



## NARPI Background

NARPI is a peacebuilding institute in which participants from Northeast Asia receive training and build relationships with people from different parts of Asia, seeking transformative and positive approaches to conflict and cultural differences.

The 2024 NARPI Summer Peacebuilding Training will be hosted in Minamata and Miyazaki from August 12-21. Participants can choose one out of five courses, facilitated by both Northeast Asian and international experts and practitioners on these topics. NARPI aims to equip both new and experienced peacebuilders with skills through workshop-style courses, bringing together participants from different parts of Northeast Asia for the purpose of training, relationship-building, and cultural understanding.

Previous training have been held in 2011 in Seoul and Inje, 2012 in Hiroshima, 2013 in Inje, 2014 in Nanjing, 2015 in Ulaanbaatar, 2016 in Jinshan and Taipei, 2017 in Okinawa, 2018 on Jeju Island, 2019 in Nanjing, and 2023 in Terelj.

From 2020-2022, plans for NARPI in-person gatherings were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During this season, a new generation of NARPI leaders created and facilitated eight Online NARPI! (ON!) workshops in 2021-2022. In August 2022, the Steering Committee and admin team planned *NARPI 2022: Special Online & Local Alternative to the Summer Peacebuilding Training*. This alternative program included two days of online discussions and a one-day NARPI-style field trip in local communities.

### **Vision and Mission**

The vision of the Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute is for Northeast Asia to be a region of active nonviolence, mutual cooperation, and lasting peace.

The mission of Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute is to transform the culture and structure of militarism, and communities of fear and violence into just and peaceful ones by providing peacebuilding training, connecting and empowering people in Northeast Asia.

## 2024 NARPI Summer Peacebuilding Training

<b>August 11</b>	Arrivals in Minamata for *Peace Games participants				
<b>August 12</b>	Peace Games (organized by AFSC and GPPAC) NARPI arrivals in Minamata & NARPI registration				
<b>August 13-14</b>	Field Trip in Minamata				
<b>August 15</b>	To Miyazaki by bus				
<b>August 16-20</b>	<u>Course 1</u> Conflict and Peace Framework	<u>Course 2</u> Optimizing Peacebuilding by Increasing Trauma Awareness	<u>Course 3</u> Exploring Gender and Sexuality in Conflict and Peacebuilding: An Arts-based Approach	<u>Course 4</u> Restorative Justice: Healing our Society and the Planet	<u>Course 5</u> Creating Peacebuilding Programs
<b>August 21</b>	Departures from Miyazaki				

**Peace Games** held on August 12 is an optional opportunity for those interested. A question is included on your application about Peace Games in which you can mark your interest. Please mark your interest to receive further instructions. We welcome your participation! (Please note that there will be an additional cost for the extra night of lodging on August 11.)

Peace Games is organized by long-partners of NARPI: AFSC (American Friends Service Committee) and GPPAC (Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict). The Northeast Asia Peace Games is a half-day, multi-party peace process simulation designed with university students and civil society practitioners in mind. This interactive workshop is focused on giving participants an experiential learning opportunity related to negotiation and peace in the context of Northeast Asia.

### Field Trip: August 13-14

NARPI provides a two-day field trip where participants visit various sites and meet people who have experienced historical, political, social, and cultural conflict, injustice, and peace. The field trip takes place in the region where NARPI is held -- this year in Minamata. The field trip in Minamata will address the history of environmental pollution and efforts for restoration.

The city of Minamata has a history of environmental pollution in which people lost their lives due to mercury contamination from factory wastewater in the mid-20th century. The perpetrator company, Chisso, had built hydroelectric power plant dams and factories in the Korean Peninsula (North Korea) in colonial time (1932) Japan. The factory is still used in the DPRK. The structural violence of environmental pollution divided and traumatized the community in the name of developing the business and state. In response, nonviolent social

movements and a culture of restorative justice were nurtured to revitalize the region. The field trip will highlight environmental justice as a common challenge for the contemporary Northeast Asia region by witnessing, hearing, and learning from local community members. It will provide the opportunity to ponder the continuities between the past colonialism in WW2 and the present social issues.

