Positive Peace in Schools

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Many Peaces

The Sanskrit word shanti means inner serenity and is found in the traditions of Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism.

The Hebrew word Shalom and Arabic and Aramaic salaam and shlama, have the sense of wholeness, fulfillment, wellbeing.

Ubuntu is found in diverse forms in many parts of Africa, especially among the Bantu languages of East, Central and Southern Africa. It is a cultural worldview that captures the essence of what it means to be human.

“The question of real, lasting world peace concerns human beings, so basic human feelings are also at its roots. Through inner peace, genuine world peace can be achieved. In this the importance of individual responsibility is quite clear; an atmosphere of peace must first be created within ourselves, then gradually expanded to include our families, our communities, and ultimately the whole planet”.

Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama, cited in Mayton II, 2009: 61
Conflict

Constructive  Destructive

Peace

Positive  Negative

Violence

Direct  Indirect

Social justice

Structural  Cultural
Positive Peace in Schools
Tackling Conflict and Creating a Culture of Peace in the Classroom
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### Positive Peace Theory

**Three forms of violence:**

- Direct
- Structural
- Cultural

### Positive and negative peace

- **Negative** – absence of direct violence
- **Positive** – absence of structural and cultural violence

### Three ways of bringing about peace:

- Peace-keeping
- Peace-making
- Peace-building

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<td>Building capacity for peace and wellbeing, and for new ways of thinking, knowing, and being.</td>
<td>Developing healthy relationships and learning to work with diverse others.</td>
<td>Reaching out across communities and the world.</td>
<td>Learning to care for the planet, and to be 'in love' with life.</td>
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<td>Learning self-awareness, self-acceptance, self-control and self-expression.</td>
<td>Understanding and reflecting on interpersonal conflict resolution styles and conflict literacy.</td>
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Restorative Approaches

Restorative Questions:

- What happened?
- What were you thinking and feeling at the time?
- What are your thoughts and feelings since?
- Who has been affected?
- In what way?
- What do you need [to do] to put things right?
What changes will this make?
## Inner peace
- Protect personal boundaries, mental health and wellbeing
- Address inner conflicts, restore wellbeing, and achieve healing
- Accept, control, understand, and express themselves
- Develop peaceful ways of thinking, knowing and being.

## Outer peace
- Protect the rights and responsibilities of others
- Resolve conflict well, using a range of strategies
- Reflect on and improve their conflict literacy
- Maintain healthy relationships and work well with diverse others.

## Community and global peace
- Protect a peaceful school community
- Work for peace at local, national and global levels
- Reflect on their engagement in school-based, local and global peace-making initiatives
- Articulate the values of global citizenship, critical awareness, non-violence and care.

## Ecological peace
- Protect the planet and its ecosystems
- Reconnect with Nature
- Care for the planet, and to be ‘in love’ with life
- Go beyond the Anthropocene and honour the more-than-human.
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<td>- Teach students to accept, control, understand, and express themselves, and</td>
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<td>to develop peaceful and sustainable ways of thinking, knowing and being.</td>
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<td>- Provide an environment where peaceful and healthy relationships at all</td>
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<td>levels can thrive.</td>
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<td>- Ensure culturally appropriate diversity (gender, ethnicity, sexual</td>
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<td>orientation, etc.) in leadership roles throughout the school, and in</td>
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<td>- Provide opportunities and support for staff and students to work for</td>
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Peace Audit Tool

Please answer all the questions below.

Section 1 of 4

After section 1     Continue to next section

Section 2 of 4

About me
which of the following accurately describes you?

I am
- Female
- Male
- Other
- Prefer not to say

Role
- Student
- Non-teaching staff
- Teaching staff
At school, I am encouraged to care about other species on this planet.
Personal Conflict Tool

Personal Conflict Profiles

Archetypes

Heatmaps

Individual profiles

Responses by gender

Female

Male
PERSONAL CONFLICT PROFILE STATEMENT - Annie Dubinsky

PEACEMAKER
- You try to resolve conflict by listening, communicating and cooperating. Do you feel frustrated that you are not able to do this as much as you would like? How could you be a peacemaker more often?

SAVIOUR
- You trust people to sort out their own problems. Do you feel redundant? What role could you take to provide guidance to others?

FACILITATOR
- You get hurt because you compromise and lose out. Do your sacrifices stop you from thinking? How can you avoid feeling like a victim?

SERVANT
- You often support others and like them to do well. Do people notice and appreciate you? How could you lead as well as serve?

PEACEKEEPER
- You often avoid talking about conflict, feeling that it might make things worse, and that it could sort itself out. Do you feel caught between speaking up and letting things go? How could you get better at knowing which battles to fight?

SLEEPER
- You prefer not to confront conflict, and sometimes have to live with the consequences. Are you tired of having to make do with second best? How could you be assertive more consistently?

WARRIOR
- You use your strength and experience to protect yourself and others, showing authority and leadership. Do you wish that others would do this more? How could you enable other people to feel like a warrior?

DICTATOR
- You are confident that you are usually in the right, and that others need to do as you say. Do you feel like a dictator? How can you benefit from the experience and perspectives of others?