



## **The City of Peace Academy 2024**

“Sustainability: a tool for a three-zero world” is the theme on which international experts are called to speak Nov. 13-14, 2024, meeting students from the University of Basilicata and Lucanian high schools.

The City of Peace Foundation, together with the Yunus Center of Basilicata established at the Unibas, proposes this year a wide-ranging reflection on the theme of sustainability declined in the environmental and food field, crucial factors to ensure a perspective of a peaceful world and to prevent climate change and migration, as well as in the economic and productive field to face growing economic and social inequality and the misuse of information.

On Nov. 13 at 9 a.m., the academy will open at the Auditorium at Campus of Macchia Romana - Potenza of Unibas, with a greeting that Prof. Ferdinando Di Carlo, Director of the Yunus Center Basilicata, will bring on behalf of the Magnificent Rector Ignazio Marcello Mancini and a short video message from Prof. Muhammad Yunus, who in 2020 received an honorary degree from Unibas.

At 9,20 a.m. the proceedings will get into full swing by welcoming Aine Clarke and Michel Van der Veken who will present the national premiere of the documentary “A 3-Zero World” on Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus by Aine Clarke and Michel Van der Veken. The documentary, which describes a possible future with zero unemployment, zero poverty and zero net carbon emissions, recounts social business experiences and collects interviews with the Nobel laureate current head of government in Bangladesh. This work, subtitled in Italian by the City of Peace Foundation, has already won several international awards and will be presented in Rome on November 15 at the Lateran Palace in the Vatican in the presence of His Eminence Cardinal Baldo Reina, Vicar of the Diocese of Rome.

It will be followed at 11:30 a.m. by a panel discussion entitled, “Italy in Dialogue with the Mediterranean and Africa. Future of a world on the road” in which Father Giulio Albanese, journalist and member of the Council of the Section for Relations with States and International Organizations of the Vatican Secretariat of State, Pasquale Lavacca who has been General of the Carabinieri Army Corps and is an expert in cyber security and Livio Vanghetti communications manager of the Rome 2030 Committee and an international level manager will participate with.

On Nov. 14 at 10 a.m. work will resume at Unibas Comincenter on the university campus in Potenza with a video message by Nobel Peace Prize winner Jody Williams followed by a seminar entitled “Imagining a world where beauty is an expression of sustainability” held by Arch. Marco Gazzola who is project director at MCA - Mario Cucinella Architects in Milan. The academy will conclude with a debate moderated by Prof. Antonio D'Angola of the Unibas School of Engineering.

This will conclude the fifth edition of the City of Peace Academy, which this year is characterized by being open free of charge to students from the University of Basilicata and high schools in Basilicata as well as to migrants and refugees welcomed in Basilicata, demonstrating once again how welcoming projects constitute a benefit and a growth factor capable of proposing Basilicata as a model at the national and international level.

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