Dances of Universal Peace (DUP) are a very simple practice, suitable for all people and at the same time very special, because in the circle we relate and harmonize in intimacy: we hold hands together, we share glances, we listen to and sing the same chant, we tune together to the universal messages, we show gratitude to the source of life, we breathe and remember, discovering an understanding by experiencing and integrating the sacred phrases (mantras) at different levels of depth, opening ourselves to our emerging qualities, what we are, what is alive in us, often outside our awareness..

This year we have called the camp “Cultivating Presence”, an invitation to work in the garden of the heart, putting ourselves at service as divine instruments for eternal music. In the words of Samuel Lewis, "Divine Music is everywhere, but our artificial life has be-numbed our ears", This is a call to explore an opening of the physical ears as well as the ears of the heart, to familiarize ourselves with the state of prayer or presence, the natural work of the soul.

Whether it is your first contact with the DUP or you already know them and are willing to deepen into them, or perhaps learn how to lead the dances, this camp is a very special opportunity for all. The program is designed for all levels. There will be laboratories for the dance leaders to benefit from the feedback of more experienced dance leaders.

At this gathering, in addition to all the people who currently guide Dances of Universal Peace circles in the Iberian Peninsula, we will have two very special teachers, both teachers and mentors with great experience in the DUP, who have designed special programs for training in the path of the dances and are frontline defenders of the rights of Mother Earth. It is a privilege to receive them together in this 3rd DUP Camp that we host in Iberia (1st DUP Camp was in 2018 with Fiba Sylvia Murillo and David Jamal and 2nd DUP Camp was in 2019 with Pir Shabda Kahn and Lakshmi Tamariz):
Jorge Arjun Calero (Colombia)

Jorge Arjun Calero, or "el mono" as his friends call him, has been dedicated since the 90's to supporting the emerging paradigm shift towards a planetary consciousness and a possible new world. He has done so from his homeland at the Atlántida Ecovillage and the national, continental and global networks of this type of projects. Also from the ceremonial and ritual work around the Condor-Aguila prophecy and the ancestral native wisdom of America. From environmentalism, eco-social regeneration, education. And through his great love and commitment to the Dances of Universal Peace Network, where he is a senior mentor, international board member and coordinator of the "Beyond Initiative" to take this practice and this family to places where until now they have not arrived. He has been coordinating the annual Dances of Peace training camps in Atlantida Ecovillage for 13 years every Easter where the great Latin American family gathers.

Jilani Cordelia Prescott (England)

Jilani trained as a classical musician and has nearly thirty years' experience as a teacher and professional musician. Her main focus is now teaching the Dances of Universal Peace at home and abroad, including training and mentoring other dance leaders from several countries. She is mother to three boys, and also a member of the Sufi Ruhaniat Teaching Circle. She works through deep loving connection, to help people to find a stronger sense of inner and outer peace. Using chant, movement, and other practices as a framework and container, she facilitates circles of people to be more fully alive, to feel safe together, to share love, deep connection and joy, and to touch a sense of the sacredness of all life.

She has been actively involved in the environmental movement, sharing dances and practices as a way for people to strengthen their connection with Mother Earth and with each other, and also as a way to work with intense and difficult feelings such as grief, loss, anger, powerlessness and despair, which can arise as symptoms of climate anxiety. She led a Dance of Universal Peace at the XR October Rebellion Opening Ceremony in London in 2019, with over a thousand people dancing in more than eight concentric circles, experiencing the joy and power of moving and singing together as one. She has also used singing and dancing during XR's actions to help reduce intensity and bring deep and radical peace in situations where tensions are increasing. She is inspired by this by the creator of
the Dances, Samuel Lewis, who said he would like to see “a peace demonstration where the protesters demonstrate peace.”

During the pandemic, Jilani was keen to support those who were isolated and afraid, by offering Dance and Sufi sessions on Zoom. She led (with the support of her husband Salik) three sessions a week for the last two years, reaching people from many different time zones across the globe and bringing them together in sharing song, breath and movement. It has been wonderful to experience the subtle yet powerful connections that have been made, and to witness the real loving friendships that have grown in these groups, between people who have never met in person. Despite this, she is very happy to return to leading dance circles again. It’s a great joy to be returning to Spain!

