

Some World March Endorsers

International

Heads of State:

Michelle Bachelet (President of Chile)
Rafael Correa (President of Ecuador)
Cristina Fernández (Argentina President)
Stjepan Mesic (Croatian President)
Evo Morales (President of Bolivia)
Raila Odinga (Prime Minister of Kenya)
Jose Ramos Horta (East Timor President)
Tabaré Vazquez (President of Uruguay)

Former Heads of State:

Rodrigo Carazo (former President of Costa Rica)
Jimmy Carter (former US President)
Hon Helen Clark (former Prime Minister of New Zealand)
Nestor Kirchner (Former President of Argentina)
Mary Robinson (former President of Ireland)
Mario Soares (Former President of Portugal)

Nobel Laureates:

Desmond Tutu	Adolfo Pérez Esquivel
Dalai Lama	Mairead Corrigan Maguire
Rigoberta Menchu	Jose Saramago
Jodi Williams	Dario Fo

Sports and entertainment celebrities:

Inter Milan (football team)	Penelope Cruz (film star)
Yoko Ono (artist)	Art Garfunkel (singer/songwriter)
Philip Glass (composer)	Eduardo Galeano (author)
Viggo Mortensen (actor)	Lou Reed (musician)
Brian Adams (musician)	Pete Seeger (musician)
Hunter "Patch" Adams (doctor)	

Other political and spiritual figures:

Queen Rania Al Abdullah (Queen of Jordan)
Alex Salmond (First Minister of Scotland)
Arun Gandhi (Mahatma Gandhi's grandson)
Edgar Mitchell (Astronaut)
Danielle Mitterrand (President of France Libertés)
El Hadj Ibrahima Bah (First Imam of Guinea)

Aotearoa-New Zealand

Jim Anderton MP (Leader, Progressive Party)
Teresa Bergman (NZ Idol finalist)
Hon Phil Goff MP (Leader of the Opposition)
Commander Robert Green (Royal Navy retired)
Bob Harvey (Mayor of Waitakere)
Hon Marian Hobbs (former Minister for Disarmament)
Witi Ihimaera (author)
Kati Huirapa Runaka ki Puketeraki
Dame Fiona Kidman (author)
Ngatata Love (Chair Wellington Tenth Trust)
Margaret Mahy (author)
Moana Maniapoto (singer-songwriter)
Opshop (rock band)
Kerry Prendergast (Mayor of Wellington)
Sir Paul Reeves (former Governor-General)
Maui Solomon (Morioki Hokotehi Trust)
Pauline Tangiora (World Future Council)
Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu
Te Runanga A Iwi o Ngapuhi
Tupoho Whanau Trust

World Peace March and the Environment

Conflict, militarism and war are probably the most environmentally destructive of all human activities.

The testing, deployment and use of weapons destroys – or makes unusable – large areas of land.

Money spent on the military – currently about \$1 trillion annually – could instead be used to eliminate poverty and protect the environment. The World Peace March supports UN programmes of disarmament for development.



Carbon footprint offsetting

The World March for Peace and Nonviolence will ensure that the carbon emissions from its core team will be offset. We will also be promoting - and involved in - tree plantings, environmental projects and other carbon offset programmes en route.



The New Zealand voluntary team:

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WORLD MARCH FOR PEACE AND NONVIOLENCE

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A march circling the earth calling for the end of war and nuclear weapons, and the elimination of violence of all kinds.

Millions of people in over 90 countries will be celebrating peace and nonviolence in the home, community, nation and world.

Join the March in your area and help build a new, global, nonviolent Consciousness.

The World Peace March
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It all starts in
Aotearoa-New Zealand
2 October 2009





Around the world in 90 days for peace

Starting on 2 October, Gandhi's birthday and the United Nations International Day of Nonviolence, a core group will travel around the world carrying the Nuclear Abolition Flame and the message of peace and non-violence. Millions more will join them in support marches, concerts, rallies, sports events, forums, exhibitions and other events.



Preventing violence—promoting peace

Violence is still too common in the world, whether it be the violence of poverty, civil disputes, wars or the threat of annihilation with nuclear weapons.

The World Peace March will highlight many inspiring initiatives to promote peace and prevent violence in our homes, schools, workplaces, communities, across the nation and around the world.



World Peace March New Zealand activities

September 21 2009

Wanganui to Wellington feeder march

Starting with a festival in Wanganui on September 21 United Nations Day for Peace, the Walk for Peace and Reconciliation will continue down the beautiful west coast of the lower north island arriving in Wellington on September 30.



September 26 2009

International team arrives in Auckland

The International team will arrive in Auckland along with a number of mayors, celebrities and others participating in the New Zealand section. Join us to welcome them to New Zealand.



September 27 2009

Auckland Peace Walk Launch

Join the international team and celebrities for the launch of the Auckland Peace Walk – a walking route through the city visiting historic and contemporary peace heritage sites and monuments, ending at St Matthew-in-the-City, where Auckland was declared a Peace City on 23 September 2007.



September 28 2009

Tourist activities for International Team

The International Team enjoys some typical Kiwi tourist activities including a visit to Te Puia Thermal Village, Huka Falls, Taupo natural hot springs, a bungee jump at Gravity Canyon and a visit to Lindale agricultural centre and farm.



September 29/30 2009

Blessing at Rekohu (Chatham Islands)

The international team travels east to Rekohu – the first point in New Zealand to see the morning sun. There they will hold the World March opening blessing ceremony hosted by the Hokotahi Moriori Trust and commemorating the 500 year-old Moriori Peace Covenant



October 1 2009

Civic reception Wellington

The international team and other visiting guests are welcomed at the Mayoral Chambers of Wellington – a declared Peace Capital and nuclear-weapon-free zone.



October 2 2009

World Peace March Starts

World Peace March starts from the Gandhi statue in front of the Wellington railway station and continues through key peace heritage sites in Wellington before heading off around the world.



Aotearoa-New Zealand—a pioneer for peace

Aotearoa – New Zealand has been chosen as the starting point for the World March for Peace and Nonviolence in honour of its ranking on the Global Peace Index as the most peaceful country in the world.

Aotearoa- New Zealand has a long history of peace leadership including: non-violent peace-making traditions of Moriori, Parihaka and other indigenous communities; being the first country to grant women the vote; prohibiting nuclear weapons; and promoting the United Nations.

However, there is still violence and injustice that needs to be addressed. Every year in New Zealand 40,000 violent crimes are reported, over 100 murders are committed and 7,000 children are abused in the home. Nearly 30% of women have reported being subjected to physical or sexual violence.