Annual plan 2012 UNOY
Peacebuilders

The annual plan for 2012 is based on the UNOY Peacebuilders Strategy for the period 2011-2015.

Strategic priority 1: Facilitate build-up of the capacities of members to mobilize youth to be effective contributors to the creation of peaceful societies.

Key activity 1.1: Member organisations benefit from capacity building opportunities.

Milestone 2013: Volunteer and junior professionals exchange between members enhancing exchange knowledge & skills; 3 regional CB initiative targeting needs of member supported by IS

Concrete Activities 2012:

- **1.1.1 Seminar: Educating for Peace: Exploring Successes, Challenges and Opportunities in Youth Peace Initiatives**
  To stimulate and develop innovative and sustainable youth peace education projects, UNOY Peacebuilders will organise a seminar that will take place in The Hague in January/February 2012. The seminar will gather representatives of youth peace organisations engaged in peace education projects with a focus on transnational cooperation. First of all, the seminar will include presentation of successful peace education initiatives and the good practices extracted from the experience and results of the previous phase. Secondly, several activities of match-making will also be organised to foster the development of peace education projects and partnerships between attendees from the global North and the global South.
  
  **Location:** The Hague, the Netherlands  
  **Timeframe:** 4-5 February 2012  
  **Partners:** UPACT (the Netherlands)

- **1.1.2 Training Course: Promoting Peace through Projects and Partnerships**
  The project Promoting Peace through Projects and Partnership is a training course with a focus on how to implement youth peace projects. The project includes a 5-day long training course with the focus on project management. The project aims to train young people in becoming active agents of social change and in playing an active role in their society. It also aims to equip participants with all the necessary skills to be able to implement non-formal peace and human rights education projects in Europe and to help the participants start to develop their projects and thereby to strengthen UNOY Peacebuilders as a network.
Location: Schoorl, the Netherlands
Timeframe: September

- **1.1.3 Study Session: Youth Advocacy for Peace**
  The Study Session on Youth Advocacy for a Culture of Peace will explore the activities, approaches, possibilities and challenges related to youth peace advocacy. The overall aim is to exchange ideas, expertise and approaches on advocacy in the local, European and international level. The purpose of the study session is to give youth peace NGOs an opportunity to reflect on advocacy as well as to share practices and ideas for how to improve their advocacy work. The outcome of the study session will assist youth NGOs in UNOY Peacebuilders’ network in joint advocacy and ensure that youth organisations are contributing to the creation of a culture of peace.

Location: Budapest, Hungary
Timeframe: Second semester of 2012
Partners: Fundació Catalunya Voluntària (Spain), CEIPES (Italy), Academy for Peace and Development (Georgia)

- **1.1.4 Regional Training Courses in Africa**
  During a series of regional training courses, the UNOY Peacebuilders’ Africa network and other regional youth organisations will be offered a comprehensive training program that is based on their needs and follows up on the training in 2008. This project will build on the skills the participants acquired during the training in 2008 in order to look at how with their strengthened and more professional organisations they can work jointly and collaborate more regionally on their programmes. Knowledge and expertise sharing will be facilitated and the training will be the starting point for stronger local and regional partnerships and more effective collaboration among youth organisations in Africa. The participants will learn how to draw on each others’ organisational knowledge, share experiences and good practices in order to find mutually beneficial ways of working together to address local and regional challenges.

Location:
- Central African/ Great Lakes training: (preferably in Burundi) including UNOY member organisations from DRC and Burundi
- Western African training 1: including UNOY member organisations from Sierra Leone, Liberia & Ghana
- Western African training 2: including UNOY member organisations Benin & Nigeria
- Southern and Eastern African training: including UNOY member organisations from Kenya, Somalia and Eritrea.

Timeframe:
Great Lakes Training Course: September 2012
West Africa Training Course 1: November 2012
West Africa Training Course 2: January 2013
East Africa Training Course: March 2013
• **1.1.5 Support 5 members to access external opportunities.**
  5 members access external opportunities

• **1.1.6 Gender desk**
  In order to ensure gender mainstreaming and to live up to the gender policy UNOY strives to always have an intern with competence in gender and peacebuilding.

### Projects in which UNOY participates as a partner 2012:

• **Youth Protagonists of Change**
  A long term intervention directed to young people and their communities (through young people) aimed to empower young people to promote sustainable social change and a culture of P&HR in their communities and at global level.

