

Report to Attendees of 2/28 Collaborators Meeting

We are very grateful for all of the wonderful ideas generated in response to the question we posed, **“What would a Week of Nonviolence look like?”** We clearly heard from you that there is an urgency to take action. Here are some themes we drew out of your responses.

Who Should Participate?

- Men
- All ages
- Mosques, synagogues and churches
- Children
- Culturally diverse groups of people
- Young people
- Socio-economically diverse people

What Sorts of Events/Activities Might Take Place?

- March(es)
- Hands around the Capitol
- Anti-gun violence
- Education
- Children’s activities and safe places for kids to play
- Peace forums
- Deal with diverse forms of violence including:
 - domestic violence
 - sexual violence
 - hunger
 - homelessness
 - etc.
- Storytelling and story circles
- Handling conflicts
- Art-centric events

What Will Be Needed to Make This Successful?

- Authenticity
- Make the Week very visible & well publicized:
 - signage
 - use of media
 - logo
- Be culturally diverse
- Feature youth voices and roles for youth
- Making connections
 - Community Outreach
 - Community building

At our meeting on April 4, we ask that you come with a description of what you and/or your organization could do to make the events of 9/21-9/30 a success. We hope that most or all of you will be able to make a commitment on April 4. Organizations and individuals can play several roles:

1. Organize an Event
2. Be a public/official sponsor: lending organizational credence
3. Be a financial supporter/sponsor
4. Promote the events
5. Participate and encourage participation

Twin Cities Nonviolent's role is to provide a platform for you to engage people in events and activities that will promote nonviolence in the Twin Cities. We will coordinate with all the participating organizations and individuals and provide support. We will also take lead on promoting the events of September 21-30. We are also making plans to host a conference on the final weekend (September 29 or 30.)