Exchange Visit Program  
**Youth Peace Summit and Peace Camping**  
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I- Introduction

While Chicago and Phnom Penh have distinct histories of structural and interpersonal violence, they share a common approach to community peacebuilding. Youth in both cities practice restorative justice to transform harm, promote civic engagement, and facilitate community healing. In an effort to connect and amplify these efforts, the Jane Addams Hull-House Museum (JAHHM) and the Peace Institute of Cambodia (PIC) will facilitate a cultural exchange through which youth ages 17-28 will explore the roots of violence and the practice of peacebuilding in their respective cities and envision opportunities for cross-cultural collaboration. The outcomes of Cities of Peace will include professional development for youth peacebuilders, a Youth Peace Summit in Phnom Penh, public programs in Chicago and Phnom Penh, and a documentary film that will engage an audience of over 20,000 participants in expanding international relationships and imagining the conditions for a more peaceful and just world.

II- Background Information

Jane Addams was the first American woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize, founded the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, and dedicated her life to building a society based on peace and justice in Chicago and throughout the world. She famously declared, “true peace is not simply the absence of war.”

Over a century later, her adopted hometown of Chicago is struggling to cope with an epidemic of violence. In 2012, Chicago suffered 507 homicides, the most of any American city. Nearly half of all these homicides occurred in just ten of Chicago’s 77 community areas, all ten
predominantly low-income and black. As a historic house museum that continues to make social justice an integral part of its programming, the Jane Addams Hull-House Museum (JAHHM) is committed to addressing these concerns. JAHHM will partner with community peacebuilders to document, educate, and advocate for a counter narrative to popular depictions of Chicago. Cities of Peace will explore the local restorative and transitional justice movement, defined by scholar Howard Zehr as “a process to involve, to the extent possible, those who have a stake in a specific offence and to collectively identify and address harms, needs and obligations, in order to heal and put things as right as possible." This work is not done in isolation, and like Jane Addams herself, peacemakers have always recognized the need to learn lessons from similar struggles in other countries. In an attempt to address the harm caused by poverty, incarceration, educational disinvestment, and interpersonal violence in Chicago, Cities of Peace examines global models of reconciliation and community capacity building.

The Kingdom of Cambodia is one of the poorest nations in Southeast Asia, and is struggling to recover from the loss of 1.7 million lives between 1975 and 1979 under the Khmer Rouge, which devastated social institutions, culture, and family traditions. The conflict, which led to the deaths of nearly one in four Cambodians, upended every aspect of Cambodian society. While Cambodia has no armed conflict at this time, the trauma from the Khmer Rouge is still palpable and peace and justice remain elusive. Racial discrimination, violence, drug use, and sex trafficking are widespread. Recent government efforts to reduce the rate of HIV/AIDS infection have shown some success, but Cambodia continues to struggle with a high infection rate.

In Phnom Penh, the Peace Institute of Cambodia (PIC) helps people confront trauma, social inequity and the cross-generational impact of decades of civil strife, empowering them to claim a better future through restorative and transitional justice practices. In 2009, PIC established the Kriang Ta Chan Community Peace Learning Center, to help people address social and political conflict in order to bring peace and democracy to Cambodia. Kriang Ta Chan, formerly one of the many brutal death camps operated by the Khmer Rouge, is repurposed as both a memorial to its bloody past and a site dedicated to actively improving Cambodia’s future. PIC has engaged thousands of young people in critical inquiry, research, and exhibition development as a way to remember the atrocities of the Khmer Rouge, enforce the conciliatory efforts of the Paris Peace Accords, and address the needs of young people growing up in the shadows of genocide, poverty, and social upheaval. PIC has also developed a youth leadership, life skills, and job training program to foster civic engagement and economic self-determination. Finally, PIC has
facilitated numerous international youth exchanges, most recently with peer counterparts in Northern Uganda that focused on youth-led efforts to restore social accountability in post-conflict areas. The three-month exchange model implemented to educate Cambodian and Ugandan youth about leadership, female empowerment, and government accountability will be the model for Cities of Peace.

The origins of Chicago and Phnom Penh’s respective social problems are historically and culturally specific; in both places, however, social inequality and instability take a disproportionate toll on the cities’ youth. In both cities, expanding wealth inequality results in insufficient access to educational resources for low-income youth, putting them at risk of arrest and incarceration. Due to the breakup of families and conventional support systems caused by poverty and violence, these youth lack the role models, resources, conflict resolution methods, and education needed to help them cope. Both populations of young people will benefit from developing dialogue skills and re-envisioning their respective struggles from the perspective of their international peers, helping them to determine a clear road map for how to claim opportunities for themselves and their communities. As an inter-community and intercultural dialogue between community members and peace activists in Chicago and Phnom Penh, Cities of Peace aims to enrich the knowledge and resources available to all participants and expand the possibilities for meaningful change in both communities. Cities of Peace: Chicago and Phnom Penh Jane Addams Hull-House Museum and the Peace Institute of Cambodia.

