dainty (18 and over).

Peace will come when every one of the world's nearly five billion people can get up in the morning and say, "What a beautiful day! It's a joy to be alive."

Claude Pigeon (13 to 17).

We need to get involved in creating a perfect world where all children can grow up in peace.

Cushing Thompson (12 and under).

To work for peace means tolerating others and accepting their differences.

Serge Meyer (18 and over).

I think world peace has to start at home.

Nicholas Matthew Kot (12 and under).

I would define peace in very simple terms – the state in which people co-exist in harmony, with compassion, empathy, and a strong desire to co-operate.

Leanne Penney (13 to 17).



Winning poster by Alison Rust (12 and under).