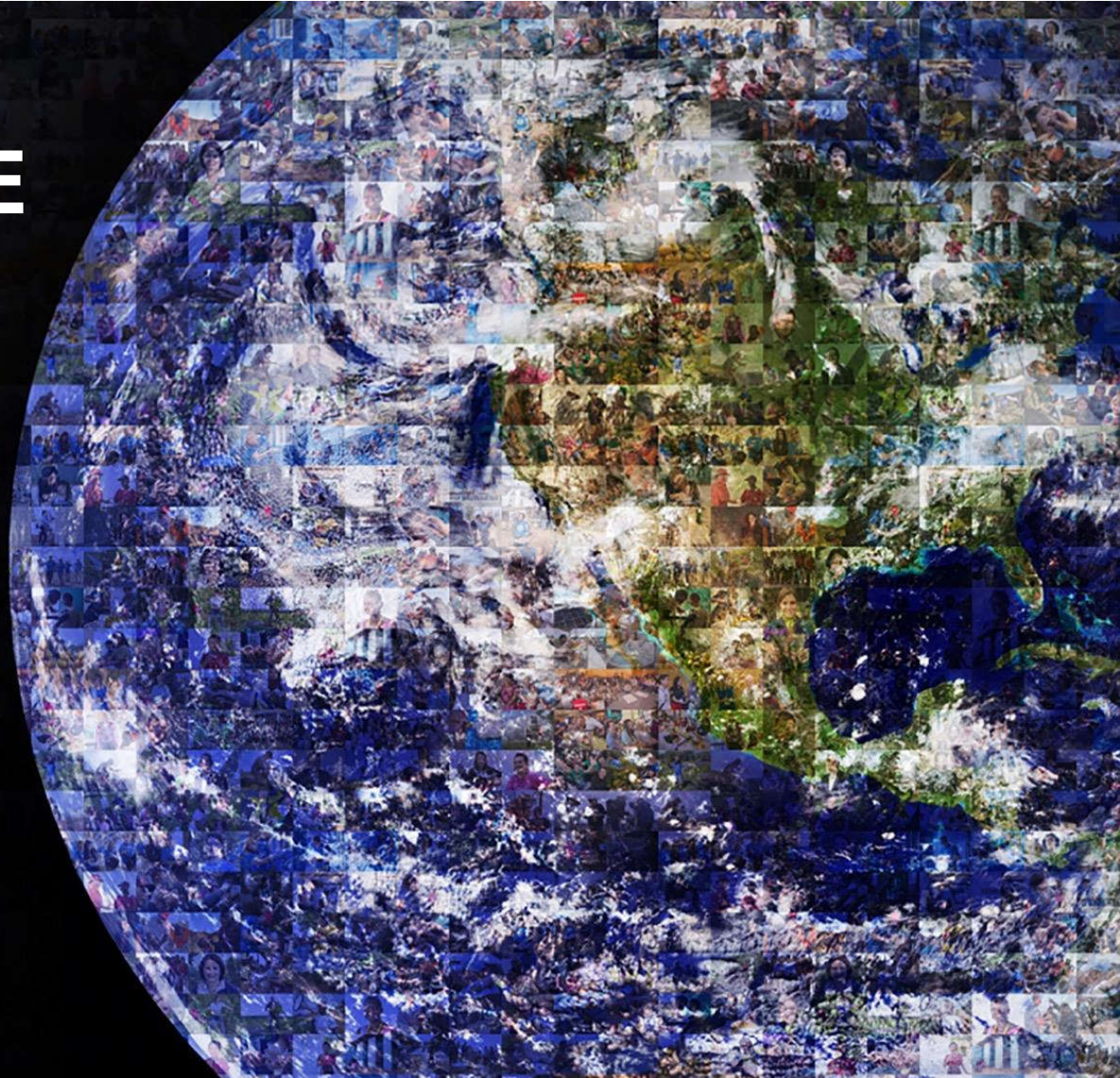


# POSITIVE PEACE AND ROTARY

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## Why Positive Peace?

- A transformational concept
- Focuses on what we can do (economically/culturally/socially)
- Advanced approach in removing threats or negative factors



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## ADVERSE (NEGATIVE) PEACE

Absence of direct violence. Absence of fear of violence.

