

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



**PEACE
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ABOUT PEACE BOAT US

Peace Boat US is a non-profit organization founded in 2006 in New York City that works for sustainability and peace around the world. Located next to the United Nations Headquarters, we are guided by the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) with emphasis on:

- #13 Climate Action
- #14 Life Below Water
- #16 Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions
- #17 Partnerships for the Goals



We focus our work on four areas:

- Ocean Conservation
- Climate Action
- Youth Engagement
- Disarmament Advocacy and Education

Our partner organization is the Japan-based International NGO Peace Boat, with whom we work on educational programs toward the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



GREETING

Dear Partners and Friends,

We are pleased to share highlights from another remarkable year for Peace Boat US. In 2024, we held two successful Youth for the SDGs programs: the Patagonia Voyage - January through February as well as the Pacific Voyage, which sailed from Mexico to Canada in the summer.

Key highlights, experiences, and achievements from 2024 include:

- Youth for the SDGs Patagonia Voyage
- Youth for the SDGs Pacific Voyage
- Hosting two Peace Boat visits to NYC
- Peace Boat US Internship Program
- COP29 - UN Climate Change Conference
- UN World Oceans Day
- Climate Week NYC

These events were possible thanks to the incredible support of our community. To our donors, supporters, interns, program participants, partners, and especially those who have contributed to our scholarship programs - thank you for helping to make our mission a reality.

In 2025, we aim to expand our Youth for the SDGs scholarship opportunities, build our internship program through new partnerships with universities, as well as participate in various United Nations conferences on ocean, climate and disarmament issues. As we continue our focus on youth engagement, we hope to bring more young people into our peace and sustainability work. We are also eager to welcome Peace Boat to NYC again this June for our annual celebration around World Oceans Day as well as the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II, as we continue to work towards a nuclear-free world.

Thank you for being part of our voyage!

Peace Boat US

PARTNERSHIPS

- Blue Planet Alliance
- Downtown Community Television (DCTV)
- Earth X
- EarthEcho International
- Friends of UN World Oceans Day
- Future Horizon
- Global Kids
- Google Arts and Culture
- March for Science
- Mission Blue
- NGO Major Group
- Ocean Decade U.S. Nexus Group
- OceanHub Africa
- Oceanic Global
- One Ocean Hub
- Peace Boat
- PROTEUS
- Pvblic Foundation
- Restore Coral
- Reverse the Trend
- The Explorers Club
- Sustainable Ocean Alliance
- International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification (OA Alliance)
- It's Our Future
- Women and Climate
- Youth4Disarmament
- Youth for TPNW
- United Nations agencies, including the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), UN Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), SDG Action Campaign, and others
- Academic Institutions include Hollins University, the University of Michigan Global Scholars Program, University of California San Diego, Rutgers University, UNC-Chapel Hill EcoStudio, Pace University, the SDG Academy at Columbia University, World Maritime University and others

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

Select programs from each of our four focus areas: Ocean Conservation, Climate Action, Youth Engagement, and Disarmament Advocacy and Education.

Ocean Conservation

UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF OCEAN SCIENCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ENDORSEMENT

We were honored to have our Youth for the SDGs Scholarship Program endorsed by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (IOC UNESCO) as an official contribution to the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. Our programs create experiential learning opportunities for youth activists and community leaders from around the world who are advocating for the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These programs are conducted 2-4 times per year onboard Peace Boat voyages. The "Ocean Decade" is a 10-year, global initiative of IOC UNESCO to expand scientific partnerships to support science, ocean management, and sustainable development.



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United Nations Decade
of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development

UN WORLD OCEANS DAY 2024

Peace Boat US served as the Coordinator for the Friends of UN World Oceans Day Working Group and organized numerous events as part of UN World Oceans Day under the theme "Awakening New Depths," highlighting innovative solutions and fostering global collaboration to protect and preserve marine environments.

WORLD OCEANS DAY SUMMIT- WOMEN AND CLIMATE JUNE 4

On June 4, Women and Climate presented a World Oceans Day Summit virtual event where Peace Boat US Director Emilie McGlone spoke on the topic of Small Island Developing States and Youth, presenting Peace Boat US' programs for the UN Ocean Decade together with Peace Boat's Ocean and Climate Youth Ambassador Nathalia Lawen from Seychelles.



