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About UNOY Peacebuilders

UNOY Peacebuilders is an international network connecting 60 youth peace organizations across 45 countries. Our goal is to create a world where young people have the opportunity and skills to contribute to peace. We work to strengthen youth-driven peacebuilding initiatives based on the needs of our members, facilitate a safe space for dialogue and conflict transformation, develop the organizational capacities of our members and to bring the voices of young people to policy makers on a regional and global level.

In accordance with our strategic plan 2011-2015, we contribute to the work of our members through our programs on Capacity Development and Advocacy. In addition to these programs, our work focuses on strengthening the global network of young peacebuilders and strengthening outreach. There is a strong gender dimension to our work, including the development of specific activities and increased gender sensitiveness transversally in the various activities, projects and management dimension.

Our origins

In 1989, a Russian UN diplomat called Nikolai Firjubin had a dream about a general assembly hall filled with young people discussing the major challenges facing humanity. The dream was so strong, that he decided to pursue it. Jointly with others that also shared his dream, such as Maria Kooijman, he realized started to give meaning to this dream. Not long thereafter, the first group of young people from four continents met in Handel, the Netherlands and committed themselves to building a new international youth organisation, which they called United Nations of Youth (UNOY), later renamed to the United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY Peacebuilders). Since then, UNOY Peacebuilders has grown into an established network with members and affiliates all over the world.

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United Network of Young Peacebuilders

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Executive summary

UNOY Peacebuilders turned 25 years old in 2014. To celebrate this anniversary the Young Peacebuilders Forum brought together young peacebuilders in The Hague to discuss the role of young people in peacebuilding and take part in shaping the future of UNOY Peacebuilders with the development of a strategic plan for 2016-2020. In our anniversary publication, 25 Stories for Peace, we gathered inspirational stories of young peacebuilders to highlight the amazing work being done by young people in their local communities in diverse contexts.

2014 was a year that UNOY Peacebuilders took major steps forward - especially in terms of our advocacy program. Advocacy in 2014 was focused primarily at the United Nations. UNOY Peacebuilders is an active participant in the UN Inter-Agency Working Group on Youth and Peacebuilding as the leading global network of youth organisations working on peacebuilding. In 2014 we also became members of the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organisations (ICMYO). In addition to the representation activities of the secretariat, UNOY Peacebuilders' Youth Advocacy Team carried out one mission to the UN in New York in 2014 advocating for the recognition and participation of young people in peacebuilding processes and for the protection of young people in conflict. UNOY Peacebuilders had voluntary advocacy representatives in both Geneva and New York in 2014.

Our capacity development also saw some major developments. Our focus on social entrepreneurship within this program springs from a call from our member organizations to address the livelihood challenges that many young people are facing, and that are driving some young people to take to violence. Another important theme in UNOY Peacebuilders' capacity development activities in 2014 was mainstreaming peace education, with the publication of a manual on the topic and trainings organised based on the manual.

In 2014 UNOY Peacebuilders joined the Global Partnership on Children and Youth in Peacebuilding. Together with the other members of the partnership we started an evaluation of children and youth in peacebuilding in three countries which is expected to form an important evidence base for future work.

For much of its history, UNOY Peacebuilders has worked primarily on two pillars: developing the capacities of young peacebuilders and advocating for greater youth participation in peacebuilding activities and processes. In our strategic plan for 2011-2015, these are identified as the the networks' two main programs of work.

In addition to these two programs, this report and 2011-2015 UNOY Peacebuilders Strategic Plan further identifies two additional key areas of work: strengthening the network; and communication and outreach.

Keeping in mind the importance of the gender dimension in all peacebuilding work, as gender inequality is both a grassroots cause and a consequence of many conflicts, UNOY Peacebuilders' activities in 2014 have included a strong gender dimension through transversally in the various activities, projects and management dimension of UNOY Peacebuilders on the other.

In 2014, UNOY Peacebuilders became a full member of the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organisations.

Advocacy

Making Youth Heard at the UN

Young people need to be active participants in all discussions and processes that affect them, including at the global level. UNOY Peacebuilders brings the voices of young peacebuilders to the United Nations through two primary mechanisms, a Youth Advocacy Team and permanent representatives.

We advocate for the role of youth in peacebuilding, and more specifically to promote the visibility and recognition of youth active in peacebuilding and promote partnerships between young peacebuilders and other stakeholders.

Youth Advocacy Team

The Youth Advocacy Team (YAT) is a group of committed young peacebuilders from the network. These young peacebuilders represent UNOY Peacebuilders member organisations in advocacy for the recognition and participation of young people in peacebuilding processes and for the protection of young people in conflict.

Members of the YAT carried out a lobbying mission to New York, during which they met with Ahmad Alhendawi, the UN Secretary General's Envoy on Youth, with the UN Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO), the Swiss and Luxembourgish permanent missions, and UNDP.

Members of the YAT spoke in a panel about the role of young community leaders in fostering resilient communities at a side event of the biennial review of the UN Global Counter Terrorism strategy organized by Human Security Collective, Cordaid and UNOY Peacebuilders at the UN Headquarters in New York at the UN Headquarters in New York. The panel showed the capacities of young people to be of significance in their communities by engagement in a range of activities such as journalism, local peacebuilding, human rights activism and peer to peer communication.

YAT Members also visited Iraqi Kurdistan in 2014. In discussions with President Barzani, with the speaker of the regional parliament and with other high level policy makers, members of the Youth Advocacy Team plead for Kurdish policy makers to put youth central when building a stronger region.

