



Drawing Hope In New York : Children’s art for peace

November 10-24, 2025

United Nations Headquarters, New York

Introduction

Drawing Hope is a trans-local peace project that delivers messages of hope through children’s artwork, fostering intergenerational dialogue. This collaborative initiative brings together grassroots civil society organizations from around the world under the Drawing Hope Network, creating spaces for creative and meaningful exchange.

The Drawing Hope Project involves children and youth from various parts of the world, each with their own unique histories of conflict, cultures, and languages. They imagine themselves crossing and transcending these barriers to meet and converse with their friends across the world, sharing messages of greeting, peace, and reconciliation.

The exhibition of children's drawings began in 1998 with the project “Hello, My Friend!”, which connected children from South and North Korea across the divide. It later evolved into Drawing Hope, gathering the dreams of children across Asia and the world. The project launched its international exhibition in 2021 in Los Angeles and has since traveled to Belfast, and Cape Town, with a forthcoming exhibition scheduled at the United Nations Headquarters in New York in 2025.

Organizing and Participating Organizations

Sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations in New York

Organized by

- Okedongmu Children in Korea
- American Friends Service Committee with the Quaker UN Office

Participating organizations:

- Friends of Northeast Asia Children's Art Exhibition Organizing Committee
- ReconciliAsian
- The Desmond & Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation
- Rcity Youth CIC
- Cambodia Peace Gallery
- Zona J Youth Foundation
- Edupaz
- Mennonite Central Committee
- Irish School of Ecumenics
- Corrymeela Community

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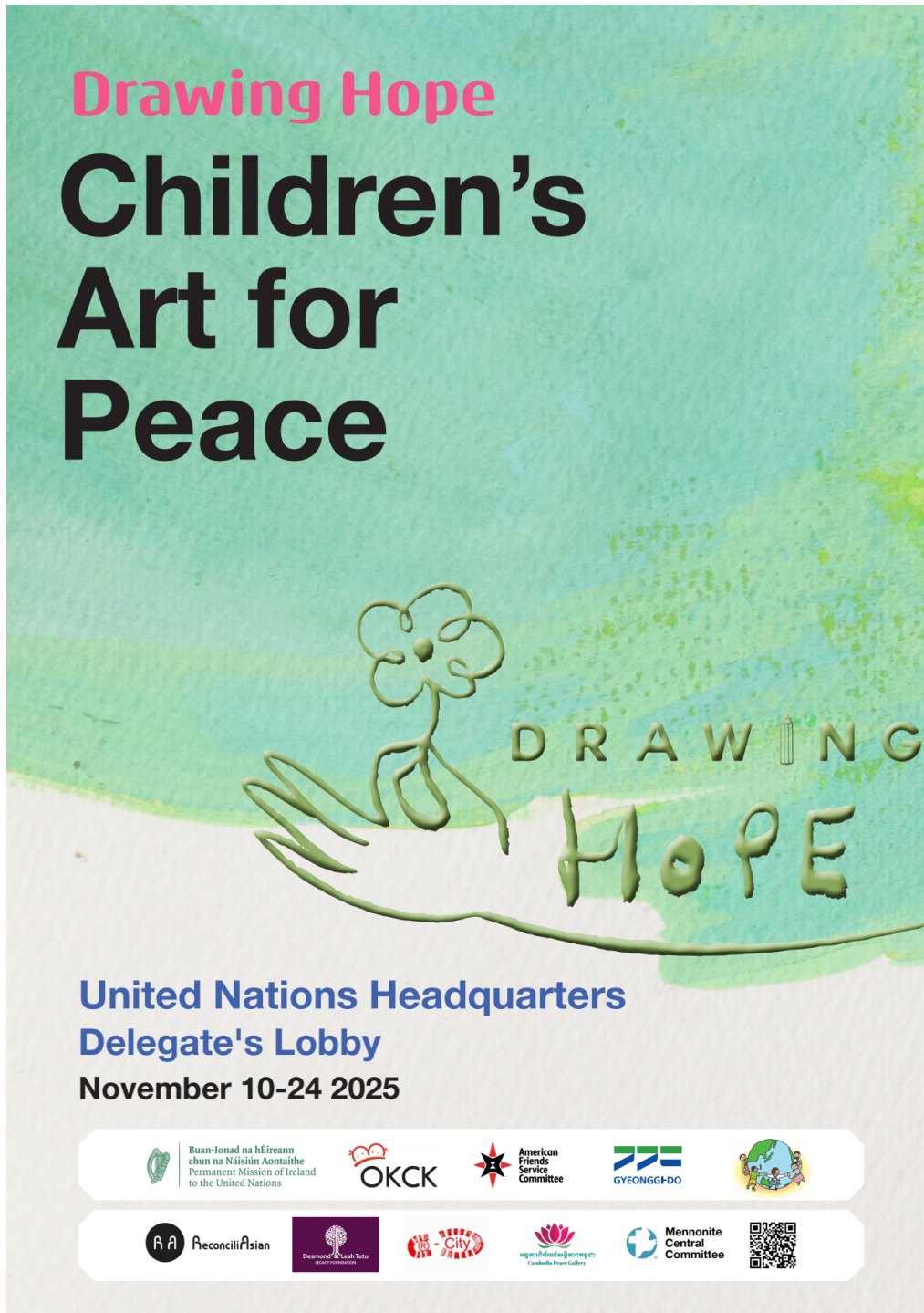
Program

Exhibition

- **Date:** November 10-24, 2025
- **Venue:** United Nations Headquarters 1F Delegate's Entrance
- **Children's individual artwork**
: Self-portraits and letters to future friends in other parts of the world from Republic of Korea, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Japan, United States of America, Ireland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Republic of South Africa, Kingdom of Cambodia, Republic of Colombia
- **Children's collaboration artwork**
: Life-size portraits and letters to future friends across the globe

Opening Reception (Invitation only)

- **Date:** 5:30~7PM, November 11, 2025
- **Venue:** United Nations Headquarters 1F Delegate's Entrance
- **Program:** Opening Ceremony and Reception



Drawing Hope Roundtable & Showcase (Open Event)

- **Date:** 12:00-2:00PM, November 12, 2025
- **Venue:** Church Center for the United Nations 2F, Conference Room
- **Program:** Drawing Hope Showcase Mini Exhibition and Roundtable Panel Discussion titled “Drawing Hope in Conflict-affected Societies: Young People and Art in Trans-local Peacebuilding.”

Drawing Hope

In Conflict- affected Societies:
Young People and Art in Trans-local Peacebuilding

Wednesday, November 12th

12:00 – 2:00 PM (EST)

2F Conference Room, Church Center for the United Nations

777 United Nations Plaza New York, NY 10017

12:00 - 12:30 PM

Drawing Hope showcase

Light lunch will be served

12:30 - 14:00 PM

Drawing Hope roundtable

Featuring:

Moderated by:

Donovan Evitt

Rcity Youth CIC

Dong Jin Kim

Okedongmu Children in Korea

Leidy Aguirre

Proyecto El Nido

Jennifer Deibert

American Friends Service Committee

Nazli Abrahams

Desmond & Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation

Sue Park-Hur

ReconciliAsian

Tsutsui Yukiko

Relief Campaign Committee for Children Japan



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