### **Course List: August 16-20**

#### **Course #1: Conflict and Peace Framework**

Facilitators: KIM Gayeon and KAJITA Natsuha

This course will provide a framework of peace and conflict studies to those who need introductory provision to the field. It will focus on three major terms of the field: conflict, peace, and violence. The participants will work on defining and understanding these terms and applying them to our local and regional contexts with specific issues and cases. Throughout the course, sessions are composed of various ways of active learning, such as group work, role plays, and communication skills exercises. Participants are expected to contribute to the course as resources to each other by sharing their knowledge, experience, and reflection on in-class activities.

#### **Course #2: Optimizing Peacebuilding by Increasing Trauma Awareness**

Facilitators: LU deting and KATO Youki

This 5-day workshop offers a space to deepen our understanding of trauma and its fundamental role in optimizing peacebuilding. Through interactive sessions, participants will learn how social, collective, and historical trauma live through generations to undermine peacebuilding and how we can work with it using somatic psychology and creative arts. This year, our dialogue will also include the Minamata story as an example to address how trauma can serve as a root cause resulting in divisions at different levels. Centered on participatory and experiential learning, this workshop may be beneficial for anyone interested in increasing their trauma awareness, thereby optimizing efforts in building lasting peace.

(Note: This course may collaborate with the *Exploring Gender and Sexuality in Conflict and Peacebuilding: An Arts-based Approach* course for certain sessions.)

#### **Course #3: Exploring Gender and Sexuality in Conflict and Peacebuilding: An Arts-based Approach**

Facilitators: KANG Yunghun (Jeram) and OKUMOTO Kyoko

This course will consider the role of identity, especially gender, and sexuality, in conflict and peacebuilding. Participants and facilitators will start by unpacking our diverse selves. We will have a journey together to explore our and each other's positionality. There are different structures of violence and conflict in our world today that threaten us. We see this in our treatment of minorities, our biases, stereotyping, and discrimination in different realms of society. By using arts approaches we will create a safe and peaceful space and through this try to experience different stories and contexts of our group. Participants will leave as

artist-activists who can take their own learnings to their communities and societies in Northeast Asia.

#### **Course #4: Restorative Justice: Healing our Society and the Planet**

Facilitators: LEE Jae Young and ISHIHARA Akiko

Restorative Justice (RJ) is a new justice paradigm that aims for right relationships and healing as the ultimate goal of justice. When something wrong happens, RJ focuses not only on punishing wrongdoers, but on how to meet the needs of victims, communities, and the environment that are affected by the wrongdoing. And it also invites wrongdoers into opportunities to take voluntary responsibilities through various dialogue programs in order to bring just-peace. In this course, participants will learn the basic principles of RJ and how it can be practiced in different aspects of society, such as criminal justice, school violence, and neighbor disputes. This year we will also highlight the issue of environmental justice and explore how to build just relationships with the earth and other creatures, related to environmental issues on our planet. We will explore the possibilities of bringing justice and healing in communities and ecosystems affected by environmental harm, through the lens of restorative justice.

#### **Course #5: Creating Peacebuilding Programs**

Facilitators: Cheryl WOELK and KIM Hong Soek; Assistant Facilitator: LEE Paul Kyumin

This course is an advanced course designed to support peacebuilding practitioners with at least two years of practical experience or study who want to create or expand their peacebuilding programs. Participants will bring their own experiences and ideas to the course and build a plan for the program that they want to develop. Through applying systems thinking models, conflict transformation change processes, peace education frameworks, participatory facilitation strategies, adaptive management and other tools to create a learning space where participants experience the kind of program that they want to implement, participants will equip themselves with frameworks, strategies and mindsets necessary to design and implement effective peacebuilding programs in diverse contexts.

Creating Peacebuilding Programs is an advanced course for:

- NARPI repeaters who want to create or expand their peacebuilding program
- Peacebuilding practitioners (with at least two years of work/study experience) who want to create or expand their peacebuilding program

### **General Information**

#### **General Application Process**

1. Complete the application form, along with all required documents (resume, recommendation letter, passport copy, if necessary), by **May 10, 2024**.

