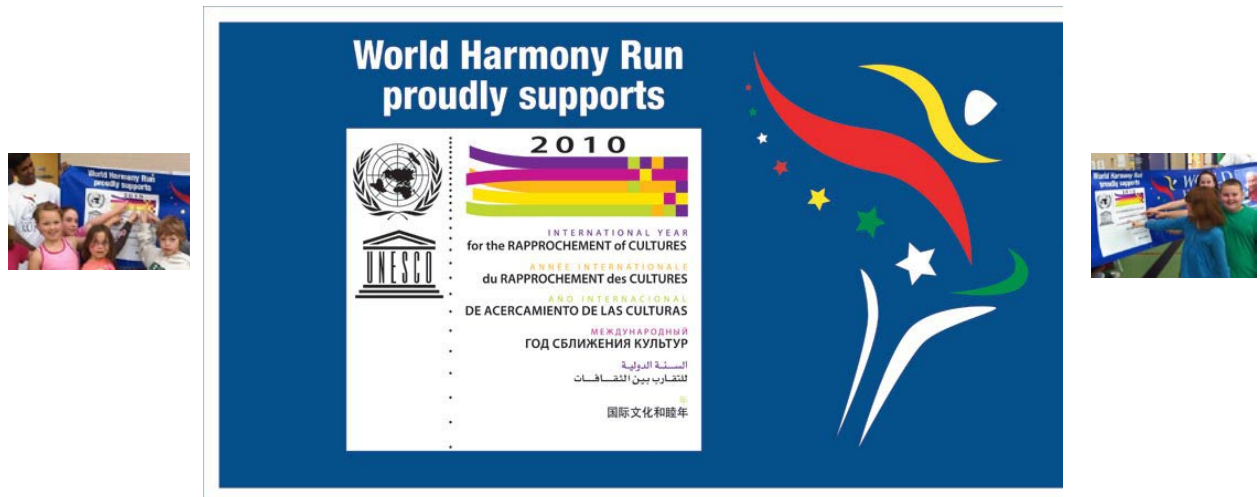


## Examples of IYRC Introduced at Events: Part 02

This document shows some ways 2010 International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures is introduced during World Harmony Run events.



See also: [http://www.worldharmonyrun.org/unesco\\_year/iyrc\\_examples](http://www.worldharmonyrun.org/unesco_year/iyrc_examples)

**For example** In addition to the prominent placement throughout the 2010 International Launch of the World Harmony Run during April in New York;

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***This is Part 02:*** [http://www.worldharmonyrun.org/images/global/unesco\\_year/iyrc\\_examples/whr\\_iyrc\\_pict\\_pt\\_02.pdf](http://www.worldharmonyrun.org/images/global/unesco_year/iyrc_examples/whr_iyrc_pict_pt_02.pdf)

**Canada** - 4 days: Parliament, Interfaith and Unesco Heritage sites

- **Ottawa** Parliament Hill: Speaker of the House and Members of Parliament, Diplomatic Community and other organizations.  
Torch-Bearer recipients, Rideau Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Bytown Museum, Canadian Museum of Civilization in Gatineau, Quebec
- **Toronto** - Interfaith events: Catholic High School; Award to Honorable Jean Augustin. Youth and adults of the Sikh faith and other faiths. Then on to Buddhist Meditation Centre and Temple
- **Kingston** - Murney Tower, converted to peaceful purposes is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

**Austria**

- **Göstling**: alpine ski champion;
- **Reichraming**, A child leads - Peace-bridge, built by young people from Austria, Israel and Palestine, symbolising hope for living together harmoniously.
- **Vienna** - Emperor's Castle, Schönbrunn, spectacular Emperors' Balcony!.
- **Frankenfels**, Rain and Runners from Laufftreff Pielachtal

**Utah** - **Arizona**

- Sunrise - Valley of the Gods. Nature overwhelms, wild flowers.
- Forrest Gump turn around. Monument Valley - Children;
- **Navaho reservation**- Rural Utah Head Start; runner teach Russian. "thank you" in languages, harmony song.

- Interesting [flags](#), [night views](#), [Mexican Hat](#).

