



International Servas Week Special edition 2018

**Connecting SERVAs: making connections with the world
SPECIAL EDITION 2018- 70th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

WHAT?: Celebrate Servas once a year, the week of 21st September.

HOW?: Take part in global action to show ourselves to the world and so reinforce our values as an organisation.

IMPACT?: As Servas members make new connections among ourselves and with others who share common ground with Servas.

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As you know, every year Innovation group invite you to celebrate Servas the week of 21st of September, international peace day. But this year we propose you to organize an anniversary party as well, to celebrate our 70th years together. We think we can celebrate Servas every day and every moment, to celebrate being part of such a long-standing organization that promotes values of peace and friendship. Of course this celebration can be the date you prefer, preferably in the week of 21st of September or let's celebrate twice in the year.

70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PICTURES COLLECTION

Innovation group want to start a new collection of pictures of Servas events and we think the 70th anniversary is the best occasion to do it.

We will collect pictures from 2018 and 2019 events related with our anniversary and with the International Servas Week Special Edition 2018, with a photo caption indicating the country and a brief explanation of the event (and the picture credits). We will choose some of this pictures to contribute to a Servas Peace Calendar and all of them will be part of a commemorative anniversary album and it will be published on our website. Let's make some original photos!

Send your pictures to innovation@servas.org with a good quality, with the country and the name of the person who made the picture, a photo caption and a brief explanation of the event.

How can we contribute to this International Servas Week?

Making Connections: Servas members reaching out to connect with those in the organisation and those not.

During the Servas week we could organise activities in our neighbourhood, region or country to promote new connections with each other and with others outside of Servas. These activities could be related to Servas values such as: **Peace, Solidarity, Service, Hospitality, Understanding.**

The emphasis is on it being a creative process, each group deciding the activity that is best for them and so choosing how they will celebrate being members of Servas.

Some suggestions to make connections:

- With our neighbours and friends not in Servas.
- With other Servas members nearby.
- With different cultures as well as our own within our community.
- With our environment.
- With Servas national groups across nearby borders.
- Through our language, showing others how to improve communication.
- With other organizations.



- AN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!!

More ideas:

- Linking with others in our community from different backgrounds.
- Connecting with organisations that share common ground with Servas.
- Organising exchange visits between Servas groups in countries further away.
- Spreading the values of Peace, Solidarity, Service, Hospitality, Understanding through your activities.

Some ideas about activities that national or local Servas groups could organize:

- A shared dinner with other Servas members, meetings in your area, cultural activities together...
- Invite another organization to speak about their projects, to collaborate in some solidarity event, to share voluntary work with another organization...
- Invite other Servas members to explore your environment or your city, do a walk or trek or a bike ride together...
- Plant a tree together...
- Organize a meeting with your neighbouring national group.
- Organize a workshop about peace, languages, Esperanto, communication...
- Organize activities about peace education in a school, storytelling for children, competition about pictures, drawings, videos, films...
- Publicise outside of Servas, eg via a local newspaper article/ TV , a display in libraries/community centres, ...
- Any event that promotes contact with people both within and outside of Servas.

Practicalities

Email contact: innovation@servas.org

The Innovation Group is a group of international volunteers. If you want to join this group please let us know.

Promoters of the project: organisers of a workshop during SICOGA 2015 in New Zealand 2015, together with others who attended and facilitated the discussions. (In October 2018 it will be the new SICOGA in Korea and this group can be modified).

This group is intended to put into action the ideas debated during the workshop.