Please use just **one** of the following forms:

- [Google form](#) in English
- [WeChat/QQ form](#) in Mandarin

Send any questions to [apply@narpi.net](mailto:apply@narpi.net).

2. After receiving the acceptance letter and billing statement, transfer payment to the NARPI bank account.
3. Purchase a flight ticket, and make other transportation plans.
4. After receiving pre-course readings and field trip readings by email, start studying to prepare for your courses and the field trip.
5. Join the Summer Peacebuilding Training and enjoy networking, sharing, and learning.

### Admissions Criteria

1. Some level of experience in peacebuilding work or study, or passion for peacebuilding.
2. Commitment to share what you learn at NARPI with your organization and/or community. (See the statement of intent question on the application form.)
3. English ability sufficient to understand and participate in workshops conducted in English.

### Fees

	Lodging, Food and Transportation	Tuition	Total
Field trip	\$300	\$150	\$450
Courses	\$500	\$350	\$850
<b>Entire program</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$1300</b>

Please wait to pay until you receive a NARPI acceptance letter and billing statement by email, including the NARPI bank information.

### Early payment discounts:

If paid from **May 10 – June 1**: 15% discount of the total due amount

If paid from **June 2 – June 20**: 7% discount of the total due amount

If paid after **June 20**: No discount

Important note: Early payment discounts do not apply to scholarship recipients.

### Payment Currencies

NARPI participants can send their payments in one of three currencies: Japanese yen, Korean won, or Mongolian Tugrik. We will share relevant bank and exchange rate information on your billing statement. For any participants living outside of Japan, Korea, or Mongolia, we request participants to pay in USD when arriving at registration in person.

### Withdrawal Policy

Participants may withdraw up to two weeks before the training begins with a full refund, minus a 10% non-refundable cancellation fee (for administration costs). This also applies to those paying in person (in USD). No refund will be issued for cancellation two weeks or less before the beginning of the training.

### Travel Costs

Travel costs (plane ticket, train ticket, bus fee, taxi fee, etc.) to and from the NARPI venues

should be covered by participants or sponsoring organizations.

### **Visa**

- ❖ *South Korea*: Visa exemption for 90 days.
- ❖ *Hong Kong*: “For citizens of Hong Kong, visas are not required only for holders of Special Administrative Region (SAR) passports issued by the Hong Kong SAR of the People’s Republic of China or British National Overseas (BNO) passports who have the right of residence in Hong Kong.”
- ❖ *Taiwan*: “Visa exemption arrangements for Taiwan are limited to passport holders with a personal ID number.”
- ❖ *Mongolia*: Participants can apply for an e-visa online.
- ❖ *Mainland China*: Participants need to apply for a visa.
- ❖ *Outside of Northeast Asia*: Participants from outside of Northeast Asia should check visa requirements with the Japanese consulate nearest to them.

We will email a visa invitation letter to anyone who needs one. Let us know if you need any other documents, we can send them to you by mail or email. Please apply for your visa as soon as possible!

The recommendations above are found [here](#).

Important note: Please check visa requirements for ALL transit airports (i.e., all airports you will transfer from departure to your final destination).

### **Medical Costs and Insurance**

Medical-related costs are the responsibility of participants or sponsoring organizations. NARPI does not assume any responsibility for any injury or loss incurred during the training. Before your travel, please purchase travel insurance to cover any medical costs you may have during the time of your trip.

### **Financial Support and Scholarships**

NARPI partners AFSC (American Friends Service Committee) and MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) are providing scholarships for participants. The purpose is to enable participants to join NARPI Summer Trainings regardless of economic status and support participation from under-represented areas in the Northeast Asia region. Scholarships are only available for participants from Northeast Asia. We encourage scholarship applicants to find a local sponsoring organization to cover at least half their costs.

Scholarship applications should be submitted by **May 10, 2024**, along with the NARPI Summer Peacebuilding Training application. No early-bird discounts will be given to scholarship recipients.

Contact the administration team to request a scholarship application form at [apply@narpi.net](mailto:apply@narpi.net).