UN representation

UNOY Peacebuilders was in 2014 represented by two permanent representatives advocating towards the UN - one stationed in Geneva and the other in New York. In Geneva, Oliver Rizzi-Carlsson represented UNOY Peacebuilders while we were represented by Eugenia Boutylkova and Diego Cimino in New York.

Global Partnership on Youth in the Post-2015 Development Agenda

In 2014, we were invited by the UN Secretary General's Envoy on Youth to write, in cooperation UNHabitat, a section on Peace & Security that was included in the Global Call on Youth. Our contribution to the Global Call focused particularly on how and why youth should be included in the new Post-2015 agenda.

Secretariat

In addition to the YAT and the UN representatives, the UNOY Peacebuilders secretariat participates in the Council of Europe Advisory Council on Youth and represents the network at various global events such as the First Global Forum on Youth Policy in Baku and the World Youth Conference in Colombo in 2014.

Advocacy

25 Stories for Peace

Young people are doing amazing things to build peace all around the world. In 2014 we celebrated the actions of these young peacebuilders by publishing their stories in our 25th anniversary publication, titled *25 Stories for Peace*.

25 Stories of Youth in Peacebuilding, renamed *25 Stories for Peace* during the implementation phase, is a collection of personal stories published in celebration of UNOY Peacebuilders' 25th anniversary. The publication gathers stories from young peace activists from across Europe and abroad, including both young people affiliated with UNOY Peacebuilders member organisations as well as other young peacebuilders. The publication has been released in three forms: as a printed publication, as an app available in the Google Play store for Android phones and tablets, and as a dedicated website.

Each story was created in a unique way. Some were written completely by the storyteller, others were written in collaboration between the storyteller and a member of the editorial team, yet others were created through interviews. This diversity of methods created increased variety in the final publication, and highlights the different approaches which can be taken towards storytelling.

Capacity development

Storytelling for Youth Peace Advocacy

The 5-day workshop, in which 25 young people from UNOY Peacebuilders' member and partner organizations took part, took place in The Hague, the Netherlands in spring 2014. The workshop equipped participants with practical skills to use storytelling in advocacy and focused on three sub-themes: storytelling through theatre, audiovisuals and written text.

The workshop was directly linked to an online learning platform. On the "25 Stories of Youth in Peacebuilding" site on this platform, participants prepared for the workshop and contributed with their own stories of young people building peace through texts and videos. These stories will function as a practical advocacy tool for the workshop participants and for our network at large in the long term, as they will be used to show policy makers the potential of youth as positive change-makers.

The aim of the workshop was to strengthen intercultural dialogue among youth in the Euro-Med area, increase the voice and recognition of youth in peacebuilding processes in the region and change the discourse of youth – from trouble-makers and victims of conflict to positive agents of social change. Through this project we strengthened UNOY Peacebuilders' members and partner organizations' advocacy and capacity building work.

Capacity development

Social Entrepreneurship for Peace

Mobilising YOUth: Social Entrepreneurship for Peace (MobYOU) was a partnership between the UNOY Peacebuilders secretariat and 15 member organisations exploring the nexus between unemployment, social entrepreneurship and peacebuilding.

The project comprised of a one year training programme (November 2013 November 2014) including regional trainings in Europe (Berlin) and Africa (Lagos), an Online Platform, an International Summit (Amsterdam) and Local Network Events (13 locations in Europe & Africa). The offline and online training modules were based on non-formal education methods, including peer to peer learning. A total of 57 young peacebuilders were directly trained in the training programme, and through local networking events they disseminated their learning and experiences in their own communities. Project partners included Manpower, the ImpactHub, Child and Youth Finance International, Spark and BeHold.

The main objective of the project was to provide young people from 14 countries across Europe and Africa with the opportunity to take part in a training program that links both social entrepreneurship and peace education. The project successfully concluded with the development of:

1. 21 work plans produced by the trained youth for their own social businesses for peace
2. An active online knowledge, learning and exchange platform
www.mobilisingyouth.wordpress.com
3. 13 local network events in several European and African countries where the participants and member organisations shared their social business plans with the local communities
4. The kickstart of 5 social ventures, which have been awarded with a Pitching for Peace Prize.

Participants came from: Burundi, Kenya, The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Cameroon, Uganda, Tanzania, Italy, Spain, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Poland and the Netherlands.

Capacity development

Mainstreaming Peace Education

The learning partnership “Mainstreaming Peace Education: Approaches, Methodologies, and Visions” was dedicated to the development of a coherent transnational approach to peace education in lifelong learning processes.

The partnership had the following objectives:

- To share and exchange approaches, methodologies and expertise in adult empowerment, intercultural dialogue and inclusion of marginalized groups
- To intensify organizational and educational cooperation between stakeholders in the field of intercultural dialogue, gender and inclusion of marginalized groups
- To improve management and educational capacities of civil society organisations in mainstreaming peace education in the context of lifelong learning by improving educational approaches and tools and developing a strategy for mainstreaming peace education in lifelong learning programmes

With these objectives the project addressed a wide range of cross-cutting issues such as gender equality, anti-discrimination, inclusion of learners with special needs to foster active citizenship, intercultural dialogue, gender equality and social cohesion in Europe.

During the project, educators, NGO staff and adult learners participated in 75 learning mobilities to discover the work reality of other non-governmental organisations in the field of peace education, for example on topics such as intercultural education, civic education, social inclusion programmes, employment programmes, education to sustainability, volunteering projects, etc. Each transnational mobility brought together a mixed team of participants and had a duration of two to five days depending on the programme. All in all 51 educators and organisational staff members and 24 adult learners participated in the different mobilities.

