

The World Interfaith Harmony Week
*Invites you to Organize and Submit your Interfaith
Harmony Event for a chance to win \$50,000 in prizes.*

ORGANIZE to HARMONIZE

When: February 1—7, 2015

The first week of February is officially recognized by the United Nations as the World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW). This is a time to spread the message of harmony and peace among the followers of all the world's religions, faiths, and beliefs.

The theme for these local WIHW events focuses on the universal commandment of love and harmony:

"Love of God and Love of the Neighbour," and / or

"Love of the Good and Love of the Neighbour."

The common ground between all religions, faiths and beliefs is one of humanity. In this way, the message invites all people with a moral conscience to be involved whether they believe in God or not.

WHY ORGANIZE AN EVENT?

If you organize and submit an event you can:

1. Win a prize. There is a total of \$50,000 USD in prizes.
2. Get a fully paid round-trip ticket (including room and board) to Jordan where you will receive your award at the Royal Court directly by the official sponsor of the prizes, His Majesty King Abdullah II of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
3. Receive an honourable mention.
4. Most importantly, make the world a better and safer place.

WHAT COUNT'S AS A WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK EVENT?

An interfaith harmony event is not limited to dialogues with religious figures at religious centres. Keep in mind that the word *interfaith* in the context of the WIHW does not exclude people of no faith, provided they are concerned with other people's wellbeing and enjoy a moral conscience. Here are some examples of what constitutes an interfaith harmony event:

- Interfaith harmony gatherings
- Interfaith harmony dialogues
- Interfaith harmony teas
- Interfaith harmony dances
- Interfaith harmony publications
- Interfaith harmony research papers
- Interfaith harmony games
- Interfaith harmony concerts
- Interfaith harmony competitions (healthy)
- Interfaith harmony annual gatherings
- Interfaith harmony collaborations
- Interfaith harmony acts of kindness and peace

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SUBMIT AN EVENT?

Submitting an event simply means that you are letting us know of your plans and resolve to hold an interfaith harmony week event during the first week of February for a chance to win \$50,000 in prizes awarded personally by the official sponsor of the prizes, H.M. King Abdullah II of Jordan.

WHAT DO I NEED TO SUBMIT AN EVENT?

Besides the basic information like your name, email, and phone number, we will need to know if it's an individual effort or part of a particular interfaith group or organization. We also need to know where the event is taking place (city and country) along with the name of your event and a brief description of it.

WHO CAN SUBMIT AN EVENT?

1. A WIHW Ambassador
2. Any one of the organizers of the event
3. The Organization responsible for the event

SUBMITTING AN EVENT vs. SUBMITTING A REPORT

In order for our panel of judges to properly evaluate your event, they will need more detailed information about it. In most cases, you will need to hold your event before you can report it. Your event submission allows us to follow up with you to ensure you submit your report after the event takes place. We typically send out an email reminding you to submit a report sometime mid-February. In summary:

- You will submit your event before you submit your report.
- Your event submission gives us a way to follow up with you and remind you to submit your report.
- Without an event report, you will not be evaluated by the judges and hence miss out on your chance to win the designated prizes.

WHAT DO I INCLUDE IN MY REPORT?

Anything that will help our panel of judges properly evaluate your event. This may include:

- Photos (optimize to maintain small .jpg file size)
- Videos (upload on YouTube / Vimeo and add the links to your report)
- Illustrations
- A written summary of the event (.pdf, .doc, or .docx)
- Any useful links

WHERE DO I SUBMIT MY EVENT?

Once you have your basic event information, visit our event submission page and submit here:

<http://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/organize-to-harmonize-submit-event>

HOW / WHERE DO I SUBMIT MY REPORT?

We will be sending you an email around mid-February containing a link where you can upload your report and photos documenting your event.

In case you miss this email for any reason, you can email us at outreach@wihw.info asking for your link, or, if you prefer, you can send your report to us directly in two parts via email. The first part is an email to outreach@wihw.info that contains your written pdf report (add any video links (if any) to the report) and a .zip file to the same email using wetransfer.com containing any photos related to your event. The subject of these emails should be in the following format:

Subject: WIHW - [Name of Event] – [Country] – [State/City] Report

HOW DO I ORGANIZE AN EVENT (ORGANIZE TO HARMONIZE)?

- First start with yourself and your own network. Who do you know who may be interested in interfaith harmony?
- Do some research on interfaith initiatives, groups, and organizations in your city and reach out to them. They may already have their own interfaith events linked up to WIHW that you can partake in.
- If you're a student or know a lot of students, reach out to schools and/or universities and see if you can get something started through these schools.
- Come up with a catchy name for the event.
- Find a venue if your event requires one.
- Invite people or representatives from different religions, faiths, and beliefs. (*No belief* is counted as a type of *belief* so if you're a morally conscience individual who cares about others but doesn't believe in God, you're not excluded.)
- Come up with a theme.
- Plan the event ahead of time.
- Inform appropriate media outlets.
- Start a Facebook event page to spread the word.
- Create flyers that you can post around your town.

- Send out emails to let people in your network know about the event.
- Hold the event on any day during the first week of February.
- Document the event with pictures and videos.

To learn more about the World Interfaith Harmony Week, how it all began, the various prizes and awards, the panel of judges, how you can become a WIHW Ambassador to help promote the initiative, promotional material, and more, please **DOWNLOAD OUR TOOLKIT HERE**: <http://goo.gl/bJBYrn>

FIND US HERE

Website: <http://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com> or <http://wihw.info>

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/world.interfaith.harmony.week>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/wihw>

QUICK LINKS

Submit Event: <http://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/organize-to-harmonize-submit-event>

Become a WIHW Ambassador:

<http://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/ambassador-program>