EDUCATION AT SEA: FOSTERING TOMORROW'S OCEAN STEWARDS JUNE 6

At the Explorers Club, Peace Boat US joined a panel led by Joe Grabowski of the educational program, "Exploring by the Seat of Your Pants," featuring some of today's most exciting floating classrooms, including Darwin 200, Bubble Alerts, Nautilus Live and Arctic Sense. Emilie McGlone presented programs for the United Nations Ocean Decade and highlighted an upcoming voyage to the Arctic.

WORLD OCEANS DAY BEACH CLEANUP JUNE 8



Hosted by the New York Aquarium and Oceanic Global in Coney Island, the World Oceans Day Beach Clean Up began with a bike ride from Prospect Park to Coney Island, led by Peace Boat US. Participants then gathered in front of the New York Aquarium before taking part in a beach cleanup. Afterward, beach soundwave experiences took place, along with an educational program for all ages.

UN WORLD OCEANS DAY 2024

WORLD OCEANS DAY FESTIVAL

JUNE 8

This year's theme, "Awakening New Depths," came to life during the World Oceans Day Festival organized by Peace Boat US, where an incredible gathering of nonprofits, musicians, artists, and community members came together in Brooklyn to support ocean education for youth. The event featured a diverse program, including performances from top musical talent, live DJs, the launch of the Deep Sea Disco, and a special wave of ambient and sound healing experiences with, "Sounds of the Ocean." Attendees enjoyed wellness activities, thought-provoking discussions from speakers on various ocean initiatives, and a variety of artistic performances. A pop-up sustainable fashion market added another dynamic element to the evening, showcasing a fusion of art, fashion, and sustainability. The event provided a thoughtful celebration in support of ocean conservation and education.

WORLD OCEANS DAY EVENT ABOARD PEACE BOAT

JUNE 16



On Sunday, June 16, Peace Boat visited New York City during the month of celebration for United Nations World Oceans Day. The ship hosted a special event in partnership with the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) and the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS), along with partners working to find innovative solutions to accelerate ocean and climate actions. The event brought together representatives from the diplomatic community, the United Nations, foundations, and the private sector, with a particular focus on the blue ocean industry and technology, sharing best practices for responsible ocean stewardship.

Climate Action

COP 29 - UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

Peace Boat US participated in the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29) in Baku, Azerbaijan from November 11-22, working alongside frontline communities to advocate for urgent climate action. In collaboration with civil society groups and international partners, Peace Boat US organized side events focused on youth engagement and capacity building.

Peace Boat's Founder and Director, Yoshioka Tatsuya, presented the EcoShip Project and its vision for a zero-emission ship at the Ocean Climate Forum (OCF), which featured bilateral meetings and roundtables with community partners and ocean leaders. Panels explored maritime decarbonization and renewable energy, highlighting solar power's role in climate mitigation through community projects, government initiatives, and maritime industry transitions.



As part of the Peace and Demilitarization Working Group, Peace Boat hosted a press conference on militarism's climate impact. With COP 29 branded as the "COP of Peace," discussions questioned whether peace could be achieved without addressing militarism's environmental footprint. Experts and frontline voices called for reallocating military budgets toward climate solutions and accountability for military emissions.

A session at the U.S. Center Pavilion highlighted youth-led coral reef protection efforts. Reese Smith of Grenada, a Peace Boat US "Youth for the SDGs" scholar and Blue Planet Alliance Global Ambassador, joined a panel of young leaders and coral experts to discuss scientific insights, policy advocacy, and strategies to address the coral crisis.

Peace Boat also hosted a film festival showcasing global ocean biodiversity, from Patagonia to the Caribbean and Pacific coasts, featuring its Arctic voyage. The festival included director's talks, with a screening of "HOPE" and the 30-minute documentary, "Against the Tide: A Journey for Climate Hope." Through storytelling as a capacity-building tool, Peace Boat US' events demonstrated how narratives drive climate action by integrating science, policy, and personal experiences to inspire solutions.

