

PEACEJAM ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE 2016

Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 March 2016 – The University of Winchester

Following the success of the first **PeaceJam UK Annual Youth Conference** to be held at the **University of Winchester** in March this year, with Nobel Peace Laureate Jody Williams in attendance, the plans for next year's conference are under way. The conference will be held over the weekend of **Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 March 2016** and the Nobel Peace Laureate in attendance will be:

Rigoberta Menchú Tum

Rigoberta was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992 for her work as a peaceful advocate of indigenous people's rights in Central America and for her leadership among indigenous peoples worldwide. She was also a founder member of the Nobel Women's Initiative in 2006.



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This event is open to all young people aged 14 – 18, their teachers and youth workers. But you **MUST** pre-register. Registration will be open from 2 November 2015.

PeaceJam is an international peace education programme aiming to help teenagers become active citizens and advocates for peace, justice and human rights. It is directed by a group of leading Nobel Peace Prize winners, including Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Dalai Lama, and Aung San Suu Kyi. See www.peacejam.org.



The Conference is run by PeaceJam staff, and students at the University who act as mentors, facilitators and role models for the teenagers attending. We hope to welcome over 200 young people, their teachers and youth workers from schools all over the country for a weekend of inspiration, fun and practical learning.

The weekend will include a talk and Q & A session with the Nobel Peace Laureate, facilitated small group discussions, fun and inspiring ice-breakers and workshops, and a presentation by young people of their own projects for social change, and much more. It is not just the young people who are inspired:

"Witnessing the enthusiasm, energy and passion of so many young people totally committed to tackling violence, oppression and abuse has, for me, been the highlight of my forty-year career as a teacher." Past Headteacher who attended in 2015.

For further details please contact our Conference Coordinator on: **winchester@peacejam.org**