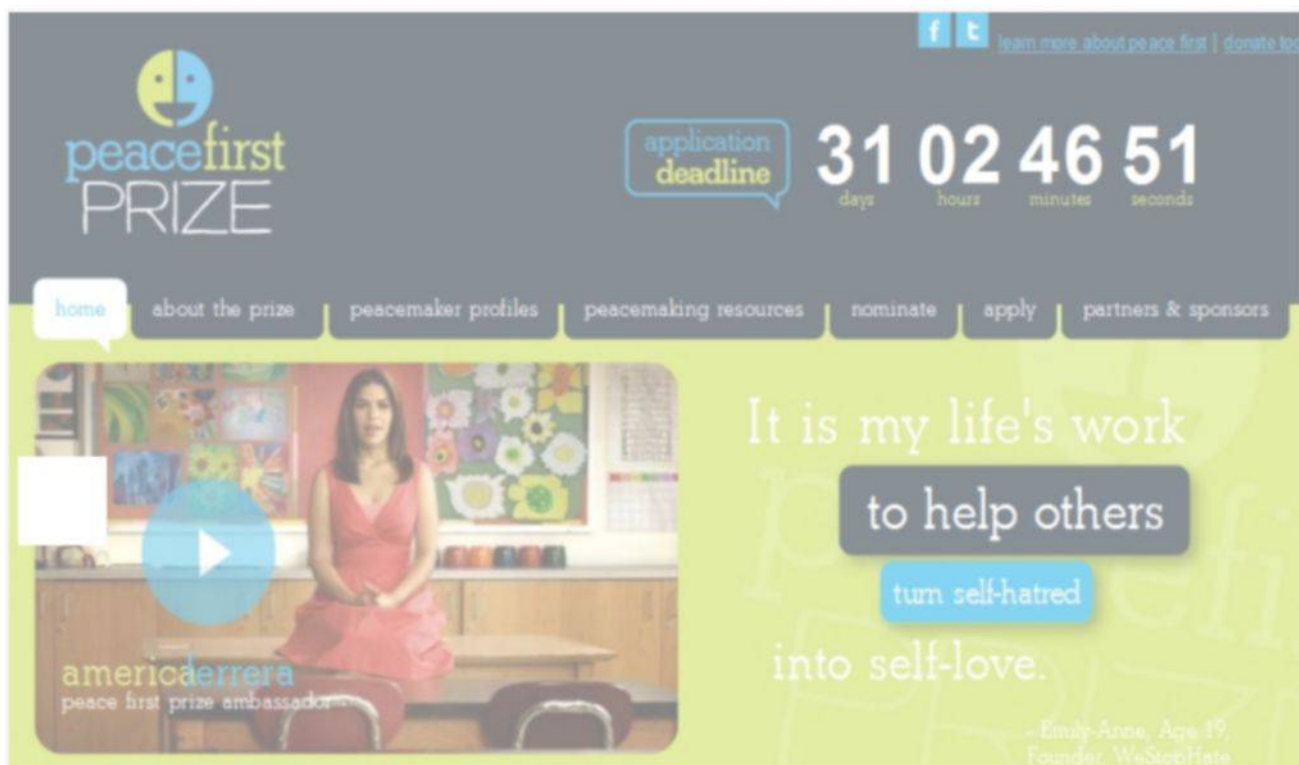


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It is my life's work to help others turn self-hatred into self-love.

- Emily Anne, Age 19, Founder, WeStopHate

Nobel For Young People

Peace First exists to create the next generation of peacemakers. Cooperative games are an excellent way to teach and practice peacemaking skills while having fun with family!

Cooperative games help children develop the essential skills of cooperation, communication, empathy, and conflict resolution by giving them an opportunity to work together toward a common goal. These games require the skills of everyone in the group, not of just one or two people. Contrast this with traditional games, in which there is direct competition between individuals or groups, and you'll see why cooperative games can play such a big role in teaching and reinforcing

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Top 10 Cooperative Games For Families

Promoting Peace through Cooperative Games: A Toolkit

Implementing a Peacemaker Project: Resources on the Digital Activity Center

The Peace First Curriculum Overview

The Peace First Curriculum sample lesson

Young adult volunteers are an integral part of our program, delivering weekly lessons to students at our partner sites in partnership with the classroom teacher. Usually recruited through formal partnerships with colleges and universities, volunteers are well-trained and supported by Peace First to serve as positive role models for students

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Peace First is a national nonprofit organization that exists to create the next generation of peacemakers. We view children as natural problem solvers and creative thinkers, and invest in their ability to see themselves as leaders.

Peace First (formerly Peace Games) began as an annual festival to unite children to play cooperative games and share their visions for peace. Dr. Francelia Butler, a professor of children's literature, created the festival out of a belief that children had the responsibility to create peace in their world. In 1992, Dr. Butler brought the festival to Harvard University, where it grew from an annual event into an independent non-profit organization under the leadership of current Peace First President and Co-founder, Eric Dawson. In 2000, with Boston as a flagship site, Peace First now operates in Boston, Los Angeles, and New York, with requests for our work from all over the world.

Eric Dawson

Today, what began as a one-day festival is now a national movement that Peace First is catalyzing to celebrate young people and their potential to create positive change around them. Our work is grounded in teaching young people the skills of peacemaking; empowering educators and parents to teach and model these skills and values; and creating social messages that raise expectations for young people to demonstrate compassion and empathy.

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The [Peace First Digital Activity Center](#) presents our Pre-K to 5th grade curriculum and activities in a cost-free, downloadable format to allow educators, youth service providers, and families to customize a search through our vast library to meet specific needs. [Lessons](#) have been designed by a team of curriculum experts to be easily adaptable to various formal and informal learning environments. Some of our favorite [games & activities](#) are also available, as well as some [how-tos](#) to help adults get started.

The Peace First Fellowship reflects our commitment to investing in the leadership of youth peacemakers.

The goals are to:

- Invest in young leaders whose work and ideas demonstrate tangible youth peacemaking;
- Learn from the work of these young peacemakers to advance the field of youth peacemaking;
- Create advocates and spokespersons for the importance of teaching peace and for changing social messages to youth about peace.

Winners will each receive a \$50,000, two-year Fellowship which can be used in two ways:

- Contributing to the winner's education and professional development
- Supporting the winner's ongoing peacemaking work

The Fellowship includes these experiences:

Community: Fellows will be convened 3- 5 times during their 2-year fellowship to create a peer group of peacemaking leaders. They also serve as ambassadors for Prize events in future years;

Professional Development: Fellows will engage in a leadership development program supported by conference

calls, webinars, direct coaching, and a structured curriculum;

Mentoring: Each Fellow will work with a national business, political, or community leader who will provide advice, connections, and mentorship **through quarterly conversations.**

Collective Action: Fellows will actively engage in Peace First's mission and work. This includes public speaking, school visits, and participating in national and local peace initiatives.

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