

Peace Corps Week

Bring the World Home



At a Glance

The Mission of Peace Corps Week

To support returned Peace Corps Volunteers in furthering the Peace Corps' third goal of promoting a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans, during the week of March 1 and throughout the year.

History

On March 1, 1961, President John F. Kennedy signed the executive order establishing the Peace Corps. As the first group of Peace Corps Volunteers was dispatched to Ghana in 1961, he made a prediction: "The logic of the Peace Corps is that someday we are going to bring it home to America."

Peace Corps Day was created in 1998 to formally support returned Volunteers in sharing their experiences and host country cultures with communities in the U.S. In 2003 it evolved into Peace Corps Week. This celebration by the Peace Corps community continues to be a unifying way of honoring the outstanding work of Volunteers and returned Volunteers through the years.

Join Thousands of RPCVs During Peace Corps Week

- ❖ Speak to students; youth, religious, or senior citizen groups; co-workers; clubs; or other community organizations. Join up with other RPCVs to give a presentation.
- ❖ Organize a group event, such as an informational potluck dinner, a Peace Corps photo exhibit at your local library, or a cultural fashion or talent show.
- ❖ Write an article or a letter to your local newspaper highlighting your service for publication, or request an interview with your local radio station.
- ❖ Organize a project at a local school or youth center, such as painting a Peace Corps mural.
- ❖ Promote your host country's culture and the work you did during your Peace Corps service on campus or in your work place.
- ❖ Visit the Peace Corps Week website for more ideas and online resources.

Promote World Peace and Friendship

By actively sharing their Peace Corps stories, returned Peace Corps Volunteers

- ❖ Inspire volunteerism
- ❖ Break down stereotypes
- ❖ Broaden Americans' perspectives
- ❖ Promote global/cultural understanding and awareness



RPCVs and Fellows/USA students Lisa Labita and Carrie Abdella present on their service in Nepal as part of Peace Corps Week 2007 at the University of Arizona.

Demonstrate the Power of the Peace Corps at Home

Extend the reach of your Peace Corps service by planning a presentation or other event for Peace Corps Week.

Your activity counts in helping us demonstrate how the third goal is implemented. Visit the Peace Corps Week website to **officially register your participation**, and let us know the good work you are doing in your community to "bring the world home."

No matter when during the year your activity is planned, we can help you prepare for it. Visit the Peace Corps Week website or contact us for more information.

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