EVENT DETAILS

WHERE: Nueva Tierra, C/ Alta, 26, 28737 Piñuécar, Madrid. Visit the website to learn more about where we will stay: https://www.nuevatierra.net/

Piñuécar is a village with a special charm and with a landscape of great ecological value as it is at the entrance of Sierra del Rincón, which was declared a Biosphere Reserve. The site has an area of 10 hectares, with large meadows, ash trees, oaks and great diversity of plant and animal species. The place has a swimming pool and 7 kilometers away is Buitrago de Lozoya, a very pretty town with the Lozoya river also suitable for swimming. We recommend using Google Maps to arrive at Nueva Tierra.

If you don’t have a car or you don’t find other people to come by car to Piñuécar, you can also come by public transport from Madrid to Buitrago de Lozoya on bus 191. Somebody from the organization can go to pick you up from Buitrago de Lozoya if that is necessary.

WHEN: The arrival is on Tuesday, August 25th from 5:00 pm. where the payment and installation in the different rooms will be done. There will be a welcoming and dinner together at 8:00 pm. The first dance circle will be at night after the dinner. The camp ends after lunch on Sunday, 28th of August.

WHAT: It is a residential spiritual retreat of 5 days and 5 nights. Mainly a meeting of Dances of Universal Peace (you can find more information about this practice on the web https://www.dancesofuniversalpeace.org/ or by consulting videos on YouTube). They are magnificent practices, open to people of all traditions and contexts.

It is also a retreat with a sufi background, where we will share talks, dances and related practices such as meditations, breathing techniques, meditative walks, Zikr, workshops and training labs for guiding DUP.
WHO: The meeting is for people who are interested in deepening their knowledge and practice of the Dances of Universal Peace, meditative walks, the Sufi path and the general cultivation of the inner life. No previous experience is required.

HOW MUCH: The cost of the gathering in full board of breakfast, lunch and dinner with ovo-lacto-vegetarian menu, accommodation in Nueva Tierra, with all activities and practices included is:

- 270 EUR (sleeping in your own tent, van or caravan or in shared rooms and bungalows with beds and bunk beds with capacity for 5 to 8 people in Nueva Tierra: space limited to 50 people)
- 300 EUR (sleeping in rooms of 2 people (in a double room or 2-beds room) with shared bathroom in houses in the village, 4 minutes walk from Nueva Tierra (www.elbulin.es/casas-rurales-sierra-de-madrid/pinuecar)): limited space for 16 people)

* It includes an early-bird discount of 30 EUR if you sign up before the 14th of June.

HOW TO REGISTER:
1) Fill the next registration form: https://forms.gle/kAihDNkvR8XttQJ36

ADDITIONAL INFO:
- There will be translation of English to Spanish and Spanish to English during the gathering.
- It’s possible to come with children, in this case, ask us about conditions.
- There are 6 places to come as a volunteer with a discount of 40% from the total price. We will need 4 people as experienced musicians in DUP and 2 people for support in logistics.
- About what to bring, we recommend that you come with your own sleeping bag or blanket (you can also rent a quilt for 3€/retreat), bedding if you stay in bungalow (bottom, pillowcase and sheet 90x190) or all your camping equipment if you stay in tent, towel, cool clothes for the day and warm clothes for the night, umbrella or raincoat, good shoes to walk around the village and surroundings, flip flops or sandals and a swimsuit as there is a swimming-pool and nearby rivers, thick socks for the room, a flashlight, thermos or bottle to refill with water, objects for the altar, music instruments, a notebook and pen.
- There will be a bazaar during the week in which you can bring your crafts, products or creations and sell them in a self-managed way.
- For more information: by email juanbayonet@gmail.com or by phone or WhatsApp +34605806529 (Juan).

Thank you for joining this gift of living and experiencing together.