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Introduction

Humanist Kids is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering a culture of peace through humanistic education for children, adolescents, families, and educators. Officially founded in 2024, the organization's leaders bring years of experience in peace-building, education, and children's rights advocacy. Prior to its formal establishment, various initiatives under different projects were already working toward promoting a culture of peace and humanistic education. The formal establishment of Humanist Kids has enhanced the coordination and implementation of its programs.

This annual report outlines the organization's activities, achievements, challenges, and future plans for the year 2024.

Mission and Goals

Humanist Kids works to promote a culture of peace and foster humanistic principles in education for children and adolescents. Its mission focuses on empowering children, as well as the educators, parents, and communities that guide them, to build a more peaceful and just world. The organization's core goals are as follows:

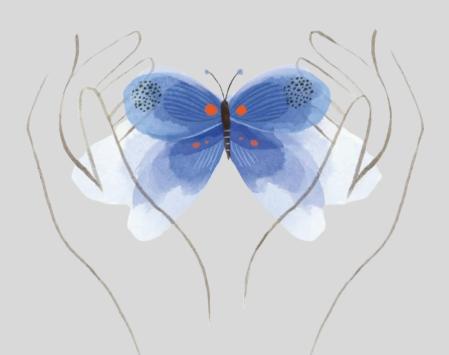
- Promoting a culture of peace through educational programs for children and adolescents.
- Empowering families, teachers, and caregivers to integrate peace culture into daily life.
- Raising social awareness about the importance of peace culture and its impact on societies and future generations.
- Teaching humanistic principles of cooperation and solidarity in both educational and family settings.



Approaches and Strategies

Humanist Kids employs a variety of strategies to introduce and promote a culture of peace. These strategies include:

- Research and Projects to study and analyze peace culture, humanistic philosophy, and modern educational methods.
- Educational Workshops for families, teachers, and other professionals working with children.
- Cultural Events for families and children aimed at fostering interaction and mutual understanding of cultural and human issues
- Developing Networks of Humanist Schools that implement the principles of humanistic education worldwide.



Key Activities in 2024

In its first year, Humanist Kids successfully executed several significant projects and large-scale events, reaching important milestones in promoting a culture of peace. Some of the organization's standout activities for 2024 include:

- 1. Launch of the Official Website: In 2024, Humanist Kids launched its official website to share educational content, research, and materials related to peace culture and humanistic education. The website quickly became a valuable resource hub, drawing attention from academic and research institutions worldwide. It has since gained recognition as a trusted source of content for educators, researchers, and policymakers working in the fields of peace education and children's rights.
- 2. Major Events Organized: Throughout 2024, Humanist Kids organized several key events, collectively engaging over 1,000 participants from diverse backgrounds
 - Peace Story Festival: Held on September 22 in celebration of the International Day of Peace, this event featured storytelling sessions that showcased narratives of peace, with characters embodying humanistic qualities and peaceful coexistence. Approximately 400 families attended the event, which included interactive storytelling and performances.
 - Puzzle Party: This event aimed to enhance problem-solving skills in children through creative activities. Approximately 80 families participated in this enjoyable and educational event, which included team-building games and exercises designed to foster cooperation and peaceful conflict resolution.
 - Mother's Day Celebration: This event featured meditation sessions, a musical concert, and art workshops for mothers and children. Attended by 50 participants, it focused on promoting family bonds and nurturing peaceful environments at home.

3. International Children's Art Exhibition Call

In celebration of International Children's Day, Humanist Kids launched a call for art submissions from children around the world. The theme of the exhibition was peace and children's rights, and over 1,600 artworks were received from various countries. These pieces reflected children's commitment to global issues and their desire to contribute to a more peaceful and just world.

4. Educational Workshops

Throughout the year, Humanist Kids organized several educational workshops, including:

- Yoga Workshops in collaboration with the Canada Yoga Center, teaching children and families mindfulness and peace-building practices through yoga.
- Meditation Sessions in collaboration with the Peace Run Organization, promoting inner peace and conflict resolution.
- Peace Storytelling Workshops in partnership with CanDo Academy, where children and educators worked together to create peace-themed stories that helped build empathy and understanding.

5. Partnerships and Collaborations

Despite being newly established, Humanist Kids leveraged the extensive experience of its leadership to form valuable partnerships with peace-oriented organizations worldwide. Some of these collaborations included:

- Canada Yoga Center for promoting mindfulness and peace through yoga.
- Peace Run Organization for conducting joint peace-building and meditation sessions.
- Participation in the "ALL Means All" Conference in Germany, focusing on resources for democratic schools.
- Collaboration with Corps of Depth Healers (USA) and the Living Values Foundation to provide values-based education and support to communities in need.

Published Articles

The leadership team of Humanist Kids also published several articles on topics related to peace education and humanistic principles. Some of the articles included:

- Let's Start Peace with Children A call to action for integrating peace education into the lives of children.
- The Peace School: A Heart Beating for a Better Life –
 An article introducing Peace School, a key project of
 Humanist Kids, and its approach to teaching peace
 and human rights.
- Schools Must Adapt or Become Obsolete A reflection on the importance of adapting school systems to meet the needs of today's children, promoting empathy, peace, and emotional intelligence.



Achievements in 2024

Ultimately, Humanist Kids had a successful year in 2024, achieving several key milestones:

- Increased Awareness of peace culture initiatives in the media and community.
- Enhanced Media Coverage, emphasizing the importance of peace education for children.
- Partnerships with Leading Global Organizations in the fields of peace, education, and children's rights.

Humanist Kids continues its journey with unwavering determination and a strong commitment to building a more peaceful and just world through education. The organization looks forward to expanding its impact in the years to come, creating a lasting legacy of peace for future generations.





Plans for 2025

Looking ahead to 2025, Humanist Kids has ambitious plans to expand its reach and deepen its impact. Some of the key initiatives for the upcoming year include:

- Launching the "Canada: A Child-Friendly Nation" Project: This initiative aims to present Canada as a global model for child-friendly policies and peace-oriented education.
- Expanding the Network of Humanist Schools: Humanist Kids will continue to grow its network of humanist schools, implementing the principles of humanistic education in Canada and other aligned countries.
- Undertaking Research Projects: In collaboration with leading researchers, the organization will conduct studies on peace education, humanistic philosophy, and their impacts on school systems and communities.
- Holding Larger Art Exhibitions for Children: Building on the success of the international art exhibition, Humanist Kids plans to organize larger exhibitions to showcase the artistic talents of children and their vision for a peaceful world.
- Participating in the Youth Peace Conference in Portugal: Two key representatives from Humanist Kids will attend this global conference to share insights and experiences on promoting youth engagement in peace-building.
- Expanding Digital Presence: In 2025, Humanist Kids plans to significantly enhance its digital presence to reach a wider audience:
 - Launching an Instagram page for more interactive content.
 - Activating a Facebook page for broader engagement.
 - Regularly updating the website to provide resources, news, and educational tools for parents, educators, and children.

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