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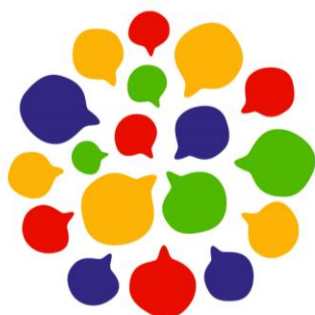
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# Youth Peace Camp

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

**30 April-7 May 2017**  
European Youth Centre, Strasbourg

Organised by the Directorate of Democratic Citizenship and Participation  
with the support of the Directorate of Political Affairs.

## Final programme

## The Youth Peace Camp 2017

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

### Objectives

- To develop awareness and basic competences (knowledge, skills and attitudes) of participants in human rights education, conflict transformation, intercultural learning and dialogue, including a critical understanding of personal and collective identities and their role in conflicts
- To enable participants to share personal experiences of conflict and violence and coping strategies in a positive and safe atmosphere of living and learning together
- To introduce and share existing youth work practices and experiences of young people working on dialogue and conflict transformation in their home communities
- To motivate and support participants in their role as multipliers and peer leaders in peace-building activities with young people encouraging them to implement follow-up initiatives
- To present the Council of Europe, in particular its youth sector and its efforts towards strengthening youth work in the field of conflict transformation and intercultural dialogue.

In 2017, the camp will pay a particular attention to the role of hate speech in armed conflict and connect with No Hate Speech Movement campaign at European and national levels.

In the framework of the Cyprus Chairmanship of the Council of Europe, the camp will also include participants from Cyprus (Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots).<sup>1</sup>

### Participants

The 2017 Youth Peace Camp will bring together 70 young people from the following conflict affected communities:

- Kosovo\*, participants coming from Albanian, Serbian and other backgrounds
- Ukraine, especially from border regions and from Luhansk and Donetsk
- Cyprus (Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots)
- South Caucasus, in particular from border regions and ethnic minorities.

\* 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.

<sup>1</sup> Priorities of the Cyprus Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (22 November 2016 – 19 May 2017) CM/Inf(2016)30:  
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## Programme

### *Saturday, 29 April 2017*

- Arrival of participants
- 16:00 Registration of participants and administrative formalities
- 19:00 *Dinner*
- 20:30 Informal welcome evening

### *Sunday, 30 April 2017 – Introductions*

- 09:30 Welcome and opening of the Youth Peace Camp 2017, with *Rui Gomes*, Head of Division Education and Training, Youth Department
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Introduction to the peace camp framework and methodology
- 13:00 *Lunch*
- 14:30 Group building: Developing communication and trust
- 16:00 Break
- 16:30 Group building: Developing communication and trust
- 18:00 Introduction to reflection groups
- 19:00 *Dinner*
- 20:30 Evening programme: social evening

### *Monday, 1 May 2017 – Identities*

- 09:15 Presentation of the day's programme and warming up
- 09:30 Understanding individual identities
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Exploring collective social and cultural identities and their dynamics
- 13:00 *Lunch*
- 14:30 Exploring perceptions
- 16:00 *Break*
- 16:30 Exploring intercultural communication
- 18:00 Preparation for meeting institutional speakers
- 18:30 Reflection groups
- 19:00 *Dinner*

### *Tuesday, 2 May 2017 – Peace and Conflict*

- 09:00 Presentation of the day's programme and warming up
- 09:15 The role of the Council of Europe in peace-building – exchange of views with *Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni*, Deputy Secretary General

and message by Ambassador *Theodora Constantinidou*, Permanent Representative of Cyprus

- 10:15 Approaching and understanding conflict (*introduction*)
- 11:30 Approaching and understanding conflict
- 11:00 Break
- 13:00 *Lunch*
- 14:30 Conflict and violence
- 16:30 Break
- 17:00 Non-violent communication
- 18:00 Approaches and principles of the Council of Europe in conflict-stricken areas, input and discussion with *Alexandre Guessel*, Director of Political Affairs
- 19:30 *Dinner*

### **Wednesday, 3 May 2017 – Dialogue**

- 09:15 Presentation of the day's programme and warming up
- 09:45 Communication and dialogue
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Dialogue
- 13:00 *Lunch*
- 14:30 Dialogue (*continued*)
- 15:15 Short break
- 15:30 Dialogue (*continued*)
- 16:00 *Break*
- 16:30 Dialogue (*concl.*)
- 18:00 Debriefing of the Dialogue sessions  
Reflection groups
- 19:00 *Dinner*

### **Thursday, 4 May 2017 – Free Day**

- 13:00 *Picnic lunch with the group*
- 19:00 Concert with the band *Monsieur Domani* (Cyprus), followed by a reception by the Cyprus Chairmanship of the Council of Europe

### **Friday, 5 May 2017 – Peace and Human Rights**

- 09:15 Presentation of the day's programme and warming up
- 09:30 Peace and Conflict transformation
- 10:30 Debriefing in buzz groups
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Peace and Conflict transformation (*continued*)
- 13:00 *Lunch*

*Travel expenses reimbursements and visit of the Council of Europe headquarters*

15:00 The role of human rights education for peace-building

16:00 Break

18:00 Reflection groups

*19:00 Dinner*

20:30 Evening programme – Creative peace evening

**Saturday, 6 May 2017 – Action day**

09:15 Presentation of the day's programme and warming up

09:30 Presentation of the European Youth Foundation with *Natalia Militello*, European Youth Foundation

10:15 Good practices in youth work

11:00 Break

11:30 Introduction to the No Hate Speech Movement

*13:00 Lunch*

14:30 Introduction to the management of youth projects

16:00 Break

16.30 Taking action 1.

*19:00 Dinner*

**Sunday, 7 May 2017 - Follow-up, Evaluation and Closing**

09:15 Presentation of the day's programme and warming up

09:30 Taking action 2.

11:00 Break

11:30 Presentation of follow up ideas and feedback

*13:00 Lunch*

14:30 Evaluation of the camp

15:15 Official closing of the Youth Peace Camp, with

- *Tinna Rós Steinsdóttir*, Advisory Council on Youth
- *Matthew Johnson*, Director of Democratic Citizenship and Participation

16:00 Free time

*20:00 Barbecue Dinner and farewell party*

**Monday, 8 May 2017**

Departure of Participants