



Only Peace Will Do The Höchststadt Peace Charter

This Peace Charter is derived from the thoughts and ideas of the children and youth of Höchststadt as contributed by them to the town's 1.000 year celebration. We are convinced that conflicts can be avoided if the seven articles of this charter are observed.

§1: Human dignity and human rights

All people are entitled to the same rights. We give due respect and consideration to people of other origins and religions. We do not mock or laugh at anybody, neither do we exclude them.

§2: Basic needs of all people

We strive to guarantee that all people have sufficient water, food, a dwelling, and basic medical treatment, and to achieve a just distribution of work and a fair system of wages.

§3: Education and culture

We help so that all children can attend school. Schools everywhere must teach tolerance and acceptable social values. We support cultural events which cause people to reflect and which intensify their desire for peace. We abhor events and games which glorify war.

§4: Power and might

All social groups must be able to exercise their democratic rights in political decision-making. Politicians may only exercise their power out of love for the people. We are against torture, the death penalty and weapons of mass destruction. All weapons in the world should be under political control and ultimately should be permanently replaced by political treaties.

§5: Friendship and aid

We help the people in poorer countries, the weak and the handicapped. We do not remain silent when we recognise injustice. We support the twinning agreements between towns and regions and the exchange systems between schools, aimed at establishing and developing friendly relationships and fostering the understanding between peoples of all cultures.

§6: Religious belief and reconciliation

We pray for the strength necessary for reconciliation. God is not responsible for war. Everybody must act responsibly and positively to achieve peace.

§7: Personal contribution to peace

We accept our adversary on an equal basis. We try to rectify mistakes and conflicts. We seek the strength to apologise. We reply to malicious remarks, not with insult but with a conciliatory answer.

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