

Dear National Committees,

Despite all odds, we insist on wishing -and working for- a year of justice and peace, free of hatred and violence. We have launched a project to which I will kindly ask you to participate.

We initiated in Turkey this joint international project (Nazım Hikmet Foundation and PEN Turkey and UPSD) that will invite children to create paintings related to peace. We are happy to invite all Centers to encourage the children to whom they have access.

The most popular poem of the Turkish Poet Nazım Hikmet (1902-1963) is 'Kız Çocuğu' - 'The Little Girl', which has been translated into several languages. It is **a poem against war.**

We would like to invite the children of the world to read it and express their feelings and thoughts by drawing, painting.

Here are the rules of the game:

- 1) **Children participating should be between 7-14 years old.**
- 2) The artworks may be in black and white or in color; by crayons, or watercolor, acrylic or oil on paper.
- 3) They should be on paper or cardboard of 50 x 70 cm.
- 4) **We ask each IAA/National Committee to send if possible Centre to UPSD by mail Turkey the scan of 10 chosen pictures by June 1st, 2018. The mail is to be sent to iaa.aiap.oykueras@gmail.com**

Please don't forget to write to the subject of the mail: PEN-UPSD/IAA Peace-drawings

5) **All the pictures will be displayed under the title 'Children's Peace'** as of 15 January 2019, the anniversary of Nazım Hikmet's birthday. The exhibition at the **Nazım Hikmet Centre of Culture and Arts** in Istanbul will echo the children's voices in war zones, while the children of the "countries at peace" will have a chance to manifest their insistence on peace in order to put an end to armed conflicts and prevent further bloodshed and suffering.

6) Some of the paintings chosen by a jury will be published on a special calendar for the year 2019. **All the centers that participated in the project will receive copies of that calendar.**
We thank you all for your kind cooperation. In solidarity, with our best wishes,

On behalf of: Nazım Hikmet Foundation - PEN Turkey – UPSD/IAA

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