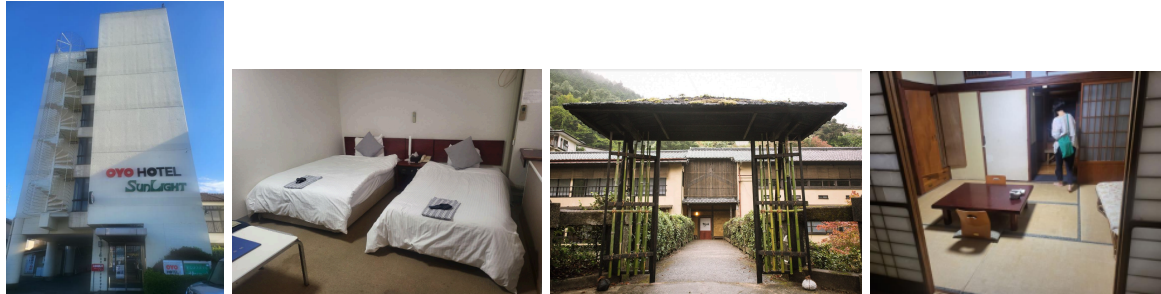
### **Lodging and Food**

The 2024 NARPI Summer Peacebuilding Training will be held in Minamata and Miyazaki (Kyushu, Japan). Participants will generally stay in two-person or three-person rooms.

*Minamata*: On the nights of August 12-13, we will stay at hotels in downtown Minamata: Oyo Hotel and Super Hotel. On the night of August 14, we will stay at two mountainside Japanese

hot springs hotels, Tojita and Kikuya.

A simple breakfast will be provided at the hotels. NARPI will provide lunch and dinner (bento boxes, etc.)



*Miyazaki:* On the nights of August 15-20, we will stay at Aoshima Fisherman's Beachside Hostel & Spa. Breakfast will be served at our hostel. Lunch will be ordered and eaten at Miyazaki International University. Dinner will be served at the hostel, except for the evening of August 18, when we will encourage participants to have dinner at nearby restaurants.



### Courses

Courses will be held at Miyazaki International University. There will be a maximum of 20 students per course. Please mark your first and second choice for a course on your application. Please note that your first choice may not be available, as we aim for a balance of participants in each course. Facilitators will provide course handouts. Courses will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m., with breaks for lunch and snacks.



### Flight Arrival and Registration

For those traveling from overseas, please plan to arrive at Fukuoka Airport by the early afternoon of August 12 and then take a bullet train from Hakata (Fukuoka) to Shin-Minamata,

arriving by the evening on August 12. Registration will begin at Oyo Hotel at 4:30 p.m. on August 12.

We ask that you depart from Miyazaki Airport. The flight tickets should be purchased as one connected package.

Please wait to book your flight until you receive your acceptance letter from NARPI. Further detailed information will be provided on transportation recommendations for flights, shinkansen, taxis, and other methods of public transportation to arrive at the venue in Minamata. NARPI does not provide transportation from the airport to the venue, or vice versa.

### **Evening Activities**

This year our hostel in Miyazaki is located near the ocean. Participants are welcome to enjoy the beautiful scenery in the evenings. The hostel also provides a spa. On Day 4 (August 19), during the week of courses, Culture and Talent Night will be held during which participants and facilitators share their cultures through song, dance, photos, calligraphy, and more.

### **Culture and Talent Night**

On the evening of August 19 (Day 4 during the week of courses), NARPI will hold a Northeast Asia Culture and Talent Night. You may participate in a group or as an individual. Please bring anything representative of your culture, community, or family that you could share during that presentation, such as clothing, musical instruments, poetry, songs, posters, banners, or videos.

### **Snacks**

NARPI break times are a wonderful chance to try snacks from all over Northeast Asia, and beyond! We ask all participants to bring some snacks from your home area, to share with others during break time. When you arrive at Registration, please give your snacks to the admin team. Thank you!

### **Please note:**

The deadline for receipt of applications and scholarship applications is May 10, 2024. All applications and scholarship applications should be submitted by email to: [apply@narpi.net](mailto:apply@narpi.net). Notification of acceptance will be sent out as soon as possible, with about two weeks of processing time required.

If you have any questions, please contact us at:

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