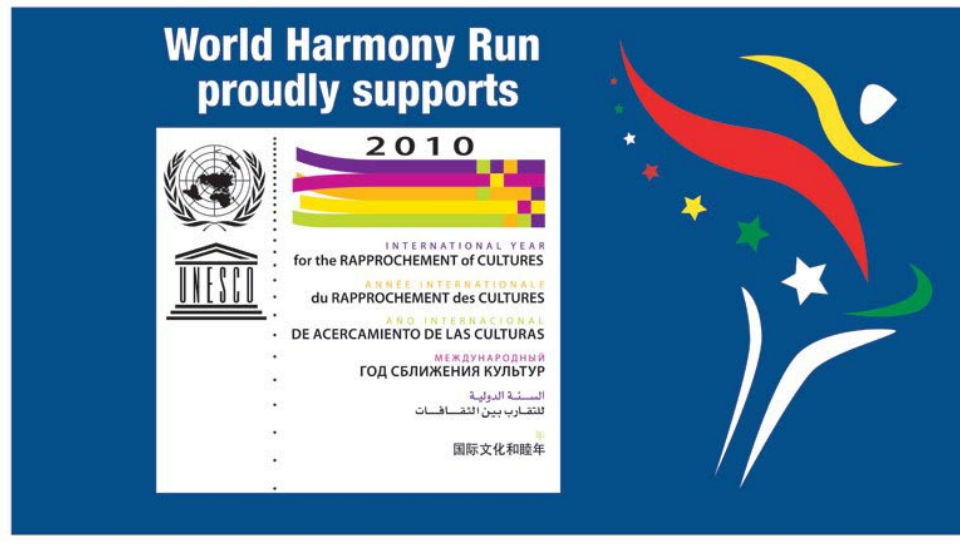


Examples of IYRC Introduced at Events

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

For example In addition to the prominent placement throughout the [2010 International Launch of the World Harmony Run](#) during April in New York;

Philadelphia, Pa:

- [Historic Church, City Hall](#) Park with [local Media](#)
- School - some [Languages were read](#) by Children who [held the torch together](#).

Rising Sun, Maryland

- [Mayor leads run](#) to 400 children, song, [2010 Banner](#)
- [Country Flags, National Dress, proclamation, Classes](#) study [various different countries](#)

Washington, DC:

- [First school](#) to read out all the [6 official languages](#) of the UN which are on the logo.
- [Colors on the Years Banner](#) which keep their uniqueness
- Embassy [welcomes](#) the Run in [colorful function room](#) and [appreciates the year 2010](#) Cultural Diversity theme

Florida:

- Hundreds of Children form a [huge Thank You Heart](#) with the Banner and [IYRC Logo in the center](#)

Greece:

- Children enjoy [running with the 2010 Logo on banner](#),
- Three [schools join](#) together, soccer team [participates](#) in front of banner and reaches out

China:

- [Planting a tree](#), National and International [runners together](#),
- Runner [Musicians perform with the 2010 Logo](#) on banner

Mongolia:

- Boarder chiefs and [staff form lines to warmly welcome international team](#) of runners entering country;
- Together plant [4 trees for peace and Harmony](#); and [share torch with 2010 banner](#).
- Later days events have incredible [ceremonies](#), [buildings](#) and [pictures](#)

Hungary - Full Day event in Budapest

- Culture, [artistic](#), [sporting](#), [entertaining](#), + educational activities in a huge public space.
- Many [thousands of children](#) made [drawings](#) on the theme of harmony and "reverence for Mother Nature."
- Paper in [shape of a huge tree](#) was alive with [activity](#) and color.
- Ashrita Furman and Bipin Larkin set a [new Guinness record](#) which increased [media coverage](#)
- [Stage](#) for [bands](#), singers, dancers, [gymnastics](#), acrobatics and [more](#)
- [Enthusiastic](#) runners with [energy](#) going at various speeds
- Banner and logo for 2010, [all day at different events](#) was [discussed](#); Messages shared [described 2010](#) and [the run](#)
- Austrian [Clown Magician](#) and children [with the 2010 logo](#)
- [World Heritage sites](#), include [Banks of Danube](#) and [Buda Castle](#)
- Painter, [vészabó noémi](#), honorary adjudicator beautiful letter,: "children know the secret, they dare to believe"

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](#).

Philadelphia –

Christ Church where many of the founding fathers and families attended over 220 years ago.

[Historic Christ Church](#)

[click for a full report of 2010 apr 19](#)



The [UN and UNESCO International Year 2010](#) logo dedicated to "Cultural Diversity" was discussed as it appears on the banner carried by the runners this year.

Philadelphia City Center - Love Park across from City Hall



A ceremony where the runners announced their different countries and answered questions for the print, [radio](#) and television media present. They also shared the torch with others on hand...



The team sang the World Harmony Run theme song (first reminding the audience that they were mostly "runners not singers" and then exceeded expectations with their enthusiasm and joyful rendition.)

...So it was very fitting to have a banner in support of the "[International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures](#)" highlighted today with the World Harmony Runners and special guests in front of the famous "LOVE" emblem.

