



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 STUDENTS

USIP recognizes the importance of educating young Americans about this country's practical efforts to build peace in conflict zones, and about the role that young people can play as peacebuilders. With a focus on middle and high school students, USIP offers a range of resources and programs that bring peacebuilding to life through opportunities to learn and then put learning into action.

#### Featured Resources and Initiatives

- ▶ **Onsite educational programs** for student groups from across the country visiting Washington, D.C., offering an introduction to USIP's mission and work, and what it means to be a peacebuilder.
- ▶ **USIP-sponsored contests**, which challenge students to think critically about important international issues of conflict and peace, and to put their ideas into action—including an essay contest for high school students, a quiz contest for teams of students, and a history contest in multiple formats, all offering great experiences for the winners each year!
- ▶ A **dedicated section of USIP's website** featuring resources for young people seeking to understand what it means to work for peace around the world and opportunities to get involved, including the Peace Club Starter Kit—a simple framework for students to get organized, get active, and get the word out about peacebuilding issues that are important to them.
- ▶ The **Peace Day Challenge**, which every September engages schools and communities across the U.S. and beyond in a day of action for peace, and through which students often take the lead in devising and implementing creative activities that help make peace possible.

#### Connect with Us

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

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*"Young people have so much to offer for building peace because we are the leaders of the future."*

– Middle school student from CA

*"I now have a better understanding of what I'm capable of doing as a peacebuilder."*

– High school student from CT

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Students participate in a USIP workshop at Montana World Affairs Council's 2018 Academic WorldQuest Competition.



USIP expert Colin Cookman speaks with students from North Carolina's Carrboro High School following an educational program at USIP's headquarters in Washington.