## Nova Scotia, Canada

- **Dartmouth** - High School's Diversity Club carried the torch and [a message](#) to the run participants that they took turns reading out at two local junior high schools.
- **Halifax** - Year [logo color strands](#), [song drums](#), [Virtues](#) related to year, [drawings](#) with [banner](#), [languages](#), [certificate](#), [schools pass torch](#), [hand drawn harmony](#) signs, [link arms](#), [language representatives](#), [first nations people](#); [Mi'kmaq gathering song](#), [harmony](#) moments, [serenity](#) nature, [Peggy's cove](#) and [lighthouse](#).

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## Canada Parliament Hill, Interfaith and Unesco Heritage sites

A ceremony was held in West Block, Parliament Hill. Among the guests were the Speaker of the House and Members of Parliament



**Ottawa Parliament Hill**  
Report of 25 May see: <http://www.worldharmonyrun.org/canada/news/2010/0525>

We were honored by the presence of many from the Diplomatic Community. After participating in the traditional World Harmony Run "Parade of Nations", dignitaries and representatives of various organizations join in holding the torch together.



**Torch-Bearer Award recipients and good friends**  
(from left) **Geoff Green and Ray Zahab**. Geoff is the founder of [Students on Ice](#) polar expeditions and Ray is the founder of [Impossible2Possible](#).

Full of inspiration from the ceremony on Parliament Hill, it was now our turn to run with the Torch. We set out for the Rideau Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, nestled below the embankment of Parliament Hill.







Canadian Museum of Civilization in Gatineau, Quebec, was our next stop; it is a beautiful building overlooking the Ottawa River and Parliament Buildings.

**Toronto - Interfaith Events** During past years **Interfaith events** have been a regular feature of the World Harmony Run in Toronto. This year was no exception and has special relevance since the UN and UNESCO are celebrating 2010 as [the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures](#). More detail of events of [23 May](#) or [21 May](#)

The Father John Redmund Catholic High School + Lakeshore Collegiate students with the World Harmony Run team on 21 May



Team greeted and joined by 20 youth and adults of the Sikh faith - Guru Sabha Gurudwara on 23 May. Team also visited the Kadampa Buddhist Temple and Meditation Centre



**Kingston** - The events in [Kingston on 16 May](#) concluded at an important site.



The final destination of the day was the Murney Tower, which has now of course been converted to peaceful purposes and houses a museum.



A reason for choosing the Tower as the final location for the day, was to recognize the importance of this UNESCO World Heritage site.

## **Austria** *Ski Champion, Child leads to Peace Bridge, View Banner from Balcony*

Full Report of [3 June: Puchenstuben - Ternberg](#)

The team was warmly welcomed in **Göstling** by the friendly Mayor and people from the community - among them, famous **alpine ski champion, Kathrin Zettel**.



This is the main purpose of the World Harmony Run: to connect people from all walks of life, big and small, old and young, world-famous and grassroots-level in a family-like way. Everyone can contribute something to make the world a better place.



**A Child Leads us...** Shortly before we reached **Reichraming**, a little girl from the community, very eager to hold the torch, accompanied us to town. She **showed us the way to an especially significant location - a Peace-bridge**. It was built by young people from Austria, Israel and Palestine, symbolizing hope of Israel and Palestine living together harmoniously in the future.



**Vienna** - The World Harmony Run arrived in Vienna, the capital of Austria! We visited the Emperor's Castle, Schönbrunn?..

**a group picture on the spectacular Emperors' Balcony!**





**Austria (continued): Vienna - Puchenstuben**  
**- Running in Rain with friends and smiles**

Our next stop is in **Frankenfels** for a reception by the Mayor.

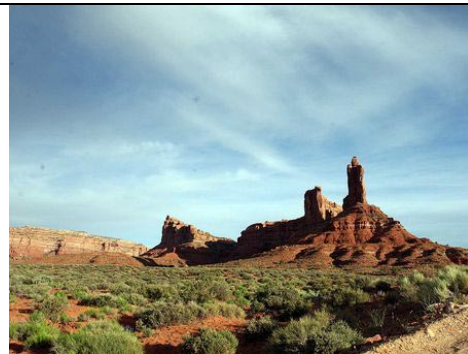
**Runners from Lauftreff Pielachtal** were also there prepared to join us for the next 8 km of uphill running in unremittingly inclement weather!



