The Public Face of UNA-GP 2018
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The UNA-GP works as a chapter of the UNA-USA, and builds its programmatic activities around the policies that flow from the UN System and its components, and from the Sustainable Development Goals.

As part of the UNA-USA, we do our advocacy at the national level with much guidance from headquarters, to which we add advocacy at the local level. Our calendar every year will have:

a. The multiday, UNA-USA Annual Membership/Leadership meeting in Washington, DC in early June, including the “Storming of the Hill”.

b. The UNA-USA Global Engagement Summit. In 2018 to be held at the UN in NY on February 24th (not to be confused with the GES held at NWU in Chicago, http://theges.org/).

We at the UNA-GP like to work with others to create a roster of events that “fits” with the UN Calendar, and where we highlight the work of the UN and what we can do locally. For a complete list of “International Days” please visit http://www.un.org/en/sections/observances/international-days/index.html

In 2018, we will try (again) to have events on

Jan 27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day. No concrete plans in the works (yet)

March 8: International Women’s Day. We usually work with others when holding an event. Stay tuned for more details; suggested topic from one UNA-GP member: Is there a global impact of the #MeToo movement?

March 22: World Water Day; collaborative work with Keiyo Soy Ministries, Global Water Alliance and Fairmount Water Works.

April 22: Earth Day. On this day, we work with others to plant (fruit) trees and tell the story of Wangari Maathai. The work is done through our Youth Building Roots program.

May 8: International Red Cross/Red Crescent Day. No concrete plans in the works (yet).

June 22: World Refugee Day. We hope to work with the International Rescue Committee and create a seminar around the refusal of the USA to sign on to the treaty on Migration and IRC’s analysis of “2017: a year of unwelcome”

July 17: World Day for International Justice: The Sunday following July 17 is the date for the Annual Fundraiser, also called the Garden Party; the theme to be established, but always related to a Justice issue.

September 21 International Day of Peace. Collaborating with several organizations such as the Harmony for Peace Foundation, the PeaceDayPhilly Network and others, a series of activities will be planned: Stay tuned.
October 1  World Habitat Day. Theme not yet announced. Events not yet planned

October 16  World Food Day. Theme not yet announced. Suggested event: Local (Community) Farming Summit: issues, future, scaling up or bowing out?

October 24  UN Day.

10 November  World Science Day for Peace and Development:

November 19  World Toilet Day:

December 10  International Human Rights Day

Beyond these events, the UNA-GP has plans to organize or support in 2018:

- Highschool level Workshop on Gun Violence and “how to take steps towards prevention.”
- School level discussions and lessons about issues related to the UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Workshops or summer camp on understanding the global labor market (forces).
- Global Water Alliance Annual Conference
- World Heritage City educational outreach (and expansion)
- Advocacy work in the realm of public policies in relation to international treaties; the role of the city in UN development plans; informing the public about the stance of political parties and candidates re issues relevant to the UN System and the charter of the UN