  **Funding:** European Youth Foundation  
  **Location:** Activity 1: Palermo, Italy,  
  **Timeframe:** 17-24 April 2012, Activity 5: 20-25 November  
  **Partners:** CEIPES (Italy - coordinator), Volunteer Catalonia (Catalonia), PARTIR (Romania)

• **Training Course: Protect Your Rights – Youth Rights and Active Participation**
  The training aims to contribute to a higher engagement of young people in social and political life by fostering the protection of youth rights and empower young people to take an active role in their communities.

  **Funding:** Youth in Action  
  **Location:** Skopje, Macedonia  
  **Timeframe:** 20-27 May 2012  
  **Partners:** First Children's Embassy in the World – Medjashi (FCEWM) (Macedonia, coordinator)

• **Peace Bag 2012 Training course**
  Follow up project to the Peace Bag publication

  **Funding:** Youth in Action  
  **Location:** Barcelona  
  **Timeframe:** 24 April-1 May 2012  
  **Partners:** Fundacio Catalunya Voluntaria (Catalunya – coordinator), PARTIR (Romania), CEIPES (Italy)

• **Across Continents: EVS within the UNOY network**
  This project is a follow up project of “Learning by doing, doing by seeing!” (carried out in 2011). The project will reinforce the cooperation build up during the job shadowing activities and aims to strengthen the world-wide network among partners.

  **Funding:** Youth in Action  
  **Location:** Argentina, Colombia, Nepal  
  **Timeframe:** Volunteers sent out May-June 2012 for 6-9 months  
  **Partners:** CEIPES (Italy - coordinator); Pistes-Solidaires (France), Ayuntamiento de Murcia (Spain)
• **Training Course: 360° Peace in Media**
The Training Course “360° - Peace in Media,” aims to give young people a deeper understanding of the relationship between media and peacebuilding as well as a critical analysis of the freedom of expression and information regarding in the present day society.

**Funding:** Youth in Action  
**Location:** Barcelona, Catalonia  
**Timeframe:** 17-24 June 2012  
**Partners:** Fundacio Catalunya Voluntaria (Catalunya – coordinator)

• **Mainstreaming Peace Education: Approaches, Methodologies, and Visions**
The theme of the project proposal is peace education as a tool for adult education. The project idea is based on the assumption that peace education is not only a form of education that is needed in so called conflict areas but a necessary form of education in all communities facing challenges in inclusion and cohesion in social, cultural and political concerns.

**Funding:** Grundtvig (unconfirmed)  
**Timeframe:** 24 months (01.08.2012 - 31.07.2014)  
**Partners:** European Intercultural Forum e. V. (Germany, coordinator)

**Key Activity 1.2:** Member organisations connect with each other, share knowledge and skills.

**Milestone 2013:** database of tools and resources relevant for the members updated by the users;

**Concrete activities 2012:**

• **1.2.1 Youth Peace Database and Portal**  
Interactive online resource database maintained by members will be linked to the UNOY Website to be developed. Browsable in English, French and Spanish.
Strategic priority 2: Develop positive youth engagement in international and national processes related to peacebuilding and conflict transformation.

Key Activity 2.1: Facilitate inclusion & active participation of members in Peacebuilding initiatives of governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental international organisations, bodies and agencies.

Milestone 2013: Be a leading youth peace organisations recognized in regions UNOY is active; 10 members attend events as representatives

Concrete Activities 2012:

- **2.1.1 ISG members to continue advocacy training on regional scale, ensure unified UNOY message is communicated**
  ISG members are selected according to more democratic principles. ISG members receive advocacy and leadership training to better represent the network, and multiply knowledge, and contribute to create a more dynamic and effective network. Gender policy and toolkit on gender and diversity is also revised.

- **2.1.2 Regional Youth Peace Index first edition**
  Member organisations research and submit reports on the situation of the involvement of young people in peacebuilding processes. Results of the research will be finalised in 2013 and presented in multiple languages.

- **2.1.3 Youth Advocacy Team**
  UNOY Peacebuilders would like to send a team of youth advocates the either the UN or EU to advocate for greater youth involvement and participation in peacebuilding processes. Prior to the advocacy visit, the team will do research on relevant topics, do a mapping of actors, schedule meetings and prepare a policy paper. The team will receive training in advocacy and campaigning prior to the visit.

