

Open House for Peace

Learn what members of our communities are doing for peace and violence reduction, their visions for the future for inner, community, national, world peace. There will be time for questions and dialogue in each segment and at the end.

WHEN:

November 18, 2007
Noon – 5:00 p.m.
Optional Dinner at 5:15

WHERE:

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Noon - Reception

12:25 - Welcome and Opening Remarks - Karen Johnson

12:30 - Department of Peace Campaign, Karen Johnson and Student Peace Alliance, Katie Regan

There currently is legislation pending to establish a U.S. Department of Peace and Nonviolence (H.R. 808). Karen Johnson, Illinois State Coordinator for the grassroots campaign, will give a brief history of the legislation and grassroots campaign, key points in the legislation and answer questions regarding this legislation. Katie Regan of the Illinois Student Peace Alliance will speak to us about parallel student and young adult movement and activities. We believe this legislation is couched within a greater social movement, described as the largest social movement in history.

1:20 - Restorative Justice, Christine Agaiby, J.D.

The Restorative Justice Team of Alternatives, Inc. has been dedicated to helping schools implement Restorative Justice strategies such as Peace Circles, Peer Mediation, and Peer Jury Programs within Chicago Public Schools. The dynamic trainings offer adults and students a menu of options in dealing with serious and minor wrongdoings. Through these trainings, youth and adults learn how to empower the voice of the person affected by harm and strengthen the bonds of communities. Restorative Justice programs provide a method to repair harm, restore safety, and foster authentic referred student accountability, all while keeping the referred student in the school community.

2:10 - Break

2:30 - Nonviolent Communication, John Cabral

John Cabral is a peace and justice activist with roots in Latin America who presently lives in Oak Park, Illinois, with his wife and two children. He believes we could vastly expand the effectiveness of social change work if we could bring in the skills and the spirituality of Nonviolent Communication.

3:20 - Art of Living Foundation, Kiki Bussell and Jon Ketty

The Art of Living Foundation is an international nonprofit NGO member of the United Nations focusing on peace for the individual: eliminating stress and creating a violence-free society. Kiki Bussell and Jon Ketty are trainers who teach the techniques of using breath that turn life into an art taught by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, AOLF's founder. Kiki and Jon will give an introduction of the Foundation's work around the work and about the science of breath—how the breath can be a useful tool to calm and manage the mind and emotions. They will teach a breathing technique and lead a guided meditation, with time for questions.

4:10 - Discussion/Integration of the day

5:00 - Optional dinner - continue the dialogue at a restaurant two doors down, if you like.

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