III- Goal
To facilitate Peace Fellows meeting with activists, scholars and non-profit workers learn about the different approaches to peace and conflict resolution and foster cultural awareness and understanding.

IV- Objectives
- The Chicago and Phnom Penh Peace Fellows will develop close relationships and a better understanding of one another’s culture.
- The Peace Fellows will establish shared values and cultivate solidarity across lines of social and cultural difference.
- The Peace Fellows will gain an understanding of local and global, historical and contemporary, community-based peacebuilding practices. They will collaboratively
develop a framework for youth-led restorative and transitional justice, community healing, activism, and civic engagement.

- Participants will strengthen leadership, teamwork, organizational, and facilitation skills through collaborative practice.
- Participants will envision themselves as effective agents of social change and global partners in addressing societal inequality, structural and interpersonal violence.

V - Exchange Visit Program

The exchange visit will be conducted with various activities. The activities include peace summit and peace camping.

Youth Peace Summit:

Lead facilitators Irina Zadov and Danton Floyd, along with all adult and youth Peace Fellows and a team of one adult and two youth media producers from Free Spirit Media, will travel to Cambodia for 10 days to participate in a Peace Camp at Kraing Ta Chan and a Youth Peace Summit in Phnom Penh. As a sequel to the documentary film produced during the Chicago Peace Summit, the Free Spirit Media producers will shoot a second documentary film of the cross-cultural exchange in Cambodia.

Peace Camping at Kraing Ta Chan “Kraing Ta Chan Peace Camp”

The Chicago Peace Fellows and the Phnom Penh Peace Fellows will convene for a week of Peace Camping at Kraing Ta Chan, which was a prison and mass killing site during the Khmer Rouge regime and has been transformed by PIC into a memory site and Community Peace Learning Center (CPLC). The preserved Kraing Ta Chan site includes a museum, dialogue room, stupas, and religious ceremonial halls, thus transforming a negative past into a positive future through practices of commemoration, remembrance, dialogue, and education.

During this Peace Camping experience, the Peace Fellows will live together in tents, sharing cooking and cleaning duties. They will engage and empower the community of Kraing Ta Chan (including local authorities, educators, religious leaders, survivors, and youth) through site visits, storytelling, and public programming. This practice of community engagement and cooperative lifestyle gestures towards the social reform and communal domesticity at the historic Hull-House
Settlement. In the beginning of the week, the Peace Fellows will experience the memory site of Kraing Ta Chan and the living conditions of a Cambodian village through storytelling events with community members and community service. The culminating event of the Peace Camping week will be a Solidarity Festival, in which the Peace Fellows will participate in traditional rituals including providing food offerings for monks and contribute to a film screening and exhibition for community members. A documentary crew will film the entire Peace Camping experience.

Youth Peace Summit

Following the Peace Camping at Kraing Ta Chan, The Chicago Peace Fellows and the Phnom Penh Peace Fellows will convene for a one-week Youth Peace Summit in Phnom Penh in summer 2015 that will cultivate social and cultural relationship development and advance a collaborative international community. Building on the restorative and transitional justice principle of establishing shared values, each day of the Youth Peace Fellows will begin with group goal-setting and conclude with group reflection. The itinerary will include tours of the PIC and the National Museum of Cambodia and visits to the Killing Fields and the Cambodia Tribunal. Activities will include workshops on peace and conflict, development, and human rights in Cambodia with guest speakers and a solidarity dinner with stakeholders and NGOs who work in partnership with PIC. The Youth Peace Summit is the first opportunity for the Chicago Peace Fellows and the Phnom Penh Peace Fellows to meet face-to-face, and we will focus a one-day retreat towards initiating the conversation about ongoing opportunities for global youth peacebuilding collaboration.

VI- Exchange Visit Agenda

Saturday, April 4th, Arrival

- Airport Collection (22.10 – two Cambodian Peace Fellows will be there to meet the American Peace Fellows and take them to the hotel)

Sunday, April 5th - Program Commences

Lodging information: Hotel/Guesthouse in Phnom Penh (TBC)
Contact Information: PIC
Clothing/supplies recommended for the day: Casual clothes
MORNING

● FREETIME

14:00-18:00

● Welcome to Phnom Penh (10 am)
  ○ Orientation to the program
  ○ Health and Safety in Cambodia
  ○ Review of the agenda for the week
  ○ Game to select partner
    ■ Preparation for peace camping

● Cambodia Peace Fellows presentation
  ○ Historical context
  ○ Contemporary situation
  ○ PLC presentation

● Chicago Peace Fellows presentation
  ○ Screen American Alliance of Museum film
  ○ Share the history of Jane Addams Hull-House Museum
  ○ Share the practice of transformative justice in Chicago today
  ○ Peace Circle
    ■ Establishing shared values
    ■ Setting intentions
    ■ Establishing expectations and accountability

