

## UPF Kazakhstan - Peacemaking Means Responsibility for the Fate of the Planet

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Pavlodar, Kazakhstan—More than 30 participants attended the seminar "Peacemaking Means Responsibility for the Fate of the Planet."

Scouts, peacemakers and members of the "Peer" club attended the program, which was held to mark the UN International Day of Peace. The event was organized by the Scout Center and the Children's Peace Center in the regional Palace of Schoolchildren on September 23, 2016.

The main task was to educate Young Ambassadors for Peace to inspire others and attract public attention to the goal of bringing world peace.

The participants discussed the theme of the 2016 International Day of Peace: "Sustainable Development Goals: Building Blocks for Peace."

Any person who is actively working for world peace can be a peacemaker. A peacemaker must inspire people to goodness, support peace and security in the world.

The Pavlodar Scouts are both volunteers and peacemakers, carrying out various actions, such as "Our Smaller Brothers" in a shelter for homeless animals; "Speak Kazakh"; "March of Surprises"; "Grandma! Congratulations!" in a nursing home, and many others. They do all these actions on a voluntary basis and free of charge!

Scouts as experienced peacemakers explained to the students the essence of their volunteer activities and peacemaking. The outcome of the training was the action "Take It as a Keepsake," aimed at promoting the International Day of Peace. More than 30 passers-by received the information about the meaning of the UN-designated day.

### **Some Reflections**

Thank you very much for the interesting seminar. I expanded my horizons in the field of peacemaking and volunteering. I have no doubt that this will help me in my life. The friendly and open atmosphere was favorable for communication.—Aslan Arystanov, Eighth Grade, Sports School No. 4

I liked the workshop primarily for its being a multidimensional event. There were specific, practical tips that you can apply at school and information for consideration.—Alyona Chekletsova, Eighth Grade, School No. 43

I think we got answers to all our questions. Peacemaking is a very important direction. ... We can make the world at least a little better and kinder.—Arina Krivonogova, Eighth Grade, School No. 4

—Mr. Samat Zainulin, methodologist of the M.M. Kataev Regional Palace for Schoolchildren, instructor at the Scout Center, Pavlodar

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