**Utah- Arizona** for a full report of 01 June see:  
<http://www.worldharmonyrun.org/usa/news/2010/week07/0601>



Watching sunrise in Valley of the Gods. As always, it was truly beautiful.



We stayed as long as our schedule allowed before departing for our share of day's miles.



This is the famous place where **Forrest Gump** said he was going to turn around.

This team kept going especially to see the children and young at heart waiting for the run up ahead.



**Monument Valley** The children of the Monument Valley Head Start Program ran with us.



**Navaho reservation school** –We were greeted by adorable children from the Rural Utah Head Start Program.



Runners did a lap of honor around the playground and shared "thank you" in our different languages,



Performing the World Harmony Run song



After the ceremony the women's team started a long afternoon run. They were scheduled to run the next 40 miles of the route.



Interesting flags in Navajo land.





One of the most scenic days on our entire trip - brought us to Mexican Hat.

## Nova Scotia, Canada

**Dartmouth. 04 June 2010** The Auburn Drive High School's Diversity Club carried the torch and [a message](#) to the run participants that was read out at two local junior high schools. The message was from the President of the Governing Council of UNESCO about 2010, [the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures](#) as a "wonderful opportunity to creatively celebrate cultural diversity and its role in forging ties between cultures and people."

## Halifax 10 June 2010 – 5 schools

Full report of 10 June: <http://www.worldharmonyrun.org/canada/news/2010/0610>



The run banner shows support for the Year 2010 goals. Although the strands join together at one end to make a distinct shape they still keep their unique color.

A choir with 12 African drums performed the World Harmony Run song with subtle variations.



**Virtues - Gifts of Character** Many of the values expressed have special relevance for this year of 2010 when the UN and UNESCO are celebrating and appreciating cultural diversity. (For example: friendliness, respect, understanding.)







As the torch is passed, did you notice the different Virtue Gift illustration signs on the wall?



Children pointed out the 6 languages on the symbol for the year 2010. While noting it would take quite a bit more space to list all the other languages used in the world

Notice the art work that had been prepared for display just behind the banner.



The theme of cultural diversity and exchanges between cultures fits very well with the ongoing multi-year efforts of the World Harmony Run.

The logo for year 2010 added much to the presentations today.

Elementary School Principal and teachers pass the torch to the runners of the next school..



The Riverside Education Center (REC) were present at ceremony of the third school to join in expressions of oneness, receive the torch and run 8.5 km to REC.



It was hot and hilly but each one was determined.

All their training paid off as they turned off the main road toward REC.



Students formed a circle in the field and linked arms in a sign of harmony.



A class came down to the main road with banners they had made to cheer along the runners.



Some people came to hold torch together after we spoke of the 6 languages on the banner. This followed a part in programme where some from the group had volunteered to come up to represent one of the less familiar languages on the 2010 logo such as when Spanish, Russian, Chinese or Arabic were mentioned.



We also discussed others languages that might be added,

So we were delighted to have some students at REC who knew the regional Mi'kmaq language and came forward to hold the torch together, It was the perfect link to the next school



## Indian Brook

### LSK (L'nu Sipuk Kina'muoKuom)



A grade 10 student took the torch and ran it strongly up the hill to another student. Together they carried the torch to the physical education teacher and then to councilor representing the Chief.

### Musical Welcome



The Musical Welcome was sung by the elementary students and the music director and drummer, Mr. Curtis Michael.

The World Harmony Run was greeted with the Mi'kmaq gathering song beautifully and enthusiastically.



What wonderful community energy and spontaneous spirit. Awesome!

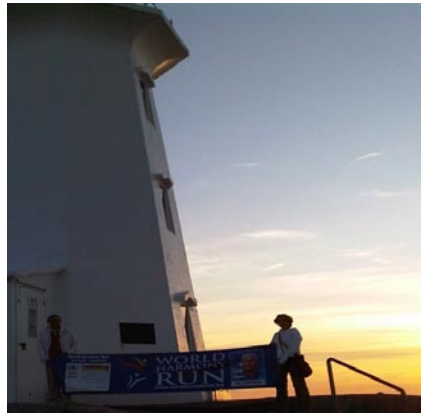


Many held the torch.