The manual [Mainstreaming Peace Education](#) was built on the outcomes of the learning mobilities. The manual serves as an introduction to peace education in the context of non-formal learning.

Strengthening the network

Young Peacebuilders Forum

The Young Peacebuilders Forum was organised in The Hague, The Netherlands between in September 2014 and was a part of the celebration of the United Network of Young Peacebuilders' 25th anniversary. The Forum created an arena for reflecting on the past, the present and the future of youth participation in peacebuilding in Europe and beyond. In total, 54 participants from 28 different countries came together for four days to share and reflect on their experiences and future visions for peacebuilding.

The aims of the forum were for participants to explore new and diverse perspectives in peacebuilding, exchange ideas and inspiring practices in the field, map out current trends in youth and peacebuilding, participate in the development process of UNOY Peacebuilders' 2016-2020 Strategic Plan and to meet other young peacebuilders. Additionally, the forum was an opportunity to contribute to our 25th anniversary publication, *25 Stories for Peace*, a collection of stories of young peacebuilders.

The forum programme was organised into three distinct blocks: the past, present and future of youth involvement in peacebuilding:

- While reflecting on the past, the participants identified peacebuilding moments and jointly shaped a picture of previous peacebuilding efforts. The UNOY Peacebuilders members presented and evaluated some of their past activities, while simultaneously reflecting on the long term impacts of and the lessons learned from these projects.
- While focusing on the present, the forum participants mapped the current trends and exchanged positive and negative practices from their experiences in youth peacebuilding.
- When looking to the future, the participants had an opportunity to feed into the new strategic plan of UNOY Peacebuilders (2016 -2020).

The forum served an important role in strengthening the global network of young peacebuilders was strengthened. Work began on developing a new multi-annual strategy for the network. Moreover, as the forum was equally a celebration of UNOY Peacebuilders' 25th anniversary, it was also an opportunity to raise awareness of the network, in particular in the international city of The Hague where UNOY Peacebuilders' secretariat is based.

Partnerships

Global Partnership on Children and Youth in Peacebuilding

UNOY Peacebuilders is a member of the Global Partnership on Children and Youth in Peacebuilding, a partnership between international NGOs, academics, agencies and other international stakeholders working on the participation of children and youth in peacebuilding.

Evaluating child and youth participation in peacebuilding

The Global Partnership is currently implementing an a multi-donor, multi-stakeholder and, multi-country evaluation of the role that children and youth play in peacebuilding, currently being implemented in Colombia, Nepal and the Democratic Republic of Congo. UNOY Peacebuilders forms part of the steering group of the evaluation along with Save the Children Norway, World Vision, Search for Common Ground and PATRIR.

With this evaluation we wish to improve existing peacebuilding practices, meeting the strong need for a more rigorous evidence base on child and youth participation in peacebuilding. The outcomes of the evaluation will strengthen the impact of peacebuilding programs and peacebuilding architectures to, in the long-run, achieve social change. Such a global evaluation of children and youth peacebuilding has never been carried out.

The evaluation begun in 2014 and continues into 2015. In mid-2015 the Partnership will publish reports highlighting the findings from each country as well as global-level findings.

Network membership

UNOY Peacebuilders is a global network of youth-led organisations or youth-led groups within larger organisations, active in the field of peacebuilding and conflict transformation. In 2014, the 58 members of our peacebuilders' network were based in North America, Latin America, Asia, Africa, and Europe. The network is non-hierarchical; member organisations are not branches or representatives of UNOY Peacebuilders. They preserve their own identity, their goals and strategies to deal with their local and regional challenges.

The members are selected on the basis of their thematic orientation, activities, experiences, interests and geographical location. In 2014, the International Steering Group (ISG) decided to adopt a new membership application procedure, with an open application form on the UNOY Peacebuilders website instead of the system of open calls previously used. Applications for membership are then reviewed by the ISG and the International Secretariat.

As is the case with youth organisations in any sector, some of the organisations within UNOY Peacebuilders have ceased to exist while other new youth peace organisations have either been created or come into contact with the network for the first time. In 2014, three organisations left the network (African Millennium Vision, Corporación Foro De La Juventud De Guyaquil and International Palestinian Youth League). Two new organisations joined: Nexes Interculturals de Jores per Europa and World Peace Initiative Foundation/Peace Revolutions. We warmly welcome these two organizations into the United Network of Young Peacebuilders.

In 2014 the ISG and the International Secretariat, in cooperation and consultation with the member organisations, developed new Network Guideline, clarifying lines of communications within the network and expectations towards different network actors. The new guidelines will be implemented in 2015.

Annual Impact Review (AIR)

We strive to monitor and evaluate our work continuously and as a lot of our work is based on the feedback from our members, we send out a survey called the Annual Impact Review (AIR) to them once a year. In 2014 we conducted an Annual Impact Review of the year 2013. The Annual Impact Review for 2014 will be conducted in 2015 and its key findings will be included in the 2015 annual report.

The main objectives of the AIR are to evaluate the overall performance of UNOY Peacebuilders, to evaluate the expectations of the member organizations, to gain insight into the activities and reach of members, and to identify ways in which the International Secretariat can continue to meet member organisations' needs.

The response rate for the AIR 2013 was just under 90%. The AIR is the only requirement to be part of the UNOY Peacebuilders, and members that did not fill in the AIR face the risk of disaffiliation.

