

Dear members of the FIMEM movements,

We wish to make a sincere and inspiring appeal to you.

The “Letters from Schools Around the World for Peace” initiative is much more than just an activity. It is a concrete opportunity to bring our core values to life: giving children a voice, strengthening ties between peoples, and taking action at our level for a world committed to justice and peace—in short, a more humane existence.

This initiative was launched several months ago. Some of our colleagues have already kindly participated by sending us letters from their schools. We take this opportunity to sincerely congratulate them.

However, we note that participation is still too low. This level of participation does not reflect the size of our federation. Yet, every letter counts. Every participating class allows a child to feel heard, recognized, and connected to other children around the world. Every movement that gets involved strengthens the collective power of our federation.

Dear colleagues, we cannot let this opportunity pass us by. Through this action, our organization will express to the world its deep commitment to the fundamental values of universal peace.

Our federation, along with all partner organizations, plays a role in facilitating these exchanges to foster cooperation and demonstrate that education is a powerful tool for peace. But this can only become a reality with your commitment.

We invite you to take a simple yet giant leap:

- Inform your fellow teachers, whether they are members of your movement or not;
- Encourage at least one class to participate;
- Be the first to lead by example by having your class write a letter;
- Share the letters from children in your country with the world.

It's not about doing a lot. It's about being part of something meaningful.

Children are ready to write. They have things to say. They have a message for the world.

Let's help them make their voices heard.

We are counting on each of you to bring this initiative to life and demonstrate, once again, that the strength of FIMEM lies in the commitment of its movements. The strength of the movements lies in the dynamism of their members.

If you are a follower of Freinet pedagogy, you must be ready and able to mobilize your classmates for the success of this initiative.

Recipients

The text will be the result of a collective effort by the class (in preschool, a simple drawing may suffice) following a process of reflection and discussion on the themes of war and peace.

- To ensure the most participatory and meaningful educational experience possible, the letters should represent each class individually, not the school as a whole.
- To make this initiative more tangible, we ask that the letters be sent, if possible, by stamped mail or, if this is not possible, by email. Each class will send a letter to the following recipients:

RECIPIENTS OF LETTERS AND/OR DRAWINGS

- Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations (Bureau du Secrétaire général des Nations Unies)

760 United Nations Plaza
New York, NY 10017
(États-Unis)

- Papa Leone XIV

Palazzo Apostolico
00120 CITTÀ DEL VATICANO

- **President of the United States**

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20500, U.S.A.

- Mr. Vladimir Putin

President of Russia
Presidential Executive Office
23/16 Ilyinka Street
Moscow, 103132
(RUSSIE)

- Mr. Volodymyr Zelenskyy

President of Ukraine
Government Building
Mychaylo Hrushevskyy Street
Kyiv (UKRAINE)

- Madame Ursula Von Der Leyen

Présidente de la Commission européenne

Rue de la Loi 200

1040 Bruxelles

(BELGIQUE)

- Office of the Prime Minister,

Public Relations Department,

Kiryat Ben Gurion, Building C,

Jerusalem 91950,

(ISRAEL)

Each class can choose to send letters to the authorities in their country:

- At the national level - President of the Republic - Ministry of Foreign Affairs - National Assemblies
- At the regional level - Members of Parliament - Mayors - Municipal Councilors

In addition, a copy of the letters must be sent for informational purposes to

educationpaixfmem@gmail.com

Very cooperatively!