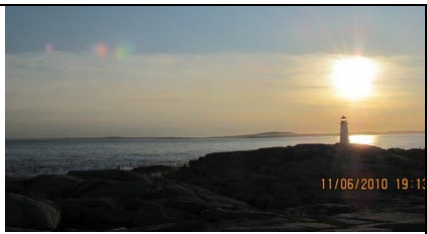
### Peggy's Cove and Lighthouse



There were stunning views from the rocks with the sound of crashing surf.



Some local and international runners visited with the new banner.



We took in the beautiful oneness and uniqueness of the sky, sun and sea.



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Part 01 contains: **Philadelphia, Pa:** [Historic Church](#), [City Hall](#), [local Media](#), [Languages](#) by Children who [held torch together](#); **Rising Sun, Maryland:** [Mayor leads run](#) to 400 children, [2010 Banner](#), [Country Flags](#), [National Dress](#), [Classes countries](#); **Washington, DC:** [First school](#) read [6 official languages](#), [Colors on the Years](#), Embassy [welcomes](#) in [colorful function room](#) and [appreciates 2010](#) Cultural Diversity theme **Florida:** Children form [huge Thank You Heart](#) with [IYRC Logo in the center](#); **Greece:** [run with the 2010 Logo on banner](#), Three [schools join](#), soccer team [participates](#); **China:** [Planting a tree](#), Nat and Internat [run together](#), Runner [Musicians perform 2010 Logo](#); **Mongolia:** Boarder chiefs and [staff welome team](#), plant [4 trees for peace and Harmony](#); and [share torch, ceremonies, buildings and pictures](#); **Hungary:** [Full Day event](#) in Budapest, [artistic, sporting, entertaining](#), educational in huge public space, [thousands of children](#) made [drawings](#) on reverence for Mother Nature.", [shape of a huge tree activity](#), Ashrita [new Guinness record](#), [media coverage](#), [Stage](#) for [bands](#), singers, dancers, [gymnastics](#), [Enthusiastic](#) runners [energy](#), and logo 2010, [all day different events](#) [discussed](#); Messages [described 2010](#) and [the run](#), [Clown Magician](#) and children [with 2010](#). [World Heritage sites](#), [Banks of Danube](#) and [Buda Castle](#), Painter, [vészabó noémi](#), letter: "children know the secret, they dare to believe

**WORLD HARMONY RUN THEME SONG**

Run, run, run, run, run, run! World - Har - mo - ny - Run.

We are the one - ness and full - ness of To - mor - row's Sun.

Listen on [www.worldharmonyrun.org/song](http://www.worldharmonyrun.org/song)

**Sri Chinmoy**  
Founder (1931 - 2007)

	In her <a href="#">comments</a> regarding the year Ms. Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO stated, "The resultant cross-fertilization of our societies offers new opportunities to strengthen the ties between peoples, nations and cultures " she continued, "Exchange and dialogue between cultures are the best tools for building peace."
	Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-moon gave the following <a href="#">message</a> : "The International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures is an important initiative. During the year, we will be celebrating cultural diversity and showing how intercultural dialogue and understanding are essential for a more peaceful world. We will also be highlighting the crucial role of culture in development. Let us work together to make the Year a resounding success."
In a letter to the World Harmony Run, the Secretary General conveyed his "best wishes for the success of the event" to all the volunteer coordinators assembled for the <a href="#">international launch</a> in New York on April 12.	
	Dr. Davidson Hepburn, President of the General Conference of UNESCO offered the following words of support to all participants of the World Harmony Run. "I wish all the organizers and participants in the World Harmony Run many successful events and joyful shared experiences. May your activity contribute to the global recognition of the intrinsic relationship between sustainable development and the promotion of cultural diversity, mutual understanding, and a culture of peace." <a href="#">Full Message</a>

We will incorporate into our efforts the UNESCO strategy for 2010:

- (i) promoting reciprocal knowledge of cultural, ethnic, linguistic and religious diversity;
- (ii) building a framework for commonly shared values; equal dignity of cultures, mutual respect and the strengthening of cooperation for lasting peace.

[Link to UNESCO website.](#)

[Other IYRC Messages and Statements](#)