CLIMATE WEEK NYC

UNITED NATIONS SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE AND CLIMATE WEEK NYC 2024

GLOCHA CONFERENCE 2024 - SEPTEMBER 18

Preceding the UN Summit of the Future 2024 was the GloCha Conference, an event on youth-focused localization of the SDGs, Culture and Digital Innovation. This was a multi-stakeholder conference hosted by the Trusteeship Council Chamber, partnered with UN-Habitat, UN Environment Programme (UNEP), GloCha, and the International Youth Council. It brought together various stakeholders to explore creative solutions and governance innovations, essential for a sustainable future. Peace Boat US presented the Youth for the SDGs Scholarship Program.



UNITED NATIONS SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE ACTION DAY SEPTEMBER 20

Nuclear Age Peace Foundation (NAPF) and Peace Boat US co-hosted a side event together with the Permanent Missions of Kiribati and Kazakhstan to the UN, Reverse the Trend, and other partners working towards a nuclear-free and more sustainable future. Peace Boat's Founder Yoshioka Tatsuya presented on the importance of civil society action, highlighting Peace Boat's Hibakusha Project and sharing testimonies of survivors of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

UNITED NATIONS SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE AND CLIMATE WEEK NYC 2024

SIDE EVENT: CAPACITY BUILDING FOR INTERGENERATIONAL COLLABORATION - SEPTEMBER 23

The side event, “Capacity Building for Intergenerational Collaboration and SIDS Youth Empowerment on Climate and Ocean Action,” was organized by Peace Boat in collaboration with various partners including the UN Permanent Missions of Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, and Kiribati. The event focused on the critical role of youth, especially from Small Island Developing States (SIDS), in scaling up ocean and climate action.



Discussions centered around the successes and challenges youth face on the front lines of environmental crises, with a focus on opportunities for collaboration under the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. The event served as a powerful platform for promoting youth leadership and fostering intergenerational partnerships for sustainable development.



KINETIK EVENT: ISLANDS SHAPING THE FUTURE - SEPTEMBER 25

Kinetik, Peace Boat US, and Blue Planet Alliance collaborated to host an event at the Science Summit UN General Assembly 79 entitled, “Islands Shaping the Future: Innovating for Resilience and Prosperity.” The agenda consisted of a youth power hour where trailblazing young leaders from island nations charted the course for a sustainable future. This section was co-hosted by Blue Planet Alliance, Peace Boat US, and Ashley Lashley Foundation.



UNITED NATIONS SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE AND CLIMATE WEEK NYC 2024

CLIMATE IMPACT TALKS - SEPTEMBER 27

The “Climate Impact Talks” held at the Hard Rock Hotel New York in collaboration with Blue Planet Alliance and Peace Boat US featured experts from various sectors discussing the urgent challenges of climate change. Presentations covered the latest research, innovative solutions, and actionable steps for a sustainable future, with contributions from UN partners, government representatives, private sector leaders, and youth advocates. The event concluded with a cocktail reception, offering networking opportunities and further inspiration for collective climate action. The discussions emphasized the importance of cross-sector collaboration in addressing global climate challenges.



MARKETPLACE OF THE FUTURE - SEPTEMBER 28

The 8th Annual Marketplace of the Future, a key event during Climate Week NYC, showcased climate innovations in areas such as composting, carbon capture, green hydrogen, and ocean restoration. The gathering highlighted the potential of cutting-edge climate solutions, emphasizing collaboration and innovation as essential to achieving a net-zero future. Peace Boat US hosted a side event to showcase the voices of Youth for SDGs, as well as a booth to introduce Peace Boat’s EcoShip, working towards decarbonization of the maritime industry. The event featured live music, a zero-waste bar, and stunning views of the NYC skyline, reinforcing the message that sustainable solutions are within reach, offering a hopeful vision for the future.



CLIMATE CAMP: PEACE BOAT - OCTOBER 16

During Peace Boat's visit to New York City on October 16-17, 2024, Peace Boat US hosted, "Climate Camp: Peace Boat" onboard with Tectonic, uniting innovators, investors, UN delegates, artists, and advocates to discuss climate solutions. The event opened with a dialogue on global peace led by UN Senior Political Affairs Officer from the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, Diane Steinbrenner and Global Citizen's Ruben Escalante Hasbun, stressing the importance of youth engagement in disarmament and leadership.