Paoli In suburban Philadelphia



St. Norbert School,
Children read out part of the UN and UNESCO logo for year 2010 in different languages.

For local press coverage of the event, go to the [Main line Media News](#) web site - [video](#), [pictures](#)

[Google news](#) also



Students who participated in the language identification exercise then held the torch together with the runner Gabriel who is fluent in the first two of the six languages.



Other students were able to share the torch with the USA Team Captain.

Message from UNESCO - * the same morning the Run received [a message](#) from UNESCO in Paris. "The main objective of 2010: [International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures](#) is not only to foster respect for each other's culture and break down the barriers between different cultures, but also to promote ideals of peace, fraternity and wellbeing". The World Harmony Run "corresponds perfectly to the objectives of the Year and covers multiple aspects and opportunities to promote dialogue through cultural interactions"

Rising Sun, Maryland.

For a full report of 2010 Apr. 21 see <http://www.worldharmonyrun.org/usa/news/2010/week01/0421>

We were greeted by Mayor Judith Cox at the Rising Sun Elementary School along with teachers, staff, Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education members.



Most of the time, we sing this song to the children at the end of our program with the hope of having them sing along with us.



During our presentation there were about 20 children standing behind us on the stage, each holding a flag of a different country that they themselves made.

We followed Mayor Cox into the auditorium of about 400 children and over 20 teachers and staff singing our World Harmony Run Theme song.

They surprised us as they were so beautifully led by the music teacher, who enthusiastically played along on the piano.

The diversity of flags and attire fit very nicely with the Logo for the [UN and UNESCO Year 2010](#) which is on the run banner this year.



Some of the children on this day were also dressed in traditional costumes of their respective country for the program.



The World Harmony Run supports the goals of the [International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures](#)::reaching out to others, sharing and appreciating our cultural diversity is very important.

Mayor Cox read out a wonderful proclamation.



Children showed much eagerness to participate in the days program.



The Superintendent of Schools told everyone that he has two prayers that he says every night before going to bed: that he makes proper decisions for the good of the children every day and that there be peace on earth.



It was quite a sight to see so many different flags being displayed at the event and around the school. This fit perfectly with the theme of the Harmony Run, appreciation of cultural diversity and [the year 2010](#) as mentioned above.

Seeing Countries for Classes

Some classrooms that showed us the country they had been studying (Iceland)



A tour of the hallways gave a good indication of how the children decorated their classroom doors in various ways. With a theme of a country.(Spain).



Not only was it an educational experience for them and for visitors,(Romania)

But it was also quite a creative and educational as well as aesthetic project (Costa Rica)



Visit our [gallery](#) to see more! (Hungary)

Washington DC [click for a full report of 2010 apr 22](#)

Oneness Family School and Peace Academy



One of the major highlights of the World Harmony Run in the USA, especially at the very beginning, is being hosted by the [Oneness-Family School and Peace Academy](#) in Chevy Chase, Maryland, just north of Washington, D.C. About 20 teachers and over 140 students welcomed us .



This was first location where the staff and students were able to read out phrases in all of the 6 UN Official languages that appear on the Logo for the year. It was noted that the space on the bottom of the logo (just after the 6th language) could be used to insert other languages from a host or visiting country! Those who joined during one of the language exercises had a chance to hold the torch together.



Unique Colors - Make up the whole At the top of the logo for the year 2010 there are many different color strands which join together at one end to form a symbol, yet each strand keeps its unique color to make the whole.



The runners and the children sang together the World Harmony Run Theme song.

Embassy of Bangladesh, Washington D.C



We were invited to visit the [Bangladesh Embassy in Washington, D.C](#) and carried the Torch into their very colorful function room where a traditional village hut was set up as part of the Bangladeshi New Years just celebrated a few weeks ago.



H.E. Akramul Qader, the Ambassador of Bangladesh to the USA, had stressed most persuasively on many occasions how important he believed culture was to peace. He spoke eloquently about Bangladesh's contributions to peace and international cooperation.

Eisenhower Elementary, Clearwater Florida

(for full report and more photos of May 4th [click here](#))

A Thank You Harmony Heart's sweetest fragrance



At Eisenhower Elementary, we were greeted by over 700 enthusiastic students and many teachers eagerly awaiting our arrival. All the children and teachers made a huge heart shaped formation to say "Thank You".



It included everyone as well as the Harmony Run Banner with the 2010 UN and UNESCO [International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures](#) Logo.

Pinellas Central Elementary School.



“Be A Buddy, Not A Bully”

We were greeted outdoors by over 600 students and teachers.

After our program and singing of our theme song, the children, with the help of one of the enthusiastic teachers, sang for us a song they wrote for their special day called, ‘Be A Buddy, Not A Bully’.

Greece

Running with Banner for a full report of 2010 May 6th day see:

<http://www.worldharmonyrun.org/greece/news/2010/0506>



Greece School Children enjoy running with the banner at Ekbedevtiria Panou Private School, Nafaktos.

