



UP TO 1,000 KIDS WALK FOR PEACE IN THE HAGUE

28-31 March 2017
The Hague & Amsterdam

On 30th of March 2017, up to one thousand students will walk for the Oneness of Humanity in the city of The Hague; A **Walk of Hope** from the International School of The Hague to the Peace Palace. The Walk will be led by social reformer, peace activist and educationist from India known as Sri M, founder of the Manav Ekta Mission. United Nations Under-Secretary General for the Prevention of Genocide, Adama Dieng, will take part in The Hague Walk of Hope. A series of related events will take place in Amsterdam and in The Hague 28 to 30 March 2017.

The Netherlands, Germany and Switzerland are the three first European countries where Walks of Hope and Talks will take place this coming March, in order to spread the message of non-violence, tolerance, peace, dialogue, mutual understanding and solidarity. The aim is to bring people together, especially the young generation and emphasize that what unifies us all as mankind is more fundamental than what separates us.

Walk of Hope The Hague is inspired by the Walk of Hope India, which lasted one and a half years, crossing 7,500 km from the Southern to the Northern tips of India. Initiated and led by Sri M, it brought the message of 'Oneness of Humanity' to over one million people. Walk of Hope India was endorsed by the United Nations in 2015 as a unique peace initiative and a UN Regional conference in Bangkok recommended in December 2016 that "Walk of Hope be supported and replicated".

"The Walk of Hope The Hague is sponsored by the City of The Hague, the United Nations, Dutch and International schools, Carnegie Foundation, Museon, DB Evenementen, Theater De Vaillant & MOC, AISA, Dutch Buzz, Room for Discussion, and several other partners", says Yousser Chaâbane Lejmi, Coordinator of The Walk of Hope Netherlands.

"As this initiative is focused on Youth, this first edition of the Walk of Hope is reserved especially to students parents and teachers from participating schools. We invite The Hague residents to come and applaud the students when they are reaching the **Peace Palace around 12.30 !**".

Side-events/Talks with Sri M open to the public:

Amsterdam: March 28th "Political and Social mediation" at University of Amsterdam, Room for Discussion.

The Hague: March 28th "Oneness in Diversity" at Theater De Vaillant, with Sri M and two other speakers.

March 29th "One planet, One humanity" at Museon, with Sri M, UN. USG. Adama Dieng, and students.

March 30th "Youth Conference on Oneness of Humanity" at The International School of The Hague. (Students will present their joint-declaration on the Oneness of Humanity; Guests of honor Sri M and UN USG. Adama Dieng)

For an overview: www.europe.walkofhope.in and www.facebook.com/WalkOfHope2017; Refer to respective websites for registration;

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