



On November 15, 2024 a train carrying a group of peacebuilders will leave Vancouver for Ottawa, uniting the country in a call to

GET PEACE BACK ON THE RAILS

(Google "Peace Train Playing for Change" to hear the theme song.)

In the face of ever-increasing violent wars, nuclear threat, climate disruption, and humanitarian crisis, the Peace Train, "sounding louder," raises the voice of Canadians across the country committed to the basics of enduring stability, security, and human rights both here and abroad.

The Peace Train project is not a protest but an effort to lift up all those who will rise to the current global challenges of resisting polarization, rampant self-interest, and an industrial war machine that is out of control.

OUR VISION:

Canada becomes an independent, middle power that is invested in and committed to promoting a culture of peace and resisting the culture of war

THROUGH:

- Recognizing Canada's historical and present involvement in injustice, colonialism, and asymmetrical power structures, here and abroad, and working towards true reconciliation;
- Identifying the underlying causes of violent conflict;
- Upholding the UN Declaration of Human Rights: the basics of justice, equality, freedom, security, and well-being for all, as essential for preventing violent conflict and war;
- Expanding Canada's role in United Nations peacekeeping, the development of international law, and the International Court of Justice: creating the conditions for preventing war, de-escalating violence, resolving conflict, and postwar reconciliation and rebuilding; and
- Prioritizing open and informed public and parliamentary debate on complex issues of peace, disarmament, and the prohibition of nuclear weapons.

OUR ASK:

We request that the Canadian government establish and fund a centre of excellence for peace and justice focused on research, education, and training in conflict resolution, diplomacy, and peacemaking for Canadian civilians, police, military personnel, and the international community.