Panels covered ocean restoration, material innovation, and youth climate leadership, featuring speakers like artist Zaria Forman, marine scientist Gaelin Rosenwaks, and Ambassador Carlos Fuller from Belize, who highlighted climate challenges for Small Island Developing States. Jean-Stephane Naas of the UN Global Compact Ocean Stewardship Council called for private-sector accountability.



Peace Boat Founder Yoshioka Tatsuya introduced the EcoShip, the world's most sustainable cruise ship. Discussions focused on reducing waste, corporate accountability, and using blended capital for sustainable development. Peace Boat US Director Emilie McGlone closed by promoting youth programs and scholarships, followed by a networking reception on the ship's deck.

Youth Engagement

YOUTH FOR THE SDGS PROGRAMS FOR THE UN OCEAN DECADE

PATAGONIA VOYAGE - JAN - FEB - 2024

The 2024 Youth for the SDGs program in Patagonia was an inspiring experiential learning journey for young global activists and scholars, co-sponsored by Sustainable Ocean Alliance, Innova-Nation and Blue Planet Alliance. Starting on January 22, 7 participants from Guatemala, Peru, Panama, Chile, Costa Rica and the United States, embarked on a 21 -day immersive program. The program was a collaboration with experts and local partners to address ocean and climate action initiatives, such as Mission Blue's efforts to protect Patagonia's pristine kelp forests and biodiversity with the Patagonia Azul Foundation. Youth also engaged in citizen science, performing water quality testing in the Southern Patagonia glacier region in partnership with EarthEcho International. The collected data was contributed to UNESCO's Ocean Data Information System (ODIS) platform, supporting the UN Ocean Decade and SDG 14, Life Below Water.



The journey continued with an exploration of Argentina's Tigre River Delta. Guided by an expert, scholars learned about the Río de la Plata, delta ecology, unique flora like Casuarina bushes, and diverse avian species. They also discovered the innovative ways Tigre residents adapt to their environment, from water buses to floating services.

In Buenos Aires, the program concluded at the city's Botanical Garden and Eco Park. Participants explored its 5,500 plant species, conducted water tests, and deepened their knowledge of endemic flora and fauna. This vibrant experience highlighted the beauty of Argentina's natural and urban ecosystems while fostering environmental stewardship.

Throughout the program there was also an important onboard learning component in between the ports of call. Each participant shared their personal work from their home country through a public presentation about their local initiatives for ocean and climate action.



PACIFIC VOYAGE: JUNE - JULY 2024

Peace Boat's Youth for SDGs program embarked on an immersive experiential study journey along the North American West Coast as part of the UN Ocean Decade. Through hands-on learning, participants engaged in diverse environmental and marine conservation initiatives across multiple locations. The participants also gave public presentations onboard to share with the Peace Boat community about their activist or environmental initiatives and work in their home countries.



The program launched in Manzanillo, Mexico, with the Blue Innovation Welcome Dinner at Hotel Marbella, setting the stage for youth-driven sustainability efforts. Scholars participated in a mangrove ecosystem study in Cuyutlán, conducted water testing and explored the region's rich biodiversity, including endemic birds and crocodiles. In Tenacatita, Mexico, scholars studied coral reef conservation through the Korallysis Project, which develops hybrid structures integrating mechanical systems with coral colonies to accelerate reef restoration. The initiative, involving artists, engineers, biologists, and craftsmen, highlights innovative solutions to counteract urbanization, waste mismanagement, and climate change impacts on marine ecosystems.



Furthering their understanding of sustainable practices, scholars visited Juluapan Lagoon in Manzanillo to learn about oyster production and its role in sustainable development from local fishermen. Onboard, the Youth for SDGs scholars delivered a lecture series on sustainability, sharing their local initiatives focused on ocean conservation and climate action. This knowledge exchange continued throughout the voyage, through individual presentations and workshops conducted for the onboard community, as they sailed from Mexico to Canada and the Alaskan fjords.



The program concluded in Vancouver, Canada, with a shoreline cleanup at Kitsilano Beach in collaboration with Ocean Wise. Scholars, alongside local youth and Peace Boat participants, collected plastic waste and debris, contributing to coastal preservation efforts. They also conducted water quality testing using EarthEcho International kits, measuring pH, oxygen levels, temperature, and turbidity.



This transformative journey underscored the power of youth-led action in advancing the UN Ocean Decade's goals, fostering global collaboration for a more sustainable and resilient future.



