

PURSuing PEACE CONFERENCE

Organizational Decision-Making for Peaceful Outcomes

Developed for government, education, and business audiences. The purpose is to encourage and equip organizations to pursue peaceful outcomes by elevating the conversation on peace.

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Pursuing Peace Conference Announces 2018 Keynote Speakers

GREATER PHOENIX, AZ – The Pursuing Peace Conference, organized by a group of Arizona community leaders, today announced their first annual conference that will assemble experts from around the world to advance the conversation around peace.

This year's Conference includes a notable lineup of experts in the areas of government, economics, and education, and the relationship these topics have with peace. Keynote Speakers include: **Laurie Smolenski**, Outreach and Development Officer, Institute for Economics and Peace; **Ramu Damodaran**, Deputy Director for Partnership and Public Engagement, United Nation Department of Public Information; **Paul Chappell**, Peace Leadership Director, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation

"The impetus for this conversation on peace began from the troubling rise in incidents of self-harm, bullying, and violence in our schools and communities," said Chuck Fitzgerald, conference chair. "We wanted to bring together policymakers, members of the community, and experts in the field to talk about peace so we can work towards meaningful outcomes across our communities, our nation, and our world."

This conference is hosted by local members of Rotary International - an organization that has been a leader in pursuing peace since 1905 and has been taking the lead in discussing peace and educating Peace Fellows worldwide. One of Rotary's *Areas of Focus* is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, "by elevating the conversation on peace, we aim to encourage and equip community leaders and their organizations to pursue peaceful outcomes."

Register online at www.pursuingpeace.org

WHAT: Pursuing Peace Conference
WHO: Keynotes: Laurie Smolenski, Ramu Damodaran, Paul Chappell
WHEN: Thursday, May 31, 2018, 8:45 AM - 4:00 PM
WHERE: Wigwam Resort and Conference Center, Litchfield Park, AZ

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