The findings of the AIR 2013 show that UNOY Peacebuilders truly is a youth-led network as more than three quarters of member organisations' staff are aged below 35. Moreover, the findings reveal that member organisations would like UNOY Peacebuilders to "bring the network together". We are proud to state that in 2013 more than half of the UNOY Peacebuilders member organisations cooperated with another member organization, a concrete sign of there being dynamic collaboration in UNOY Peacebuilders. Most of our members said that their expectations of membership have either been partially met or to a been met to a great extent, although most of them also ask for better communication and more involvement of all member organizations in trainings.

Recommendations from the AIR 2013 include:

- To intensify communication and the number of joint projects within the network
- To connect member organizations and support collaboration between them
- To develop a strategy/tool that will help its members with finding funding opportunities
- To assist its members to organize joint projects
- To organize an annual meeting with all members on an online platform
- To ensure more transparency in UNOY Peacebuilders' projects and involve more member participation
- To have French represented in the administration of UNOY Peacebuilders to improve communication with African members
- To help strengthen regional cooperation and communication

More information about responses to the Annual Impact Review 2013 can be found in the Annual Impact Review 2013 Report.

International Secretariat

The International Secretariat (IS) consists of a young international and multicultural team under the age of 35, led by two Leading Coordinators who together form the Management Team (MT), a financial coordinator, a project coordinator and several interns. The main function of the IS is to coordinate and implement the activities of the network and provide administrative support in cooperation with the members and in consultation with the International Steering Group and the Board. The staff of the International Secretariat in 2014 were:

- Matilda Flemming, Leading Coordinator
- Roderick Besseling, Leading Coordinator (to July 2014)
- Sölvi Karlsson, Leading coordinator (from July 2014)
- Imre Veeneman, Project coordinator (from February 2014)
- Esther Irungu, Finance Coordinator

Interns and volunteers make up an essential part of UNOY Peacebuilders' activities. Internships generally span from 4 to 6 months on full- or part-time basis, and are unpaid. Volunteers furthermore make important contributions to events organised by UNOY Peacebuilders. The interns and volunteers at the International Secretariat in 2014 were:

- Alejandra San Quirico Burillo, Spain
- Anna Gorter, Netherlands
- Christopher Duane, Germany
- Imre Veeneman, the Netherlands
- Ivan Kochovski, Macedonia
- Lea Valentin, Germany
- Leena Latinen, Finland
- Michelle Ciugu, Kenya
- Panagiotis Kontogiannis, Greece
- Pawel Bryk, Poland
- Sophie Heinis, France
- Thea Niemann, Germany
- Vera van der Pluijm, Netherlands
- Veronika Semelkova, Czech Republic

The international and multicultural, young and dynamic atmosphere is especially appreciated. The turnover of volunteers remain high, and the management works to ensure that proper hand over takes place between volunteers in order to ensure continuity and sustainability.

International Steering Group (ISG)

The International Steering Group (ISG) has a strategic advisory role in the network and counsels the International Secretariat (IS) and the Board on matters related to the focus of the work, plans and activities of the IS and the network at large. The ISG consists of six representatives of the network's member organizations, elected on a regional basis. The ISG provides advices on themes within the field of Peacebuilding and Youth; it reports on the membership status of organizations in the network and appoints new members to the ISG. The ISG represents within its capacity the members of the UNOY Peacebuilders network. In 2014, the ISG met every 6 weeks online and face-to-face once.

Members of the ISG are elected by member organisations for a period of two years with half of the ISG replaced each year. Members of the ISG should seek to promote the work of the network as a whole and not the interests or positions of their organisation of origin.

ISG members in 2014:

- Armand Giramahoro, Initiatives and Actions for Peace and Development (IAP), Burundi
- Meghann Villanueva, Fundacio Catalunya Voluntaria (FCV), Spain
- Saba Ismail, Coalition of Rights and Responsibilities of Youth (CRY), Pakistan
- Rashid Zuberu, Young Peace Brigades (YPB), Ghana
- Andra Tanese, Peace Action Training and Research Institute of Romania (PATRIR), Romania

Board

The board is the legal body of UNOY Peacebuilders and supervises the activities of the International Secretariat. The board's main function is to approve overall plans and budgets, overview financial administration and make decisions related to the hiring of staff in the future, in consultation with the ISG.

The board is composed of two co-chairs, a secretary, a treasurer; and general board members all based in the Netherlands. Board members are selected, by the board, according to a gender and age balance, qualifications and experience in the field of peacebuilding, institutional development, financial management and past involvement in UNOY Peacebuilders' activities. The members of the board are all volunteers and receive no remuneration for their work.

In 2014 the board met every 6-8 weeks face-to-face and online if needed in-between. The board held a day strategy day in September to discuss issues related to the organization in depth.

Board members in 2014:

- Daniela Vicherat Mattar, co-chair
- Shireen Lau, co-chair
- Yi Ling Ho, treasurer
- Antonietta Trapani
- Carrie Grycyskiwicz
- Rieneke Van Santen

Honorary Chairs:

- Nikolai N. Firjubin
- Rabbi A. Soetendorp
- Maria Kooijman

Fundraising and finances

Donors

UNOY Peacebuilders is financed by grants from a number of different donors. In 2014 we received operational funding from the European Commission's Erasmus+ programme and the Council of Europe's European Youth Foundation.

Project funding was received from Cordaid, the Council of Europe's European Youth Foundation, the European Commissions Erasmus+ programme, the Anna Lindh Foundation, Haëlla Stichting and the Alert Fund for Youth.