PEACE BOAT US INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

In 2024, Peace Boat US was pleased to welcome ten young professionals to the intern team to assist in daily operations and give the next generation experience working with a non-profit organization. In 2024 interns hailed from Columbia University in the US, University of British Columbia in Canada, and the University of Costa Rica. Through the program, interns learned the inner workings of a United Nations accredited non-governmental organization through supporting projects and campaigns and also attending UN events as Peace Boat US representatives.



Winter intern cohort member Jackson Weill says of the Peace Boat US internship program, “I would never have been able to make these connections in the nonprofit sector and within the United Nations if it hadn’t been for Peace Boat US. I feel like I’ve been able to gain experience in something that can actually make a difference in people’s lives, which means a lot to me.”



Disarmament Advocacy and Education

NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT ADVOCACY IN NYC - JUNE 16-17

While Peace Boat's ship was docked in New York City, Peace Boat US hosted two days of disarmament education and advocacy programming on June 16 and 17, in collaboration with the New York Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (NYCAN), and Youth Arts New York. The first program, on June 16, was a walking tour that explored Manhattan's nuclear legacy. The participants, including Hibakusha (atomic bomb survivors) from Hiroshima and Nagasaki, visited sites such as City Hall Park, where nuclear disarmament legislation efforts were discussed, the Manhattan Project facility, and the Former Baker and Williams Warehouse, which stored uranium used in the first nuclear weapon.



On June 17, Peace Boat US and the UN Youth for Disarmament presented "Global Hibakusha Testimonies," featuring powerful testimonies from Hibakusha survivors Ogawa Tadayoshi and Tanaka Toshiko about their personal experiences with the atomic bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The event also featured personal testimonies by Downwinder (referring to someone affected by nuclear testing due to living in close proximity) Mary Dickson, and advocate Benetick Kabua Maddison, whose family was affected by nuclear testing in the Marshall Islands.





Marykate Monaghan, Youth Outreach Consultant with the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs and Ivan Siluianov, a UN Youth Champion for Disarmament through #Youth4Disarmament from Russia, emphasized the power of young people in nuclear disarmament efforts. The event ended with a screening of “The Vow from Hiroshima,” a powerful film about Hibakusha Setsuko Thurlow that inspires action against nuclear weapons.



Additional Activities in 2024

BLUE OCEAN AND INNOVATION DAY IN CAPE TOWN - FEBRUARY 20-22

On February 27, Peace Boat visited Cape Town as part of its 116th Global Voyage, hosting the Blue Ocean and Innovation Day in collaboration with the Africa-Europe Foundation (AEF), OceanHub Africa, and Captain Fanplastic. The event brought together young leaders, practitioners, and policymakers to discuss ocean governance and the blue economy, emphasizing its role in Africa's socio-economic development.



PEACE BOAT US AT THE UNITED NATIONS OCEAN DECADE CONFERENCE IN BARCELONA - APRIL 10-12

Peace Boat US participated in the 2024 Ocean Decade Conference, hosted by the Government of Spain and co-organized by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO (IOC-UNESCO). The Conference was centered around “delivering the science we need for the ocean we want” and took place in Barcelona April 10-12, 2024.

Peace Boat hosted an official side event in collaboration with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) on the topic of youth capacity building and intergenerational collaboration, entitled, “Scaling up global ocean action and innovation through intergenerational collaboration to bridge science gaps - Knowledge sharing with SIDS, LDCs, ECOPs and youth.” A key outcome of the Conference was the launch of the Barcelona Statement containing recommendations on priority areas of action for the Ocean Decade.



As a part of Ocean Decade Week, Peace Boat US in collaboration with Zoom IN organized an Ocean Decade Movie Day at the Filmoteca in Barcelona on April 8. The event was divided into four sessions in which local and international filmmakers were able to showcase their work. Peace Boat US presented the film “Against the Tide,” featuring Peace Boat’s Ocean and Climate Youth Ambassadors program.

UN ECOSOC YOUTH FORUM - APRIL 16-18

Peace Boat US presented its Youth for SDGs Scholarship Programs which provide young people with unique learning opportunities. Khadija Stewart, a Peace Boat alumna shared her journey, explaining how she has empowered youth to build climate resilience in her home country of Trinidad and Tobago. Valentina Jimenez, a youth leader from Ecuador who participated in Peace Boat's 117th Voyage, spoke about her experience onboard and how it shaped her understanding of global climate issues.



CARIBBEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY FORUM IN MIAMI - APRIL 24-26

Peace Boat US participated in the Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum in Miami, an inspiring week of conversations around solar, wind, and partnerships for a renewable energy future. Discussions by leaders in the fields of policy, blue finance, academia, government projects, and the implementation of renewables took place on the main stage, with networking and side events covering various energy topics. Peace Boat US, along with partners from Blue Planet Alliance, participated in roundtable discussions on renewable energy for SIDS and coastal communities. Participation in this conference solidified a new partnership for Peace Boat US and the Forum to collaborate with Blue Planet Alliance and the Caribbean Shipping Association towards the 2025 CREF Forum.



BECOMING OCEAN CHAMPIONS WITH YOUTH4CAPACITY - MAY 9

Peace Boat US in collaboration with the Paris Committee on Capacity-Building (PCCB) Network organized a special event, Becoming Ocean Champions, in which participants dove into an array of possibilities. Attendees discovered why it is vital for young minds to grasp scientific knowledge about our oceans and climate and learned how their voices can ignite change through public engagement and education. Creativity was unleashed as science met storytelling, film, spoken word, and poetry, featuring young ocean champions who shared their experiences from the front lines of climate action.



AN OCEAN OF POTENTIAL: OUR OCEAN CONFERENCE IN GREECE - MAY 15

Peace Boat US participated in the 9th Our Ocean Conference, which took place in Athens, Greece on April 15-17, 2024 with the theme of "An Ocean of Potential." Peace Boat US co-organized a Youth Leadership Summit together with the Sustainable Ocean Alliance (SOA), and presented at a Round Table on Ocean Literacy - Blue Skills - Youth Engagement and Empowerment.



AMPLIFYING VOICES AND ACTIONS AT THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES (SIDS 4) AND THE SIDS GLOBAL BUSINESS NETWORK FORUM - MAY 25-30

Peace Boat US participated in the SIDS 4 Conference and SIDS Global Business Network Forum in Antigua and Barbuda held from May 25 - 30, addressing sustainable development challenges under the theme, “Charting the Course Toward Resilient Prosperity.”

At the SIDS Global Children & Youth Action Summit, Peace Boat US led a Communications Masterclass with UNICEF, Global Citizen, and the Ashley Lashley Foundation, equipping young leaders with advocacy skills. During the SIDS GBN Forum, Peace Boat US moderated a panel on youth inclusivity, highlighting the role of the SDGs in sustainable tourism and education.



Peace Boat US also co-organized “Youth Will Lead the Way”, showcasing youth-driven climate action in SIDS. Peace Boat US also advocated for climate justice, emphasizing SIDS’ disproportionate climate impact, and contributed to discussions on renewable energy, at “Greening the Islands Sofa: Sharing Stories and Insights,” an event co-hosted by UN-DESA, Greening the Islands Foundation, and the Government of Tonga.

YOUTH4DISARMAMENT: YOUTH NETWORKING SESSION - OCTOBER 23



Peace Boat US Youth Representative and intern Tierra Snyder spoke at the #Youth4Disarmament networking session at UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, where ten youth champions presented disarmament initiatives. Ms. Snyder discussed Peace Boat’s partnership with the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), and the Global Hibakusha, who share testimonies onboard to raise awareness. Over 170 Hibakusha, atomic bomb survivors from Hiroshima and Nagasaki, have traveled on the Peace Boat to highlight nuclear weapons’ humanitarian impact.

NIHON HIDANKYO NOBEL PEACE PRIZE CELEBRATION - DECEMBER 10



On December 10, 2024, Nihon Hidankyo, the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bomb survivors' organization, received the Nobel Peace Prize for advocating for a nuclear-free world. In New York, Peace Action NY and Pax Christi hosted a celebration with speeches and performances. Peace Boat US intern Tierra Syndor was invited to speak at the event. She congratulated the members of Nihon Hidankyo, and urged support for their call for nuclear abolition. Peace Boat's Global Voyage for a Nuclear Free World: Hibakusha Project, brings survivors around the world to share their testimonies.



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