Greece (continued) Three schools join for a programme



3 schools together at Amfilochia Primary School in front of banner, with city as background

For full report of 2010 May 07 see: <http://www.worldharmonyrun.org/greece/news/2010/0507>



Children had prepared drawings to give to our international runners for our next exhibition.

The next day at a soccer field near Ioannina the torch and banner were shared by players.



Full report of 2010 May 08 see: <http://www.worldharmonyrun.org/greece/news/2010/0508>

China

For full report of day 2010 May 09 see:

<http://www.worldharmonyrun.org/china/news/2010/0509a>



Representatives of five countries planting a peace tree.



National and International Team Share the Torch.



International musicians from the running team perform for audience with 2010 IYRC on Banner.

Some special sights

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Team on an ancient 'triadic' bridge.

Mongolia: -Khavirga Border Point (Хавирга боомт)

Report of 2010 May 15 see: - <http://www.worldharmonyrun.org/mongolia/news/2010/0515>



Border chiefs and staff in lines warmly welcome international team of runners entering country.



Four peace trees were planted by border staff and Harmony Run members.



Sharing the Torch of Harmony and Peace in Mongolia with 2010 banner at the starting point of 2,600 kilometer journey



Хөвсгөл аймгийн Мөрөн хот



Full report of 2010 May 31: <http://www.worldharmonyrun.org/mongolia/news/2010/week03/0531>

Hungary - Full Day event in Budapest

For full report of day 2010 May 14 see:

http://www.worldharmonyrun.org/unesco_year/iyrc_examples/day_event_example_hungary

So much enthusiasm and energy ...



Many thousands of children made drawings on the theme of harmony and respect for mother nature:

“We can have harmony if we have a deep reverence for Mother Nature.”



The paper that they drew on was arranged in shape of a huge tree representing a live tree and the tree of life.

- **Hungary – (continued) The Plaza and Stage now were alive with activity!**



Ashrita Furman, who holds the World Record for the most Guinness World Records, was also in Budapest for this event.



This increased media coverage of the day's events. Ashrita with his friend, Bipin Larkin, also set a new record.

The stage provided an ongoing focus at one end of the park for the day. It had many different language run banners.

Performers included singers, dancers, gymnastics, acrobatics and much more...

Great jumping inspired younger ones to see what they could eventually do.



The run banner and logo for the 2010 "International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures" had been observed all day at different events. Discussion was in answer to questions from the moderator on stage between performances.

- The translations of the 6 official UN languages appearing on the banner, were identified.
- The symbolism for the logo's graphic in many different color strands, was also appreciated.
- The message from Davidson Hepburn, President of the General Conference of UNESCO, to all the participants of the World Harmony Run in 2010 was mentioned in addition to other messages that further described the significance of 2010 and the run.

Hungary – (continued)

Austrian Clown Magician Magnificently entertains



After the performance ,children eagerly climbed on stage To have their picture with Tulasi the magician and the banner with 2010 logo

World Heritage sites Next to the plaza is Heroes Square,



The end of Andrassy Avenue – is part of World Heritage Budapest (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/400>) So it was very appropriate that toward the end of a very full day Some children joined for pictures holding the torch and banner with the very impressive warriors on horses watching in the background

Another group of children had other significant Historical figures in the square watching them with the banner



That evening some local participants and international runners took the banner to other sites on [list](#)

- Including:
- The Banks of the Danube
 - The Buda Castle Quarter



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 Approchement of Cultures](#). More detail of events of [23 may](#) or [21 May](#)



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



The team was greeted and joined by a group of 20 youth and adults of the Sikh faith - Guru Sabha Gurudwara on 23 May. The 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.

Austria (continued)

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



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

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

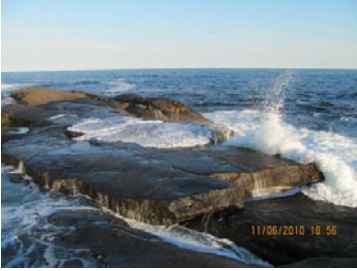


What wonderful community energy and spontaneous spirit. Awesome!

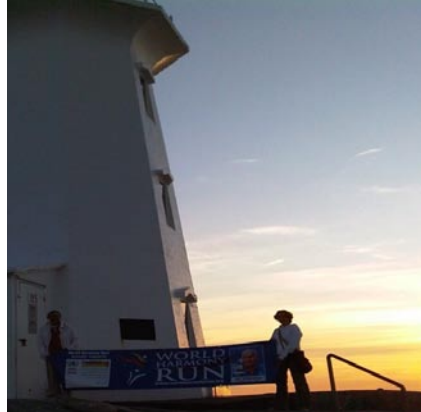


Many held the torch.

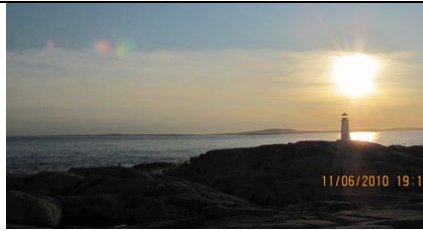
Peggy's Cove and Lighthouse



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.

