



Complementing its work to build peace internationally, the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) also serves the American people directly as a core part of its founding mandate from Congress. Since the move to its iconic headquarters near the National Mall in 2011, USIP has had a dedicated public education and national outreach program, focused on educating a broad public audience about how international conflicts can be resolved without violence, how peace is achieved, and why it matters for the American people.

OUR WORK WITH EDUCATORS

USIP recognizes the important role that educators can play in bringing international issues of peace and conflict into their classrooms and helping young people gain knowledge and skills in peacebuilding. With a focus on middle and high school students, Public Education at USIP offers a range of resources and programs to equip educators to bring international conflict management and peacebuilding to life for their students.

Featured Resources and Initiatives

- ▶ **Lessons, activities, and other classroom resources**, including the “Peacebuilding Toolkit for Educators,” a curriculum guide developed by teachers, for teachers, on the concepts and skills of international conflict management and peacebuilding, which can be downloaded for free on our website
- ▶ **Access to expert peacebuilders**, including virtual guest speakers from USIP for your classrooms and multimedia stories of people working to build peace amid some of the world’s most difficult violent conflicts
- ▶ **USIP’s Peace Teachers Program** and other professional development opportunities, including educator conference workshops and presentations, webinars, and strategies for integrating peace and conflict themes into a wide variety of subjects and classrooms
- ▶ **Educational programs hosted onsite at USIP’s headquarters** for student and teacher groups visiting Washington, D.C., offering an introduction to key concepts in peacebuilding and an overview of USIP’s mission and work
- ▶ **Signature online resources** like the Peace Trail on the National Mall and **tools** like the Curve of Conflict, which helps students to visualize how conflicts typically evolve, and the Conflict Styles Assessment, which helps students explore the value of using different approaches to conflict depending on the situation
- ▶ **The Peace Day Challenge**, which every September engages schools and communities across the U.S., and organizational partners locally, nationally and beyond, in a day of action for peace

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To learn more about our work with educators, discover additional resources for students and the broader public, or to explore opportunities to engage with USIP, please visit www.usip.org/public-education or contact us at PublicEducation@usip.org.

“The world is more interconnected than ever before. In the same way that we must teach critical thinking and reading skills, we must teach how to make peace.”



Andy Blair, Social Studies teacher,
Colorado



USIP hosts educators from across the U.S. visiting Washington, D.C., with the Close Up Foundation for an onsite introduction to USIP’s work and classroom resources.