We thank all our donors for the support they have shown to youth participation in peacebuilding in 2014 and look forward to fruitful future cooperation.



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Fundraising and finances

Overview of incomes and expenses

2014	2013
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Incomes

Grants	218.963	266.899
Other	62.918	56.324
Sum of incomes	281.881	323.223

Expenses

Direct program costs	(279.979)	(308.859)
Direct fundraising costs	(10.644)	(8.392)
Management and administration costs	(7.096)	(5.595)
Sum of expenses	(300.268)	(322.846)

RESULT	(15.838)	378
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List of member organisations

EUROPE

Gyumri Youth Initiative Centre, Armenia, <http://yic.am/>

YIC organizes activities for young people to increase their participation in national policies and decision making processes. It also raises awareness of the impact of volunteering and advocating for the legal designation of voluntary work.

Helsinki Citizens' Assembly-Vanadzor (HCAV), Armenia, www.hcav.am

HCA Vanadzor is a non-political, non-religious, non-profit NGO. The Mission of HCA Vanadzor is the promotion and support of Civil Initiatives, the strengthening of Human Rights Protection, and Peacebuilding Activities on national and regional levels. The Vision of HCA Vanadzor is a society formed with the supreme values of Human Dignity, Democracy and Peace.

Peace Dialogue, Armenia, www.peacedialogue.am

The vision of the organization is, through the formation of multilayer dialogue, to create consciousness among members of society so that they themselves are responsible for peace, that they are vested with the right to demand peace from the authorities. Our mission is to support the active participation of civil society in the processes of peaceful conflict resolution and promotion of respectful dialogue among members of conflicting societies, with the long-term aim of contributing to peaceful prevention of new conflicts.

SCAF Youth Center, Belarus, <http://scaf.int.by>

SCAF Youth Centre is an independent think tank and resource centre focused on youth involvement in peacebuilding, violence prevention, inter-ethnic confidence building, human rights and civic education. There are 70 active youth in the organisation. Some 500 young people are involved annually in SCAF Youth Centre activities.

Service Civil International, Belgium, www.sciint.org

Service Civil International (SCI) is one of the world's largest international volunteering organisations with ninety years of experience in coordinating short and long term volunteering projects. Through volunteer exchanges they help break down barriers and prejudices between people of different social, cultural and national backgrounds.

U Move 4 Peace, Pax Christi Flanders Youth Movement, Belgium, www.um4p.be

U Move 4 Peace (UM4P) is the youth movement of Pax Christi Flanders which works with youth between 17 and 30 years old. UM4P works on three levels by creating encounters, dialogue, and peace projects between youth

using art and expressive methods of peacebuilding. The organisation organises national and international trainings and exchanges.

Seiklejate Vennaskond, Estonia, www.seiklejad.org

Seiklejate Vennaskond literally means adventurers brotherhood. This adventure seeking and daring non-profit organization specializes in areas such as; equality, media impact, fights against racism, HIV prevention and environment protection. It's also a sending and coordinating organization for European Voluntary Service.

Academy for Peace and Development, Georgia, <http://www.apd.ge>

The Academy for Peace and Development (APD) is an international, non-governmental, non-profit, non-political youth organisation, which aims at empowering youth, promoting peace, tolerance and solidarity in South Caucasus, through assisting young people to acquire knowledge and develop their skills and competencies.

European Intercultural Forum, Germany, <http://www.european-intercultural-forum.org/>

EIF aims to contribute to democratic and peaceful development in the Western Balkans and South Caucasus. It seeks to achieve these objectives by involving youths and adults on the international level, specifically in the Western Balkans and South Caucasus.

Human Rights Initiative, Hungary, <http://hrsi.ceu.hu/>

The Human Rights Initiative (HRSI) is an awareness raising and capacity building organization based at Central European University (CEU). HRSI's mission is to promote social engagement through awareness raising and capacity building. Our main target groups are CEU students and alumni, local and regional students, NGO staff and activists as well as local and regional NGOs.

CEIPES, Italy, www.ceipes.org

CEIPES is a non-profit global organisation active in the field of social and human development that works through education for a world of peace and equality in order to grant fulfilment of universal human rights. The mission of CEIPES is to foster and support the sustainable development of local communities and individuals' empowerment through education and training, human rights and international cooperation.

The Peace Action Training and Research Institute of Romania (PATRIR), Romania
www.patrir.ro

PATRIR has become one of the leading international centres for adult training in the field of peacebuilding and conflict transformation, development, post-war rebuilding, reconciliation and resolution. The Youth and Peacebuilding Programme channels young people's energies and inspiration to enhance knowledge, capacities and possibilities for actions that are decisive in resolving conflicts, bringing alternatives to violence and waging sustainable peace. PATRIR's activities include training and voice (school presentations, teacher training, on-line learning), consulting, action (movie showings, festivals, campaigns), research and publication, and networking.

Fundacio Catalunya Voluntaria, Spain, <http://www.barcelonavoluntaria.org/>

The Private Foundation Catalunya Voluntaria is a non governmental, non-profit and non partisan organisation founded in October 2007, though its origins are found in the local youth association Barcelona Voluntaria, established in 1999. The FCV exists to offer young people the opportunity to develop their competences through their active participation in actions and projects with a positive impact on their communities.