DINNER (18:00-20:00)

● Dinner

Monday, April 6th - Wednesday April 8th – Peace Camping

Lodging information: Kraing Ta Chan guest house / hotel (TBC)
Contact Information: PLC
Clothing/supplies recommended for the day: Loose, lightweight, conservative casual clothing (traditional Khmer clothing for cultural night)
Monday 6th:

TRAVEL TO KRAING TA CHAN (06:00-09:00)
- 30 Seater bus – room for bags
- Packed breakfast on the bus
- Overview of the history of Kraing Ta Chan – Khet Long

10:15-11:00
- Religious Ceremony

11:00-12:00
- Tour around Kraing Ta Chan

LUNCH (12:00-14:00)
- Community cooking

14:00-16:00
- Meeting with community members and storytelling:
  - Genocide Survivors/ prisoners
  - Rape Victim
  - Witnesses

16:00-18:00
- Start to build the memorial kitchen

DINNER (18:00-19:00)
- Cooking together

FILM SCREENING 19:00 – 21:00
- Screen Cities of Peace: Chicago and Phnom Penh film
- Cambodia film or film made by children
- Reflection

21:30
- Check in at Hotel
Tuesday, April 7th

BREAKFAST (07.30 am)

08:30-09:00
  • Peace Circle (Intentions)

09:00-12:00
  • Continue to finish building memorial kitchen

LUNCH (12:00-14:00)
  • Cook Together

14:00-15:00
  • Prepare for solidarity festival

15:00-16:00
  • Water Ceremony

16:00-18:00
  • Play traditional Khmer games

DINNER (18:00-19:00)
  • Cook together

19:00-22:00
  • Cultural Night
    o Cambodian Peace Fellows performance
    o American Peace Fellows perform American
    o Community Youth performance
    o Reflection

Wednesday, April 8th

BREAKFAST (07:30-08:30)

08:30
  • Check out
- Peace Circle

09:00-12:00
- Solidarity Festival
  - Offering food to monks
  - Opening and blessing of the kitchen

LUNCH (12:00-14:00)

14:00-17:00
- Travel to Phnom Penh

17:00-21:00
- Free-time

Thursday, April 9th - Youth Peace Summit

Lodging information: Phnom Penh hotel / guest house (TBC)
Contact Information: PIC
Clothing/supplies recommended for the day: Casual Clothes

BREAKFAST (07:00-08:00)

08:00-08:30
- Peace Circle

08:30-14:00
- Urban Arts Tour with Anida (TBC)

14:00-17:00
- Plenary discussion with speakers
  - Reparation Program
  - Gender-based crimes
  - Human Rights

17:00-21:00
- Boat Cruise
Friday, April 10th – Youth Peace Summit

Lodging information: Phnom Penh hotel / guest house (TBC)
Contact Information: PIC
Clothing/supplies recommended for the day: casual clothes

BREAKFAST (07:30-08:30)

09:00-12:00
- Youth Peace Advocacy
- Preparation for visiting the National Assembly

LUNCH (12:00-14:00)

14:00-17:00
- Visit to the National Assembly

17:00-20:00
- Cities of Peace Reception

Saturday, April 11th

Lodging information: Phnom Penh hotel / guest house (TBC)
Contact Information: PIC
Clothing/supplies recommended for the day: Casual for day and smart for reception

BREAKAST (08:00-09:00)

08:30-09:00
- Peace Circle

09:00-12:00
- Trip to the Killing Field in ChoeungEk
LUNCH (12:00-14:00)

14:00-16:00
- National Museum

16:00-20:00
- Cultural Night

20:30-21:00
- Reflection

Sunday, April 12th

Lodging information: Phnom Penh hotel / guest house (TBC)
Contact Information: PIC
Clothing/supplies recommended for the day: casual clothes

BREAKFAST (08:00-09:00)

09:00-12:00
- Toul Sleng Genocide Museum

LUNCH (12:00-14:00)

14:00-17:00
- Shopping

17:00-20:00
- Dinner
- Performance

Monday, April 13th

Lodging information: Phnom Penh hotel / guest house (TBC)
Contact Information: PIC
Clothing/supplies recommended for the day: casual clothes
BREAKFAST (08:00-09:00)

09:00-12:00
  •  City tour

LUNCH (12:00-14:00)

14:00-17:00
  •  City Tour

18:00
  •  Travel to airport

VII- Partnership and Support

The exchange visit is organized by the Peace Institute of Cambodia and Kraing Ta Chan Community Peace Learning Center in partnership with Youth for Peace and the Jane Addams Hull-House Museum with support from American Alliance of Museums and the US Department of State.

VIII- Exchange Visit Participants

The participants are peace fellows from Chinago and Phnom Penh who are trained by the Jane Addams Hull-house Museum and the Peace Institute of Cambodia. We will include other guest speakers, observers, NGO representatives, and ambassadors etc...