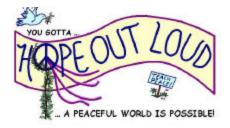
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## HOPE OUT LOUD 10 – HURRAH!

Join us for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Hope Out Loud Peace and Arts Festival on September 11, 2011 from 1 to 5 pm as we all Hope Out Loud that *a peaceful world is possible*. Hope Out Loud, which began in 2002 as a response to 9/11, has grown to become a shared call for renouncing violence and developing peaceful conflict resolution in our towns and in our world, for social justice and economic equity, and for a sustainable presence in our environment. For 10 years The Hope Out Loud Peace and Arts Festival has promoted a shared vision of peace, an alternative to use of military force.

**Hope Out Loud** is a celebration of the creativity and vibrancy of Connecticut's advocacy, service, activist and arts communities committed to peace and social justice intended to provide inspiration for renewal and recommitment. It's been 10 years since 9/11 and the need for peace in our world and in our communities is even greater.

Plan to be a part of this year's **Hope Out Loud Festival**. As peace and social change movements have evolved since the Festival began so have the challenges of maintaining the Festival. This includes funding the event. We are all volunteer driven and work to keep expenses low. We need you. There are many ways you can support the Festival. Be a sponsor, promote the event, plan on attending, have a table, become a volunteer. **Hope Out Loud** is an opportunity for you, your organization, its members, friends and family to network with other people working to create peace and social justice. It is a chance to reach out to others who are interested in knowing how to get more involved in working together towards common goals.

Hope Out Loud has moved. The Festival will be held on the great lawn of the Church of the Good Sheppard on Wyllys Street in downtown Hartford – easily accessible from I-91 with off street parking available. We look forward to creating a day of art and activism in our new location and want you to be there. Good music and spoken word performance, inspiring speakers, more than 40 tabling organizations providing information and opportunities on how to create social change and fun, family activities for children of all ages. Free speech is encouraged!

Make peace happen. Become part of Hope Out Loud. See the 'How to Help' form or visit our website – www.hopeotloud.org to learn more about joining Hope Our Loud. Be there on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Make peace happen.

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The Connecticut Coalition for Peace and Justice, Church of the Good Sheppard, and West Hartford Citizens for Peace and Justice