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Youth Peace Camp 2023



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

4-11 July 2023European 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

About the Youth Peace Camp 2023

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;
- To support mutual learning from experiences of conflict and coping strategies;
- To foster relationship building as a foundation for peacebuilding and dialogue;
- 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 peacebuilding activities with young people, encouraging them to implement follow-up initiatives;
- 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 2023, the camp should bring together groups of young people from:

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

^{*} 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.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Monday, 3 July

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

Tuesday, 4 July - Building a common ground

- 09:30 Welcome and opening of the Youth Peace Camp 2023, with RUI GOMES, Head of Division for Education and Training, Youth Department of the Council of Europe

 Introduction to the programme, institutional framework and methodology of the camp
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Getting to know (more of each) other
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Creating a framework for communication and trust
- 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, 5 July 2023 - Exploring Identities

- 09:15 Presentation of the day's programme
- 09:30 Exploring and combining individual and collective identities
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Combining collective and individual identities (cont.d)
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Intercultural learning and coping with diversity
- 16:00 Break
- 16:30 Intercultural learning and coping with diversity (cont.d)
- 18:00 Reflection groups
- 19:00 Dinner

Thursday, 6 July 2023 - Human Rights and Values for Dialogue

- 09:00 Arrival to the European Court of Human Rights
- 09:15 Screening of a film about the Court
- 09:30 The role and functioning of the Court, with EMILY SOTIRIOU, Registrar of the Court (with questions and answers)
- 10:30 Return to the European Youth Centre
- 11:15 Human Rights and values
- 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, 7 July 2023 - Dialogues

- 09:15 Presentation of the day's programme
- 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 Dialogues sessions
- 19:00 Dinner

Saturday, 8 July 2023 - Free Time

FREE DAY

Sunday, 9 July - Peace and Conflict Transformation

- 09:15 Presentation of the day's programme and warming up
- 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, 10 July - Peacebuilding Programmes and Practices

- 09:15 Presentation of the day's programme and warming up
- 09:30 The role of the Council of Europe in peace and confidence-building, with MIROSLAV PAPA, Director of Political Affairs and External Relations
- 10:15 Youth participation for peaceful and inclusive societies, dialogue with ARMINE MOVSESYAN, member of the Advisory Council on Youth

- 10:45 Peacebuilding activities and projects in the Youth Department's programme (including the European Youth Foundation)
- 11:15 Break
- 11:45 The role of human rights education for peacebuilding
- 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, 11 July - Follow-up, Evaluation and Closing

- 09:15 Presentation of the day's programme
- 09:30 Local peacebuilding approaches and needs
- 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 of the camp
- 17:15 Closing of the camp, with MATJAŽ GRUDEN, Director of Democratic Participation, Council of Europe
- 18:00 Reception to mark the end of the camp
- 20:00 Barbecue Dinner and farewell party

Wednesday, 12 July

Departure of Participants