



Terms and conditions

The event

Arigatou International (AI) is all for children and carries out its mission through its four global initiatives. The Arigatou International Initiative, Prayer and Action for Children (PAC) was established in 2008 and is led by the New York office. PAC works with diverse religious leaders and faith communities to promote interfaith cooperation and advocacy for children's rights, policy changes that benefit children and to influence positive social and behavioural change to end violence against children. PAC is guided by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and the Panama Commitments to End Violence against Children.

In collaboration with members of the Global Network of Religions for Children (GNRC) in over 60 countries, PAC leads the annual World Day of Prayer and Action for Children (World Day) on November 20, the anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) by the UN General Assembly in 1989 and also Universal Children's Day. In addition to promoting prayer, meditation, and other forms of worship including silent observance, the World Day acts as a catalyst to encourage a wide range of actions year-round to advance the well-being of children and advocate for the respect and protection of their rights.

World Day has been celebrated in over 90 countries, and every year more organisations work hard to facilitate, support, and host celebrations that reach and benefit grassroots. In 2021, eighteen child-focused organisations joined Arigatou International and UNICEF to celebrate the World Day of Prayer and Action for Children and launch the Wear My Shoes Campaign. Building on the contribution of faith actors to children's spiritual development and respect of their dignity and rights, the Wear My Shoes Campaign mobilised adults—including religious leaders, policymakers, parents/caregivers, and educators—to become the support system that children need to return to school and overcome the impact of school closures on children. The livestream of the World Day's main event which took place at the Expo Dubai 2020 and the Wear My Shoes social media campaign reached over 2.2 million people; engaged more than 1.2 million visitors; and raised media attention from international and local media like the inter-press service (IPS) news agency. The World Day was also observed in communities in many countries such as Argentina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Dominican Republic, India, Mexico, Montenegro, Nicaragua, Panama, South Africa, Sri Lanka, and Tanzania.

Over the years, the World Day has become an advocacy platform coordinated by Arigatou International and implemented in partnership with many faith communities and organisations, in which spiritual ceremonies and actions bring together children and adults from diverse religious and cultural backgrounds to actively support and promote children's rights and well-being.

The World Day 2022 presents an opportunity to increase multi-stakeholder collaboration to advocate for every child's dignity, including children on the move. Therefore, the World Day 2022 aims to build on the unique assets of faith actors to provide a platform for children and adults from diverse religious and cultural backgrounds to stand together for the respect, safety, and well-being of children on the move.



Registration and processing of data

By registering for the event, the participant is accepting that his or her data can be processed by all the co-organizers of the event for the purposes below.

During registration, the participant is asked to share:

a) Identification data and other personal data (including first name, last name, nationality, country of residence, e-mail, and organisation name and type. The mandatory identification data is needed for logistical and organisational purposes (for example, the email is needed for confirmation of the registration as well as a means of contact throughout the event). The non-mandatory personal data will be used for anonymized statistical purposes.

b) Religious information. It is in the interest of the Organizing Committee to collect the religious affiliation from the participants. This information will only be for anonymized statistical purposes. There will be no other disclosure of participants' religious information. Regarding this special category of data, the data subject is required to give specific consent according to article 9 (2) (a) of the GDPR.

By registering for the event, the participant grants permission to the co-organizers to record, publish, share, or otherwise use any written, audio, photographic, video, or other electronic copies or sound or other images of presentation(s), interview(s), chat submission(s), programming, promotional materials, translations or materials that emerge in connection with the event in written, video, audio, photographic, or any other hard copy or electronic format. It is understood that representatives of various media will attend and will be free to treat communications as on the record and subject to being referenced in their work.

General rules

The event as described above is a public event, open to those who register to participate.

The participant agrees not to violate any copyright, treaty, or legal restrictions in any country, the use of which would subject the co-organizers or their affiliates to liability.

Participants agree to abide by standards of child safeguarding, courtesy, civility, and appropriate webinar conduct during the event.

The participant waives the right to bring claims against any of the co-organizers with respect to any of the matters to which he or she has granted permission or to which he or she has otherwise agreed under this paragraph.

The co-organizers shall have the right to exclude the participant from the event if any of the foregoing conditions are violated.