

Elephants for Peace Community

We are creating images of joy and peace

Images from today, for tomorrow

Rose Marie Gnausch

Elephants for Peace is a communal project: everyone committed to peace can take part

The visible symbol for peace is the peaceful elephant. The largest animal on earth, the elephant is a majestic figure of great size and power living in harmony with its surroundings. The elephant combines **peace with power**.

Elephants for Peace expresses the desire for peace shared by the great majority of people around the world, but that is rarely visible. Through the many donated *Elephants for Peace*, a new image of peace, power, and strength is given concrete form and becomes a visible reality.

In places of conflict, *Elephants for Peace* unite what appeared to be separated, and thereby transforms sites of conflict.

On **June 8th, 2011, starting at 3:00 pm**, the Elephants for Peace will be in **Cologne**, stopping in the northernmost olive grove of Europe on their way to Oswiecim, Poland. At the invitation of the City of Cologne and the Tree Farm La Cava in Köln-Widdersdorf, a place for contemplating peace will be celebrated with a benefit concert, a panel discussion, and film presentation. You are invited to bring your own Elephant for Peace to join the others on their way to Poland. Send or bring your Elephant for Peace before June 8th to Mr. Alfred Schroeter, Baumschule La Cava, Widdersdorfer Landstr. 103, 50859 Köln.

On September 1st, 2011, the Elephants for Peace will be in Oswiecim, known to many by the infamous German name Auschwitz. The Elephants for Peace strive to transform the darkest memory of the 20th century into a site and symbol of freedom and community.

The mayor of Oswiecim invites everyone to exhibit an Elephant for Peace in the Castle of Oswiecim from **September 1st to 5th, 2011**, and calls on the international community to create a communal image of peaceful togetherness.

Just imagine that **WE** are the ones that create the world.
Peace is the health of the community. A picture is worth a thousand words.
We look forward to having you join us...

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For submissions in Germany until June 8:

Herrn Alfred Schroeter, Baumschule LA CAVA, Widdersdorfer Landstr. 103, 50859 Köln

For submission for and from Poland before August 26:

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History:

Elephants for Peace is a participatory movement. Everybody with a desire for a world in harmony is welcome to make, create and contribute an elephant figure, a symbol of a creature that is powerful and peaceful at the same time. The first project originated in May 2009, in Nicosea, Cyprus, where elephant figures contributed from around the world transformed the border into a site of peace and joy. In 2010, further *Elephants for Peace* events in Strassburg and Schengen celebrated the dissolution of the borders between people.

Everyone can participate! Children, adults, whether they are artists or not, is invited to send an elephant: a drawing, a painting, a found object, a film, a weaving, a sculpture, as long as it includes a symbolic elephant. You are welcome to include the name, date, and place of the creator. These elephants will travel as ambassadors for peace throughout the world. Planned destinations include Istanbul and Israel.

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