

Drums for Peace:

Organizer

The « Pôle Créatif Liégeois » (in English: Liège Creative Hub) is a de facto Belgian association whose primary objective is creativity, enabled by providing support for leaders of their own projects and initiatives which aim to protect our planet and the inclusion of people in society.

History of Drums for Peace

In 1976, the Belgian poet and resistance fighter Arthur Haulot and his wife Moussia launched « World Poetry-Childhood Day » in Belgium, an event which takes place every year on March 21st. « Drums for Peace » was created as part of this day to raise awareness among primary school children about Peace in the world.

From 2001 to 2010, this action became international when UNESCO invited the « World Poetry-Childhood Day » to participate in the « United Nations International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World ». 120 countries and 800,000 children around the world took part in Drums for Peace.

After the death of Arthur Haulot (2013) and his wife (2018), no one took over the organizing the event, however the festivities still continued in some municipalities in Wallonia and around the world.

In 2023, the Pôle Créatif Liégeois relaunched and coordinated this initiative through the Wallonia/Brussels Federation, in Belgium, and the event took place on March 21st, 2024. Following this event, the Pôle decided to internationalise the movement on March 21st, 2025.

Next year, the event will take place on Friday March 20th, 2026, with March 21st falling on a weekend.

What are Drums for Peace?

During this event which takes place every year on March 21st, children gather in a public square or in the courtyard of their school equipped with percussion instruments made with recycled materials. They perform little rhythms, sing songs of peace or recite short poems they have written for the occasion. They also wear a dove-shaped craft attached to their jacket, made in class during the preparation for the event.

Details of the organization of Drums for Peace

a) When? March 20th, 2026

b) Where?

In primary schools in every country in the world that wish to join the event.

A choice:

- In a public community space (town square, park, community center, etc.)

- In the school yard

c) How?

By bringing students together and organizing a demonstration in favor of Peace.

Drums for Peace Values

This project calls on children to come together to build a world of harmony, peace, understanding of others and fraternity. This is an initiative that brings hope and awareness to problems in our society. By beating Drums, the children make their call for a less cruel world, for peace, and for the fight against racism and anti-Semitism, to civil society as a whole.

Link: <https://www.polecreatifliegeois.be/tambours/tambours-2026/drums-2026>