Peaceworks Sweden, <http://www.peaceworks.se/welcometopeaceworkssweden>

Peaceworks Sweden is a non-profit peace organisation that is targeted towards the youth. It provides the needed tools for youth and volunteers to run successful projects on their own and on their own terms. As part of their objectives, they aim to, through peace, encourage sustainable developments.

Beyond Skin, United Kingdom, www.beyondskin.net

Beyond Skin is a UK organisation which uses the arts to address sectarianism and racism in Northern Ireland. Beyond Skin uses initiatives such as the internet radio station Homely Planet to promote cultural relations and education among youth in Northern Ireland.

LATIN AMERICA

Argentine Youth Organisation for the United Nations (OAJNU), Argentina, www.oajnu.org

OAJNU is a youth organisation that shares the values and goals of the UN charter. The organisation has headquarters in 6 main cities in Argentina and has over 300 young volunteers under the age of 30. OAJNU promotes change through education, and in 2001 was acknowledged by the UN and incorporated into the UN Department of Public Information.

Fundacion Escuelas de Paz (Schools of Peace Foundation), Colombia, www.escuelasdepaz.org

The Fundación Escuelas de Paz is a collective project with an interdisciplinary team of professionals which started working in October of 1997. The project is part of a range of national and international institutions that work in the promotion and popularization of the Culture of Peace, human rights and International Humanitarian law.

Forum of Youth Corporation from Guayaquil, Ecuador, <http://orgs.tigweb.org/18005>

Corporación Foro de la Juventud de Guayaquil - Ecuador is a nonprofit organisation founded on March 30, 1995 in Guayaquil, Ecuador to promote the civic education by developing programs that promote comprehensive human welfare and the protection of human rights. The aim is to support youth leadership and social responsibility by developing educational and training programs.

Dinamismo Juvenil A.C., Mexico, www.dinamismojuvenil.org.mx

Dinamismo Juvenil is a Mexican civil non-profit organisation. Its mission is to promote spaces for children and youths, to transform the living conditions in their communities and to help young people lead community projects.

Brigada de Voluntarios Bolivarianos del Peru (BVBP), Peru, <http://bvbp peru.ning.com>

The Brigada de Voluntarios Bolivarianos del Peru is a national youth organisation that works with and for young people by implementing voluntary service activities with an international focus and aimed at social cohesion and solidarity. They work for change, for the personal and social development of young people, and for their integration and participation in the decision-making on youth policies for social change.

AFRICA

African Youth Relief Organisation (AYRO), Benin

ARYO is a peace organisation from Benin, working towards the Culture of Peace and Non-Violence. ARYO mainly operates through capacity building, advocacy and public conferences on peace. The organisation aims to protect human rights and to support those living with HIV/AIDS.

African Millenium Vision, Burundi

Initiatives and Actions for Peace and Development, Burundi,

<http://actionsforyouthburundi.wordpress.com/>

Initiatives and Actions for Peace and Development is an organization that mainly focuses on sustainable peace and development, specifically in Burundi. It executes these objectives through willing and inspired youths from diverse background. Youths who are eager to change their communities and the world in which they live in are major actors.

Centre for Community Regeneration and Development (CCREAD), Cameroon,

<http://www.ccreadcameroon.org/>

CCREAD is a non-profit organization managed by youths. As the name connotes this organization is targeted at developing and improving the lives of disadvantaged women, children, youths and poor indigenous people. CCREAD also dedicates much attention to the conservation and preservation of our environment.

Organisation of African Youth, Cameroon, <http://www.oayouth.org/>

Organisation of African Youth is a continental youth led non-profit organization based in Cameroon. It reaches out mainly to the youths in its region. Through its many projects, it inspires and empowers youths to contribute to social, political and economic development. By so doing OAYouths aspires to make young people become more responsible citizens.

Federação Caboverdiana da Juventude (Cape Verde Youth Federation) www.fcj.org.cv

The Cape Verde Youth Federation (FCJ) is the umbrella organization of youth associations in Cape Verde; its boarding members represent the Youth Leagues of the 22 municipalities of the country, where most of youth networks and groups are affiliated in order to choose a legitimate representative. Around 1.300 youth organizations are affiliated. Established in 2006, it is affiliated the Pan-African Union of Youth, CPLP Youth Forum and the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe.

Action des jeunes pour le Développement Communautaire et la Paix (ADECOP), Democratic Republic of the Congo

Action des jeunes pour le Développement Communautaire et la Paix is a non-governmental, apolitical and non-profit youth-led organisation created in Goma (Democratic Republic of the Congo) in 2002 and has 117 youth active in the organisation. There is also a Youth-led Initiatives (YLI) network of about 700 members throughout the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The activities reach about 10,000-15,000 youth each year.

Groupement de Promotion Integrale (GPI), Democratic Republic of the Congo

GPI is an organisation working to rebuild peace and transform conflict between tribes and ethnicities in Burundi, following the 1996 war there. Their activities are mostly conducted through education, promotion, dialogue and cultural activities.

Programme déncadrement et de reinsertion des jeunes ex combattants et en difficultes (PerexCV), Democratic Republic of the Congo

PerexCV is a youth organisation from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The organisation focuses on helping ex-combatants reintegrate into the community. Activities include training the ex-combatants in professions and fostering peacebuilding between them and their communities.

Etijah, Youth Development

Etijah's primary concern is to create and tailor up-to-date and high-quality development methodologies, research tools, applicable practice s of youth development and training delivery models, to be able to qualify youth by providing them with the skills, know-how and aptitudes, as well as contribute in building the capacity of governmental and non-governmental youth-serving organizations.

