

Welcome to plant trees with Peace Circle® and ENO

In this upcoming Peace Day 2025 tree-planting event, hand, head, and heart are combined: ENO encourages ENO schools and communities to join the "Plant and Play – Global Peace Circle Day" by Peace Circle® on 21 September. Share your journey in ENO's and Peace Circle's social media – let's inspire others together! in co-operation with Peace Circles® Plant and Play - Global Peace Circle Day.

Global Peace Circle® Day

21 September 2025 – International Day of Peace Plant – or play. But above all: embody the values.

On this day, people all over the world will plant or shape a Peace Circle® – not just with trees or people, but with values that define peaceful coexistence and a just world. Planetary peace.

What is a Peace Circle®?

- A HEART Hope · Love · Justice
- B HEAD Knowledge · Science · Wisdom
- C HANDS Life · Balance · Diversity

You can create your Peace Circle® in two ways:

- Plant it with trees or plants—each representing one value.
- Some it with people—voice or display each value around the circle.

Each circle is a living expression of care, responsibility, and connection.

Play Peace Circle - The ABC for Peace Performance

The ABC for Peace performance is a symbolic 5 to 10-minute presentation that expresses the shape and values of the Peace Circle® through movement. Children or youth represent the three pillars of peace — Heart (hope, compassion, justice), Head (knowledge, science, wisdom), and Hands (life, balance, diversity) — and together they form the peace symbol with their bodies.

The performance can be held outdoors or in indoor spaces such as schoolyards, plazas, libraries, or community stages, with around 20 participants. At the end, the audience is invited to join in the final gesture: *Plant and care for peace and the song is also played.*

Read more and register your school:

https://www.peacecircle.world/updates

TREE PLANTING EVENT - STEP BY STEP GUIDE

PREPARATIONS BEFORE

- 1. Visit the campaign page from here
- 2. Schedule: Campaign Day is:21 Sep: UN's International Day for Peace
- 3. Please register your school or organisation from here
- 4. Find out your local tree species: Plant only trees that are typical for your climate and dominant tree species in your region! You could plant your apple seedlings sprouted, or perhaps a local native tree for wildlife. No matter what the species, make sure that it's not an invasive species.
- 5. Choose suitable places for trees and dig holes in advance. When choosing your tree, ensure that the soil and place (shady/sunny) is suitable for it. Note that trees need plenty of room to grow, so don't plant them near houses. Investigate if there are any special considerations about <u>roots</u> growth patterns before buying your plant. Find out also what kind of care the tree will require over short and long-term periods. See more tree care tips <u>here</u>.
- 6. Take contact with local experts and find sponsors for your seedlings.
- 7. Find students who will plant trees.
- 8. Involve local people from your community to take part.
- 9. Prepare to take photos and videos during the occasion.
- 10. Invite other schools, special guests or your local celebrities to join this event, probably one of them could give a short speech.
- 11. Get local media involved.

YOUR TREE PLANTING DAY

- 1. Go to your tree planting site and gather around the seedling/s
- 3. Students plant trees together with adults (teachers, local people, special quests...)
- 4. Tree Planting Song "Hi and ho we plant trees!" or music/dance by students
- 5. A speech by your possible special guest/guests (see the speech at the end of this document!)
- 6. Arrange a group photo, where students, quests and audience gather around the tree seedlings.

AFTERWARDS

- 1. Planting was just a start. You have to take care of your tree. Water it regularly. During the first couple growing seasons, your newly planted tree is expending a lot of energy trying to get its roots established in the soil. You can use mulch around your tree as it insulates the soil and helps to provide a buffer from heat and cold. It also keeps weeds out to avoid root competition
- 2. Share your journey with others and with the Peace Circle® and ENO online community on social media (FB, Twitter, Instagram):

https://www.peacecircle.world/updates

ENO Facebook
ENO Teachers Facebook
Twitter ENO
Instragram ENO Schoolnet

Hashtags

Peace Circle®

#peacecircle

ENO:

Facebook & Twitter: #enoprogramme @enoprogramme

Instagram: @enoschoolnet #enotreeplanting



THE SPEECH FOR STUDENTS

Our Message for the day:

Our environment is important for us. Not only locally but also globally around the world. Today it's time to lay focus on the environment, peace and unity. We do this special deed together with thousands of students, teachers, parents and local communities around the world. We plant trees today in the North, South, East and West. Schools in many other countries are planting trees with us. Trees that we plant today are included as a part of a big "Plant and care for peace" - campaign.

Tree is a symbol for us. Firstly, it reminds us of nature and the importance of climate and environmental protection. Secondly, it symbolizes our co-operation between schools and communities around the world. We live in different cultures but appreciate their richness. We respect the rights of everyone, including nature and animals. Let's mark these trees as peace trees and grow together with our trees towards a better future.

It's an honour today to be a part of the movement that believes in action. Your journey towards making a difference starts here. Before we plant these trees we can all make this small hand gesture - a symbol that brings us together in solidarity, growth and harmony. This unique gesture, finishing in the form of cupped hands holding a seedling, roots the universal mark of peace, is our way of saying hello. Let it guide you in becoming part of a movement where every action sows the seeds for a better future!