

ROLE OF EDUCATION FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

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Abstract:

This paper focus on Theoretical and practical issues related to education for peace and justice. It briefly presents various viewson Concept of Peace and Justice, aim of education, Various approaches, role of schools in fostering peace, the power of education for aiding in justice and peace education is shown through guiding principles, curricular and methodological arrangements, ways of handling controversial issues, and the effective use of the arts.

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General Introduction:

Education is the key to raise inner self of the individuals. It is uniting the nations, bringing human beings closely together. Now a day we are living in the digital era and many parts of the world, civil society suffers because of situations of violent conflicts and war. It is important to inculcate and recognize the crucial role of education in contributing to building a culture of peace and justice . A culture of peace and non-violence goes to the substance of fundamental Human Rights of the present era. The reality of society is that the status of disorder and misunderstanding in the society is affecting innocent minds. Today, childrens are absorbing the atmosphere and the strength of violence. The next generation is becoming the leader of violence. Therefore, Its time is needed to cultivate peace in the hearts of children.Education is the only way by which Peace and Justice can be inculcate by providing value education to the children. We proudly announce that India is always a peace loving country. This love for Peace and Justice , which is in our blood and is inherited from our ancestors, has survived in our hearts, and is active even today.

Concept of Role of Education for Peace and Justice:

1. Peace:

According to *Albert Einstein* “Peace is not merely the absence of war but the presence of justice, of law, of order – in short, of government.

According to *Freire* (2006) “Peace education is a mechanism for the transformation from a culture of violence to a culture of peace through a process of “conscientisation”

Betty Reardon defines “Peace Education is the attempt to promote the development of an authentic planetary consciousness that will enable us to function as global citizens and to transforms the present human condition by changing the social structures and patterns of thought that have created it”.

“Peace Education is an attempt to respond to problems of conflict and violence of scale ranging from the global and national to the local and personal. It is about exploring ways of creating more just and sustainable futures said by *Laing.R.D.*(1978)

2. Justice:

That means every person should be treated with fairness and recommends equal basic liberties, equal opportunities to similar individuals, and offering the highest possible benefits to the less advantaged members of society. This theory of justice, as believed by *Rawls*, helps in the functioning of a just society.

Aim of Peace and Justice Education:

1. The first motive of peace education is to promote peace. Studying Arts gives people the proper concept of peace. Literature, painting, photography, music, dance forms, and fine arts provide ample opportunities to learn about peace education and appreciate its importance.
2. To make the students understand the national security systems. They need to understand the alternatives to war. Peace and Justice education also helps them understand international politics, the prison industrial complex, the arms race.
3. Developing Intercultural understanding is one of the most important aspects of peace and justice building in students mind.
4. Encouraging students to build values and skills is one of the aims and objectives of peace and justice education. It is important so that students get to live a satisfactory life.

Different Approaches of Peace and Justice Education:

There are different approaches to peace and perceived by the different eminent personalities. The most of the researchers and educationists suggested the ways and means for attaining peace and justice spin around five approaches. They are

- Power politics : Peace through coercive power
- World order : Peace, Justice through the power of law
- Conflict resolution : Peace and Justice through the power of communication
- Nonviolence : Peace through will power
- Transformation : Peace through the power of live

Role of School in Promoting Peace and Justice in Education:

- School should follow the humanistic management approach.
- School should provide better environment for formulating good human relationship between teacher and student, between teachers and teachers, between teacher and head of the institution, between teacher and parents, between students and students.
- School should provide the proper atmosphere for development of healthy emotions of the students.
- Educational institutions should work in the direction of positive peace and justice .

How to Teach Peace and Justice in Education:

1. **Through Prayers:** Peace and Justice education can teach by organizing prayers daily in the morning assembly. Prayers can play an important role for the balanced personality development and religious development of the children. There should be thought of the day, prayers of different religions and moral speech by teachers in the morning assembly.

2. **Through Story telling:** Moral stories can also play an important role in making the students understand the need for peace and justice . Teacher should use the story telling method in the classroom because by telling moral stories students understand the difference between good or bad things. Story also develops the imagination and critical thinking, develop concept of Justice among the students.
3. **Through Group Activities:** Group activities are important tool for peace and justice development. In the group activities children can learn co-operation, social behaviour, social skills, patience, love and belongingness, police of give and take, sharing things with others, helping habits of others and feeling of we among the children which can be helpful for peace education. Teacher should organized group activities in the class room as well as in the school.
4. **Through Silent sitting and meditation:** ilent sitting and meditation is also a good activity for peace of mind. Teacher should give silent sitting in the classroom for some time and say to the children do meditation and relaxed yourself and do practice same in the home daily. It will be helpful for peace education.
5. **Through Religious lecture by expert:** By organizing special religious lecture peace and justice education can be imparted in the minds of children. A Man cannot be peaceful until he is become religious because all religions teach that all human being is the part of God and there is no difference in all human being. Religion always teaches the values of peace and justice . It gives the light of knowledge and keeps the human being from all evils. It is develops the peace of mind which is very important for peaceful living in the society. So, schools should organized time to time religious lecture of eminent personalities in religious field.

Teaching Methods for Incalculating Peace and Justice:

Teaching in the broadest sense is any act or experience that has a formative effect on the mind, character and physical ability of an individual. In the process of integrating peace and justice education, how to teach is more important than what to teach. The teaching methods already practiced by the teachers for the existing subjects can be used for teaching peace and justice education also.

But some of the specific teaching methods discussed below could be more useful.

1. Cooperative Learning
2. Story telling
3. Group Discussion
4. Service learning
5. Peer Teaching
6. Experimental Teaching
7. Brainstorming
8. Inquiry based learning and teaching

Conclusion:

Education is the best way to earn a living and live a satisfactory life. However, it also has another motive. Peace and Justice education goes beyond the concept of making a living. It teaches the students how to maintain harmony and peace in the world and have critical and logical thinking. The main concept of peace and justice

education is to make people aware of the importance of peacemaking and to develop a positive environment.

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