



CHILDREN
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THE EARTH

INSPIRES AND UNITES
YOUNG PEOPLE

Title

Teddy Bear Hugs

Description

In the activity, children have the opportunity to donate teddy bears to children who are going through a difficult moment. You can deliver them to paediatric hospitals, orphanages, and in selected places in the Balkans, Greece, or the Middle East where a large number of war refugees live.

Donating a teddy bear that children can hug when they feel blue is a simple gesture that spreads peace and gives hope.

The idea was devised by the [Children of the Earth](#) organisation in 2004 with the goal of distributing teddy bears to young victims of the tsunami in Thailand. The project has since grown and has reached several places in the world such as Louisiana, Africa, Haiti, and the Middle East.

The activity is promoted by [Children of the Earth](#) and [Living Peace International](#).

Target group

Children, youth and adults from any school, group, or association.

Goals

- Give hope and joy to children who are living in difficult conditions.
- Make children and kids aware of how difficult life is in certain places and encourage them to spread peace.
- Encourage kids to collect teddy bear where they live.

Activity

Collect teddy bears in your class or group.

Write a brief peace message and attach it to the bear you want to send to children who live in dire conditions in war-thorn Countries, or in hospitals or orphanages in your city or elsewhere. Check what [Campbell](#) did.

If you want that your gifts arrive in time of Christmas, mail it before the end of November.

To take part in the activity, please write to c.palma@livingpeaceinternational.org attaching photos and videos of your activity to be shared with the Living Peace International network. ***

Deadline

There is no deadline.



***** Living Peace acts accordingly to the EU General Data Protection Regulation, which came into force on 25 May, 2018.**

If you want to share pictures and videos of children and kids, you must send us a consent form signed by their parents or legal guardian(s). You can [download](#) the consent form here, and address it to [AMU](#) NGO, which is in charge of data management for the Living Peace International project, sending an email to privacy@amu-it.eu.

If a consent form cannot be provided, please remember to send us only pictures and videos where people—especially minors—are not recognisable.

These include shots taken from above or behind, where you can see the children involved in the activity, but you cannot take a front view shot.

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