ACTIVATING POSITIVE PEACE

ENGAGE WITH THE TRANSFORMATIONAL POSITIVE PEACE PROGRAM THROUGH RESEARCH, WORKSHOPS, EDUCATION AND CONFERENCES.
Peace is a prerequisite for the survival of humanity as we know it in the 21st century. Positive Peace provides a framework to understand and address the many complex challenges the world faces.
The Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) is the world’s leading independent, non-partisan, non-profit think tank dedicated to developing metrics to analyse peace and to quantify its economic value. It does this by developing global and national indices, calculating the economic cost of violence, analysing country level risk and understanding Positive Peace.

IEP’s research is regularly referenced in the global media and is used by major global institutions to shape policy. Governments, NGOs, academic institutions and international organisations extensively use IEP’s research, including the World Bank, United Nations and the OECD. IEP was recently ranked in the top 15 most impactful think tanks in the world on the Global Go To Think Tank Index.

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Humanity is now facing challenges unparalleled in its history. Many of these problems are global in nature, such as climate change, ever-decreasing biodiversity, depletion of the earth’s fresh water, and overpopulation. Such global challenges call for global solutions and require cooperation on a scale unprecedented in human history.

In a hyper-connected world, the sources of many of these challenges are multidimensional, increasingly complex and span national borders. For this reason, finding solutions to these unprecedented challenges fundamentally requires new ways of thinking.

Positive Peace, or the attitudes, institutions and structures that sustain peaceful societies, offers a new way to achieve sustainable development, violence reduction and resilience.

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Based on IEP’s empirical expertise and years of statistical analysis of thousands of datasets, the Positive Peace framework consisting of eight Pillars, focusses on what works and emphasises factors that create thriving societies.
Positive Peace is transformational in that it is a cross-cutting facilitator of progress, making it easier for businesses to sell, entrepreneurs and scientists to innovate, individuals to produce and governments to effectively regulate.

IEP’s Positive Peace model is also statistically associated with:

- Stronger GDP growth
- Higher measures of well-being
- Societies with higher levels of resilience and adaptability
- Better performance on environmental measures
- Better performance on development measures
- Social inclusion

The annual Positive Peace Report analyses the factors that sustain peace and includes the Positive Peace Index, a global ranking of 163 countries. The report tracks global trends and economic benefits associated with Positive Peace, including ways in which countries transition to higher or lower levels of peacefulness.

IEP’s empirical analysis demonstrates the factors that sustain successful peacebuilding efforts and provides a basis for the application of systems thinking to better understand how nations operate. With this evidence, the Positive Peace report outlines a new approach to societal development.
IEP’s Positive Peace Workshops place the research into the hands of people and help communities develop practical, concrete actions to strengthen the social structures, attitudes and institutions that foster peace. From Uganda to Mexico, Thailand to Tunisia, IEP has collaborated with a number of organisations around the world to develop engaging workshops focusing on practical efforts to build Positive Peace at the local level.

Impartial and based on empirical evidence, the Positive Peace framework provides a neutral baseline to describe the peace dynamics of a social system across cultures and belief systems. The objective quality of the pillars, allows local communities to take the model and appropriate their own practical approaches to developing peace.

Workshops can be adapted to local context and language, varied group sizes, or include other development content consistent with Positive Peace values. Workshops are relevant for emerging leader groups, community groups, and diverse groups including strategic, emerging leader and community participants.

Positive Peace Workshops are:
- Versatile
- Empirically-based
- Strength-focused
- Engaging and interactive
- Relevant for local and national contexts

IEP and partner organisations monitor and evaluate the outcomes of the workshops. The desired aims of each workshop vary according to the local context and are developed by IEP and partner organisations.

Previous workshop partners included Rotary International, the Danish Refugee Council, UNICEF, the United Nations Association of Australia and the Thai Peace Network.
ANNUAL POSITIVE PEACE CONFERENCE:
Each year, IEP and partners host the Positive Peace Conference at Stanford University, California. The full day conference serves as a platform to promote awareness, discussion and collaboration in building peace at one of the world's leading education institutions. A diversity of international speakers meet to address a broad group of peace practitioners, academics, journalists, professionals, policymakers, experts and students interested in exploring Positive Peace and how it can be applied.

POSITIVE PEACE SPEAKERS:
IEP representatives provide engaging and insightful presentations on Positive Peace and are often invited to speak at various conferences, symposia, workshops and conventions including Rotary International conventions, international conferences on human rights education, peace and conflict resolution events.
POSITIVE PEACE ACADEMY:
IEP has developed a free online short course for anyone interested in learning how to build and sustain peace in their communities. Peacebuilders, policymakers, students and members of the public can take their first steps in Positive Peace development.

Three online modules will introduce participants to strategies and tools that can help individuals, local communities, cities and nations build and sustain peace. The short course includes an introduction to concepts of negative and Positive Peace in which students gain a broad understanding of peace and conflict studies. Lessons on the empirical foundation of Positive Peace and how it can be applied to practical peacebuilding are included. The course also provides guidance on how to take Positive Peace from theory to practise.

EDUCATION SECTOR:
Positive Peace has long been part of the peace and conflict research field. In an effort to make peace a more central area of study for a broader community of students, teachers and academics, IEP works with a growing network of schools and universities globally.

At the primary and secondary level, we have developed a range of resources for teachers to introduce peace into the classroom across a number of subjects. At the tertiary level, we are working with academics and universities, including business schools and economics departments, to develop deeper research into peace and its value within society. IEP recently launched a partnership with the Seshat: Global History Databank to create the Historical Peace Index at the University of Oxford.

Education providers interested in the empirically derived Positive Peace framework can partner with IEP and adapt the model to suit their education programs. The IEP Positive Peace framework offers practitioners effective peacebuilding tools for all levels of education and we encourage education providers to contact us.
Clockwise (from top)

IEP’s Steve Killelea in discussion at the 2018 Positive Peace Conference, Stanford University; Positive Peace workshop in Thailand; IEP’s Charlie Allen at the Positive Peace workshop in Thailand; Participants at Positive Peace workshop in Uganda; Panel discussion at the 2018 Positive Peace Conference, Stanford University
get involved.

There are are number of opportunities to get involved with Positive Peace and the Institute for Economics & Peace.

- Partner with us
- Become a benefactor
- Sign-up for the Positive Peace Academy
- Teach Positive Peace
- Invite IEP to speak at your event

Sign up for the Positive Peace Academy: courses.visionofhumanity.org
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