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PEACE RUN 2018 CARRIES FLAMING TORCH ACROSS CANADA CANADA JOINS OVER 150 COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD

The Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run, an international torch relay founded in 1987, will soon be coming to your Canadian community! Organizers are expecting some 50,000 children in over 1,000 locations along the Canada-US-Mexico route to participate, as the Peace Run (peacerun.org) comes to schools, community centres and youth organizations. The international running team offers lively educational presentations that foster the ideals of a harmonious oneness-world family.

For over 30 years the Peace Run has travelled through more than 150 nations in the Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia as a fiery symbol of humanity's universal aspiration for a more peaceful world.

A team will leave the United Nations, New York City, in mid-April, relaying the Peace torch along a route of over 11,000 miles. The fourmonth continuous relay will link Mexico, Canada and the US, arriving back in New York mid-August. The European relay started in Bulgaria in February and will end in Portugal in October after covering some 16,000 miles.

Since the 1987 inaugural Run, more than 6 million people have participated. Many world figures, including Pope Francis, President Nelson Mandela, President Mikhail Gorbachev and Mother Teresa, have commended the Peace Run.

In Canada the torch has recently been held by former Governor-General and current secretary of the Organisation International de la Francophonie Michaëlle Jean, leader of the Green Party Elizabeth May, Environment Minister Catherine McKenna, environmentalist Geoff Green, leader of the Canada C3 expedition and founder of Students on Ice, children's entertainer Fred Penner, musicians Heather Rankin, Alex Cuba and Aaron Pritchett, Indigenous artist Butch Dick, founder of Impossible2Possible Ray Zahab and actor/comedian Shaun Majumder.

The Peace Run was founded by visionary Sri Chinmoy, an athlete, philosopher, artist and musician who dedicated his life to advancing the ideals of world peace: "How can we have peace? Not by talking about peace, but by walking along the road of peace."

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