

"1000 GINGERBREAD HOUSES" FOR PEACE IN YEMEN

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Why gingerbread houses?

Many children in Yemen live in fear of the ongoing war every day. Their homes and schools are being bombed.

The buildings in Sanaa, the capital of Yemen, look just like gingerbread houses. They bring us back to the fairytales in «One thousand and one nights».

By using our tradition for baking gingerbread houses to create houses like the ones in Old Sanaa, we will build a bridge between the two cultures. We believe it will have a positively surprising effect for the participants to experience this very tangible blending of culture and politics.



The campaign objective:

We want to put focus on the forgotten humanitarian crisis in Yemen caused by the war. We want people to start to be concerned about Yemen. We want to put pressure on politicians to be driving forces for peace in Yemen.



What to do?

- We will make gingerbread houses that look like the houses in old Sanaa (Guidelines attached). You can also make a mix together with your traditional gingerbread houses if you like.
- We will take photos and videos of the gingerbread houses, share them on the social media, and wish peace for Yemen.
Use the hashtag: [#1000peppercakehusforJemen](https://twitter.com/hashtag/1000peppercakehusforJemen)
- We will write letters with demands to the government and the parliament.
We have a template for letters if you need it.



What is the current situation in Yemen?

Yemen is the largest humanitarian crisis in the world, with more than 24 million people – some 80 per cent of the population – in need of humanitarian assistance, including more than 12 million children.

Since the conflict escalated in March 2015, the country has become a living hell for the country's children.

Now COVID-19 are spreading rapidly, and Yemen is facing an emergency within an emergency.

Before COVID-19, around 2 million children were out of school. Because of the pandemic, all schools are closed, and now 7.8 million children are unable to access education.



Read more about the situation in Yemen on:

<https://www.unicef.org/emergencies/yemen-crisis>

Framfylkingen takes the initiative of the campaign:

Framfylkingen organises recreational activities across Norway for children and families. Its fundamental values are of freedom, equality, and solidarity. They also consider it important to teach children to love and take care of nature. Framfylkingen is a political organisation because they speak up for and fight for the influence and rights of children.

<http://framfylkingen.no/>

Who can join?

The campaign is open to everyone who like to join in. Families, groups, individuals, organizations and institutions.

Together we can make a difference!

Join us!

Do you have questions or suggestions?

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