National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students (NUEYS), Eritrea, <http://www.nueys.org/>

The National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students (NUEYS) is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation that stands for the betterment of Eritrean youth. The mission of NUEYS is to organise and build a versatile youth that is aware and proud of its culture, identity, heritage and history. It also strives to build disciplined, self-confident, mature and responsible youth throughout the country, as well as among Eritrean youth in the Diaspora.

West Africa Center for Peace Foundation, Ghana, www.wacpfg.org

The aims and vision of WACPF are to promote peaceful coexistence for all, and to provide youth with the necessary skills in peacebuilding, leadership and non-violence. Their main areas of expertise include youth training on peace building, conflict resolution, human rights, leadership skills and community advocacy.

Young Peace Brigades (YPB), Ghana and Sierra Leone, www.youngpeacebrigades.org

Young Peace Brigades is a charity and NGO focused on tackling poverty through promoting access to opportunities for community education, economic development, and health services through volunteering and community self help initiatives. Along with capacity building, advocacy and research, YPB runs a number of successful volunteer and exchange programmes and services.

Kenya Youth Foundation (KYF), Kenya

Kenya Youth Foundation is an indigenous youth organisation founded in 1998 with the sole mandate of mainstreaming youth issues and concerns within the paradigms of policy and development at local, national and international levels. KYF envisions a society where youth from all walks of life play their role in policy development, so as to engage in self-sustaining socio-economic activities with the focus of making the world a better place to live in.

Kenya Community Sports Association, Kenya, www.kesofo.org

Kesofo uses sports as a medium of social change with a focus on youth transformation. The specific aims of the organisation are to use sports to promote social cohesion through management of risk groups (i.e. young people) and the promotion of unity within communities and to promote education by using sport as an attraction to encourage school enrolment and supporting sports as strategy to enhance child development.

Centre for Legal Rights Education Advocacy and Development-CLREAD, Kenya, <http://www.cleadkenya.org/>

CLREAD is a non-profit organization that provides diverse development programmes and services to community members, private sectors, NGO's and public institutions. Its objectives are to contribute to human rights, gender, democratic governance and development matters and in this way reduce poverty, ignorance and influence policy change.

The Youth Congress, Kenya, <http://www.theyouthcongress.org/>

The Youth Congress is a youth targeted and youth led organization. It aims to provide youths with a more conducive environment, an environment where their rights as humans are not disregarded and there is equal opportunities for all.

Elwak Youth for Peace and Development, Kenya

The Elwak Youth for Peace and Development is a youth NGO in Kenya. Its' major target group is the youth in its region. This organization provides a platform for the youths in conflict transformation and violence related activities. Through leadership and advocacy programmes, the youth is empowered to take up decision making roles.

Jumuiya Women Group, Kenya, <http://www.jumuiyawomengroup.org/>

As the name implies, most of Jumuiya Women Group empowerment and advocacy programmes, as well as activities, are targeted towards women. As part of its objectives, it aims to realize its goals through and with the involvement of women and youth. It strives to achieve the key elements of the Millennium Development Goals in specifically Uasin, Gishu areas and the North Rift region of Kenya.

National Institute for Public Opinion in Liberia (NIPO-Liberia)

National Institute for Public Opinion in Liberia (NIPO-Liberia) will conduct workshops on democracy, human rights, and conflict resolution; establish community Peace Forum meetings to discuss peace and democracy; and bring together leaders of conflicting ethnic groups to discuss conflict mediation and the importance of peace and the rule of law in a democracy.

Students Against Destructive Actions and Decisions (SADAD), Liberia

The aim of this organization is to encourage and build a violent free society, protect and promote the rights of women and children, and empower youths across the country and sub-regions. SADAD strives to equip its community with the right tools to resolve conflicts and initiate peace and thus promote human rights and the rule of law.

African Child Peace Initiative (ACPI), Liberia

The African Child Peace Initiative is a youth-led, secular, non-tribal, non-political, non-governmental peace and community development organisation dedicated to creating a better future for the children and young people in post-war Liberia through youth friendly community development and peacebuilding programmes. ACPI works with Liberian youth affected by the civil war - especially the children - and young women working with children. It also focuses on providing skill training programs to young people and encouraging active participation by young people in peacebuilding and community development in Caldwell and surrounding townships.

Youths for Peacebuilding and Development in Africa (YOUPEDA), Nigeria, www.youpedafrica.org

Youth for Peace Building and Development in Africa- (YOUPEDA) is a non- governmental, non-political, and non-religious non-profit youth organisation formed in 2005 for the development of youth in their immediate communities. YOUPEDA invests in health and peace education for young people, individuals, society and Africa as a whole.

ADVOCATES FOR YOUTH AND HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, Nigeria, <http://www.advocate4youth.com/>

This patriotic but non-partisan, non-profit making organization is managed by youths. AYHD aspires to create a Nigerian society where both young and old combine their efforts and skills to build peace, harmony and help develop the country.

Peacelinks, Sierra Leone, <http://peace-links.org>

Peacelinks is a youth led organisation that is dedicated to enabling young people, especially those in extremely difficult circumstances, to discover their hidden talent and untapped energy so as to become responsible and well-informed global citizens. The organisation reaches about 500 young people each year through their outreach programme, youth camp, vocational skills training, arts and craft training and music.