  **Timeframe:** Research: March–June 2012; Preparation for advocacy; July – September 2012; Advocacy: October 2012

- **2.1.4 Toolkit: Advocacy and Networking**
  Recommendations and best practices extracted during the conference on peace education as well as the results of the study session will be included in the toolkit. The toolkit will be written by the partner team coordinated by UNOY. Partner team will be made of members of UNOY and other youth organisations working on peace and advocacy. The manual will mainly be in electronic format allowing a combination of tools: texts in pdf, forum, chat, pictures, power-points, and video. Therefore the manual can always be up-date it and more people can access it. The material can also be used in on-line courses in the future. The manual will be available online on UNOY and partners website and will be translated in several languages.
Timeframe: June-August 2012

• **2.1.5 Peace of Minds**
  For 2012, a similar programme to the POM program in 2011 is planned for the second half. Existing international partners may reapply and new partners can come with challenges they would like to work on in cooperation with Dutch students. UNOY Peacebuilders will be responsible for the organising of the communication between the international partner and the Dutch students and facilitating the so-called challenges as well as organising the event in which the international partners meet with their Dutch counterparts in The Netherlands.

  **Partners:** UPACT (the Netherlands)

• **2.1.6 International Day of Peace**
  The International Day of Peace 2012 (September 21) will be celebrated.

  **Timeframe:** September 21 2012
  **Potential partners:** UPACT (the Netherlands)

• **2.1.7 Support 7 members to represent UNOY at events**
  7 youth from member organisations will attend international trainings/conferences and represent the UNOY network

**Key Activity 2.2:** Support members & governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental international bodies and agencies to effectively engage in fruitful cooperation in peacebuilding initiatives.

**Milestone 2013:** Join 2 alliances to represent the needs and views of UNOY.

**Concrete Activities 2012:**

• **2.2.1 Identify representative/partners for UNOY at EU and UN level.**
  EU and UN level representative/partners for UNOY are identified

• **2.2.2 Identify UN/ EU/ AU bodies & alliances UNOY wishes to follow.**
  UN/EU/AU potential bodies & alliances for UNOY to follow are identified.
Strategic Priority 3: Strengthen the effectiveness of UNOY as network based on democratic principles, feeling of ownership, utilizes opportunities for members.

Key Activities 3.1: Maintain a dynamic, efficient network of youth led and youth focused peace organisations built on democratic principles.

Milestone 2013: members cooperate with each other extensively & independently; democratically elected ISG; transparency of board and ISG

Concrete Activities 2012:

- 3.1.1 ISG meeting
  First attempt with democratic election/representation ISG; develop idea for transparency of IS & Board; training of ISG for multiplying en representation in their region;

  **Timeframe:** ISG meeting 1-2 February 2012.

Key Activities 3.2: Respond to emerging initiatives and trends relevant for youth led and youth focused peace organisations.

Milestone 2013: M&E leads to proof of effect and identifies innovation

Concrete Activities 2012:

- 3.2.1 Monitor the work of UNOY Peacebuilders’ members and document the best practices developed by members
  Best practices developed by members are gathered and documented in the Youth Peace Portal
Strategic Priority 4: To strengthen UNOY Peacebuilders’ public image.

Key Activities 4.1: successful practices of members & IS, inspiringly presented to global community.

Milestone 2013: Be clearly visible on outreach tools of Members; UNOY website is source of information.

Concrete Activities 2012:
- 4.1.1 Monitor expectations from visitors and members via online questionnaire
  11 000 visitors annually,

Key Activity 4.2: Be present on websites of strategic partners and social forms.

Milestone 2013: Members, board, ISG and IS present UNOY consistently online and offline.

Concrete Activities 2012:
- 4.2.1 Global online campaign for the International Day of Peace (21 Sept 2012)
  2000 youth in minimum 15 countries take part in awareness raising campaign for International Day of Peace, online activities for the campaign will reach 2.500 youth.

Key Activity 4.3 Presence at key events of governmental bodies and agencies.

Milestone 2013: UNOY members invited & acknowledged as a leading youth peace organization.

Concrete Activities 2012:
- 4.3.1 Attend several EU/UN/global policy making events
  4 youth from member organisations will attend international trainings/conferences and represent the UNOY network (policy debate on youth matters). Potential events are:
    ○ Alliance of civilizations Annual Forum
    ○ UN Committee on the Status of Women
    ○ Council of Europe consultations
    ○ European Youth Forum activities