# GLOBAL PEACE INDEX



## POSITIVE PEACE

Attitudes, institutions, and structures that sustain peace.

# POSITIVE PEACE INDEX

# Building High Levels of Positive Peace

**Attitudes**

→ Makes violence less tolerated

**Institutions**

→ More responsive to society's needs

**Structures**

→ Reinforce nonviolent resolutions of grievances



# Positive Peace

## Drivers of Positive Peace

In addition to the absence of violence, positive peace is also associated with many other social characteristics that are considered desirable, including better economic outcomes.

[Launch of the Positive Peace Report 2024 \(youtube.com\)](#)



# Positive Peace Framework

- Empirical → Relies on statistical analysis
- Identify → Common characteristics of peaceful countries
- Provides → Metrics for measuring the factors that create peace



# Elements of Positive Peace

- Attitudes (Individuals and groups)
- Institutions (Government, organizations and businesses)
- Structure (Laws and policies that lead societies)



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# Measuring Positive Peace

Global Peace Index (GPI) in calculating peacefulness

- Very peaceful
- Moderately peaceful
- Not very peaceful



# Measuring Positive Peace

## The Impact of Violence in the World

- The **global economic impact of violence** was **\$17.5 trillion in 2022**, equivalent to 12.9 percent of global GDP, or \$2,200 per person.



# CLOCKS and CLOUDS

Many projects fail  
when we apply  
“**clock-like**” fixes to  
“**cloud-like**” problems.

# Eight Positive Peace Pillars



# The Rotary-IEP Partnership



- Peace is a process (a system versus a product/result)
- Building capacity
- Providing education (peace building)



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# Rotary's history of peace building



1921

- Rotary convention Edinburgh – 4th Object of Rotary “Peace & World Understanding”

1942

- UNESCO conference organized in London by Rotary Clubs of 21 countries.

1949

- 45 Rotarians at UN Charter in San Francisco + Rotary one of 42 observer organizations

1999

- Rotary Peace Centers – 1<sup>st</sup> graduate – 2004

2017

- Partnership – Institute for Economics & Peace

2024

- NEW Peace Center - Istanbul

# The Rotary-IEP Partnership

## Rotary Assets in building Positive Peace

- Service above self
- The 4 Way Test (The things we think, say and do)
- Rotary Guiding Principles <https://my.rotary.org/en/guiding-principles>
- Respect the Right of Others (Fellowship of Rotarians)



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# The Rotary-IEP Partnership

## Rotary Assets in building Positive Peace

- International understanding, good will, and peace (4<sup>th</sup> Object)
- Avenues of Service (International service)
- TRF Areas of Focus (Peace Building and Conflict Resolution)



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## ROTARY'S AREAS OF FOCUS



PEACEBUILDING AND  
CONFLICT PREVENTION



DISEASE PREVENTION  
AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION,  
AND HYGIENE



MATERNAL AND  
CHILD HEALTH



BASIC EDUCATION  
AND LITERACY



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT

## PILLARS OF POSITIVE PEACE



Well-functioning  
government



Sound business  
environment



Equitable  
distribution  
of resources



Acceptance of the  
rights of others



Good relations  
with neighbors



Free flow of  
information



High levels of  
human capital



Low levels  
of corruption



# The Rotary-IEP Partnership

## Rotary Assets in building Positive Peace

**“An act of service is an act of peace”**

**“Peace must start with us”!**

# The Rotary-IEP Partnership

## Steps for Consideration in Building Positive Peace

- Before you try to fix something, ask first
- See from your sight and see it from the sight of others
- It is not about telling one what to know, what to say, or what to do



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## What can you do right Away?

- Respect yourself and others (culture of respect)
- Civility Framework (No harm approach)
- Courtesy, kindness, politeness (Genteelness framework)
- Listen intentionally (Listen to understand)
- Discuss Vs. Arguing (Discuss things and do not argue people)



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# The Rotary-IEP Partnership

How to Get Involved?

What can you do right Away?

Rotary Positive Peace Academy: <https://www.positivepeace.academy/rotary>



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How to Get Involved?

What can you do right Away?

- Institute for Economics and Peace (2024 Peace Index Report)
- <https://www.visionofhumanity.org/resources/?type=research>



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IEP Ambassador webpage: <https://www.positivepeace.academy/ambassadors>



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