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# Youth Peace Camp 2025



Engaging young people and youth organisations from conflict-stricken regions in dialogue and conflict transformation

**30 June - 9 July 2025** European Youth Centre, Strasbourg (France) Room 0.1



The Youth Peace Camp is organised by the Council of Europe Youth Department with the support of the Directorate of Political Affairs and External Relations and of the Cyprus Youth Board in the framework of Presidency of Malta.

#### **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

## Monday, 30 June

Arrival of participants

- 16:00 Registration and administrative formalities
- 19:00 Dinner
- 20:30 Informal welcome evening

## Tuesday, 1 July - Building a common ground

- 08:15 Registration and administrative formalities
- 09:15 Introductions to the European Youth Centre and to the people of the Youth Peace Camp Review of the programme, institutional framework and methodology of the camp
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Creating a framework for communication and trust
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Opening of the Youth Peace Camp, with

Justine MICALLEF, First Secretary, Permanent Representation of Malta to the Council of Europe

Bjørn BERGE, Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe

- 15:00 Getting to know (more) of each other
- 16:00 Break
- 16:30 Personal understandings and meanings of key concepts of the camp
- 18:00 Introduction to Reflection groups
- 19:00 Dinner
- 20:30 Socialising evening

#### Wednesday, 2 July - Human Rights, Identity and Culture

- 09:15 Opening of the day
- 09:30 Me and Individual Identities
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Me and my community
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Me as a human rights holder
- 16:00 Break
- 16:30 Me as a human rights holder (cont.d)
- 18:00 Reflection groups
- 19:00 Dinner

## Thursday, 3 July - Human Rights and Values for Dialogue

- 09:00 Walk to the European Court on Human Rights
- 09:30 Screening of a film about the Court
- 09:45 The role and functioning of the Court, dialogue with a speaker of the Court
- 10:30 Walk back to the European Youth Centre
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 Debriefing of the session at the Court
- 12:00 Malta's contribution to Peace and Human Rights

Exchange with the participants on the role of peacebuilding, particularly through grassroots intercommunal engagement and the protection of vulnerable groups.

with Father Dijonisjus Mintoff, Peace Lab, Malta (tbc) NN, UN Youth Delegate from Malta

- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Values and resources for dialogue
- 16:00 Break
- 16:30 Values and resources for dialogue (cont.d)
- 18:00 Reflection groups
- 19:00 Dinner

## Friday, 4 July - Dialogue Day

- 09:15 Opening of the day
- 09:30 Introduction to dialogue
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Dialogues
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Dialogues (cont.d)
- 15:15 Short break
- 15:30 Dialogues (cont.d)
- 16:00 Break
- 16:30 Dialogues (conclusion)
- 18:00 Debriefing of Dialogue sessions and Reflection groups
- 19:00 Dinner

## Saturday, 5 July - Free Time

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#### Sunday, 6 July - Peace and Conflict Transformation

- 09:15 Opening of the day
- 09:30 Understandings of peace
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Conflict and conflict analysis
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14.30 Conflict coping strategies and tools
- 16:00 Break
- 16:30 Conflict coping strategies and tools (cont.d)
- 18:00 Reflection groups
- 19.00 Dinner
- 20:30 Evening programme Taking action for peace

# Monday, 7 July - Peacebuilding Programmes and Practices

- 09:15 Opening of the day
- 09:30 The role of the Council of Europe in peace and confidence-building, with:
  - Cristian URSE, Deputy Director of Political Affairs and External Relations
  - Anja JOKIC, Bureau Member, Advisory Council on Youth
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Peacebuilding activities and projects in the Youth Department's programme, including the role of the European Youth Foundation
- 12:00 Discussion and exchange on the drafting process of a Council of Europe recommendation on the role of young people in peacebuilding with Anja JOKIC, Advisory Council on Youth
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Peacebuilding essentials and practices
- 16:00 Break
- 17:00 Peacebuilding essentials and practices (cont.d)
  - 18:00 Reflection groups
- 19:00 Dinner

## Tuesday, 8 July - Follow-up, Evaluation and Closing

- 09:15 Opening of the day
- 09:30 Action plans for local peacebuilding
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Planning and development of follow-up activities
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Sharing ideas and plans for follow-up activities
- 16:00 Break
- 16:30 Evaluation
- 17:00 Closing of the camp, with

  Tobias FLESSENKEMPER, Head of the Youth Department, Council of Europe
- 20:00 Barbecue Dinner and farewell party

# Wednesday, 9 July

Departure of Participants

# **About Youth Peace Camp 2025**

The Youth Peace Camp engages young people and youth organisations from conflict-affected regions in dialogue and peacebuilding activities based on human rights education and intercultural learning during and after the camp.

## The **objectives** of the Youth Peace Camp are:

- To develop awareness and basic competences (knowledge, skills and attitude) of participants in human rights education, peacebuilding and intercultural learning to enable them to engage in dialogue and confidence-building initiatives with other young people affected by conflict;
- 2. To support mutual learning from experiences of conflict and coping strategies;
- 3. To foster relationship building as a foundation for peacebuilding and dialogue;
- 4. To introduce and share existing youth work practices and experiences of young people working on dialogue and conflict transformation in their home communities
- 5. To motivate and support participants in their role as multipliers and peer leaders in peacebuilding activities with young people, encouraging them to implement follow-up initiatives;
- 6. To strengthen the role of the Council of Europe, in particular through its Youth for Democracy programme, in peacebuilding and intercultural dialogue with young people and to support the approaches of the UN Security Council Resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security and the Sustainable Development Goals.

In 2025, the camp will bring together groups of young people from:

- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Cyprus (Greek-speaking and Turkish-speaking young people)
- Kosovo\*, with a focus on Albanian-speaking and Serbian-speaking communities
- South Caucasus, in particular from conflict-affected regions and ethnic communities
- Both banks of the river Nistru/Dniester

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 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.