Young Leaders Sierra Leone (YLSL), Sierra Leone, www.youngleaders-sierraleone.org

Young Leaders Sierra Leone was formed in 2003 by youth leaders from Sierra Leone and Sierra Leonean Diaspora to promote the growing recognition of the importance of young people's participation in decision-making. YLSL was officially launched by the Vice President of the Republic of Sierra Leone in July 2005 at the Miatta Conference Center in Freetown. The organisation promotes commitment and understanding of human rights and democracy. It also fosters a democratic, economically viable, culturally minded, socially oriented, development focused, politically stabled, peaceful and enlightened people, who are free from corruption.

Somaliland Youth Development Association (SOYDA), Somalia

SOYDA is a youth based organisation and all activities and programmes run by SOYDA are led by youth. The aim of these youth led programs is to show that youth are able to benefit their communities and are best able to assist other youth. SOYDA wants Somali youth to be able to tackle their problems and participate actively in all issues concerning their life and the community in general.

Solidarity Youth Voluntary Organization (SOYVO), Somalia, <http://www.soyvo.org/>

SOVYO is an organization which gives a voice to the marginalized people, particularly women, children and youths in Togdheer Region in Somaliland. It articulates their problems and strives to make this group of people self-reliant. It also complements the efforts of its government to develop the region through sports, education and environmental protection projects.

Somaliland Youth Development and Voluntary Organization (SOYDAVO), Somalia, <http://www.soydavo.org/>

The focus of SOYDAVO is on youths, women and children. It works closely with local authorities and contributes to the realization of Somaliland's short and long term goals. This way it intends to strengthen the peace, ensure democratic changes and alleviate poverty in the region.

Coalition for Peace in Africa (COPA), www.copafrica.org

COPA Southern Africa is part of COPA continental which is an African network of peace builders whose purpose is to promote peace, justice, human rights and development through capacity building, advocacy, research and documentation. Today COPA has a membership of 217 individuals and organisations, of which a good number are youth-led, working for peace at various levels across Africa.

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Afghans for Progressive Thinking (APT), Afghanistan, <http://www.apf.af/>

APT mainly focuses on students, specifically university students. They work together with this group to develop a free and peaceful society. Their trainings, conferences and debates serve as a platform where new ideas are shared and relevant changes are discussed or enforced. The relationships between university schools both within and across its borders are also strengthened.

Centre for Communication and Development (CCD), Bangladesh, <http://www.ccbd.org/>

This communication and journalism based non-profit organization is a proponent of free flow of information, of press and of speech. CCD utilizes communication media to promote human rights, good governance, women empowerment and gender equity. It also seeks to develop and sharpen the skills of journalists, thus making them better professionals.

National Federation of Youth Organisations in Bangladesh (NFYOB),

www.nfyob-bd.netfirms.com

National Federation of Youth Organisations in Bangladesh (NFYOB) is the national coordinating council of youth organisations in the country with a central committee that is elected and constituted by the representatives of different member organisations. There are 300,000 youth active in the organisation and it reaches about 500,000 youth through its activities. In 2000 NFYOB became a nationally lead agency and organized the Global Youth Service Day (GYSD). It has conducted the GYSD successfully each year since then.

Youth Power (YUVSATTA), India, www.yuvsatta.org

Volunteers of Yuvsatta realize that for improvement in man's condition, every dimension of social life must be improved. They do it, in their small ways. By combining discussion with action, in social, educational, environmental and medical arenas, with the aim of a more desirable future built on contributions from youth.

Youth Network for Peace and Development, Nepal

YNPD has a vision of prosperous Nepal with the leadership of youth leaders, where the youth manipulated still, will be in leading place and the adults will be for advices. YNPD attempts to build capacities of youth leaders from rural areas on project planning and management. YNPD is an organization fighting for the whole empowerment of the local and rural youth who are still not provided any opportunity for exploring their internal talents.

Jagriti Child and Youth Concern, Nepal, <http://jcycnepal.wordpress.com/>

JCYCN is acknowledge as being the first ever child club established by former child club activists and youths. It is a non-partisan and non-profit making organization. Its activities are targeted towards the protection and promotion of the rights of Nepal's children and youths.

Coalition of Rights and Responsibilities of Youth (CRY) Pakistan, www.crypk.tk

Coalition for the Rights and Responsibilities of Youth is a youth-led organisation that promotes and protects youths' rights and responsibilities in the North West Frontier Province of Pakistan. CRY's vision is to develop a sense of responsibility among adolescents and young people by organising them into groups and building their capacities so that they can play roles as agents of change in their communities for the promotion of rights, responsibilities and tolerance.

Arab Education Institutes (AEI), Palestine, www.aeicenter.org

AEI-Open Windows is an Arab-Palestinian NGO affiliated with Pax Christi International and established in Bethlehem in 1986 by a group of Palestinian educators. Working with youth, women and educators, it is engaged in the field of community education to contribute to the general causes of participation in public life and in peace and justice.

International Palestinian Youth League (IPYL), Palestine, www.ipyl.org

IPYL's mission is to empower youth aged 15-35 against social, economic, and political challenges in Palestinian society, which the Israeli occupation has aggravated. As a result of this, Palestinian youth have been denied educational opportunities, sites for cultural activities and community development resources.

GZO Peace Institute/ GenPeace, Philippines, <http://GenPeace.tk>

GenPeace is a network of organisations and individuals engaged in youth-led advocacy for a just and sustainable peace in the Philippines. Peace, according to GenPeace, is jobs, justice, food, freedom, land and liberation. It is social justice and food. It is the Bangsamoro's right to self-determination, as well as the Indigenous People's right to ancestral lands. Peace is a government accountable to its people. Peace is freedom from fear and want.