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International Peace Camp for Teenagers



Equipping young people to handle conflict with skill, courage, and compassion. The International Peace Camp for Teenagers brings together youth ages fourteen to seventeen from different countries to build meaningful cross-cultural connections and learn practical conflict resolution skills. What is the International Peace Camp?

The International Peace Camp for Teenagers is designed to equip young people ages fourteen to seventeen with practical conflict resolution skills while bringing together participants from different countries to build meaningful cross-cultural connections. In a world where communication is often fast, reactive, and filtered through screens, the camp creates a slower and more intentional space for listening, sharing stories, and building empathy through better understanding.

Through interactive trainings, dialogue circles, creative exercises, and collaborative project work, participants learn core skills in communication, mediation, negotiation, emotional literacy, and problem-solving. These are tools they can bring back into their families, schools, and communities as they grow into future decision-makers.

Why this camp, and why now?

Young people are growing up in a world where conflict and harm often show up in confusing and frightening ways. They are navigating:

- Bullying and online harassment among peers
- Misuse of artificial intelligence, including deepfakes and deceptive content
- Social media conflict that escalates quickly and spreads widely
- Exposure to violence in schools, including reports of school shootings

Through guided dialogue, skills practice, and cross-cultural connection, the camp helps teenagers slow things down, talk about these realities openly, and learn practical ways to respond. By learning how to listen, speak up, and problem-solve together, youth can help prevent harm, interrupt cycles of bullying, and build safer and more connected school and community environments.



Flexible Global Format

Virtual cohorts connecting teenagers across borders, hybrid models combining local pods with online sessions, or in-person regional camps linked through joint online gatherings.



Shared Core Curriculum

Each regional pod follows a shared core curriculum while leaving room for local stories, languages, and cultural practices to honor diverse backgrounds.



Adaptable Scheduling

Designed to be adaptable so it can reach youth across regions and school calendars, making peace education accessible worldwide.

Who is leading this initiative?

Mediators Beyond Borders International (MBBI) is coordinating the International Peace Camp for Teenagers, working in consultation with an experienced steering committee of mediators, educators, and youth leaders. Two of the field's most respected pioneers, **Kenneth Cloke** and **Forrest "Woody" Mosten**, are playing a central role in the initiative. They are actively involved in planning, help to shape the curriculum, and will participate in training sessions with camp staff, regional partners, and youth. Their leadership signals both the quality of the learning experience and the depth of commitment to building the next generation of peacebuilders.

Partner With Us to Build the Next Generation of Peacebuilders

Program Design & Youth Safety

MBBI will lead the camp using a train-the-trainer model. Regional facilitators and partner organizations receive preparation and ongoing support to:

- Teach core skills in mediation, dialogue, and collaborative problem-solving
- Integrate intercultural learning, human rights, restorative practices, and trauma-informed approaches
- Create age-appropriate activities for youth ages fourteen to seventeen
- Maintain strong youth safety safeguards, including clear guidelines for supervision, consent, online participation, and reporting concerns

The goal is to build a sustainable network of local leaders who can continue youth peacebuilding activities long after the first camp cycle.

How Partner Organizations Can Be Involved

We are inviting partner organizations that serve youth to collaborate in several ways:

- Host a regional pod for a local or national group of teenagers
- Recruit youth participants who would benefit from leadership and conflict resolution training
- Provide facilitators or staff who can be trained by MBBI and our senior advisors
- Contribute local stories and practices that enrich the shared curriculum
- Support scholarships and access so that participation is not limited by ability to pay

Partnerships can be tailored to the size, capacity, and context of each organization or school.

Ways to Support the International Peace Camp

You or your organization can help the camp grow and reach more youth through financial support:

- General operating support for curriculum development and training
- Scholarships for teenagers with limited financial resources
- Support for regional pods in under-resourced communities
- Technology, translation, and accessibility needs for online and hybrid formats

Gifts given through this campaign will be directed to Mediators Beyond Borders International in support of the International Peace Camp for Teenagers.

Contact and Next Steps

For more information about partnering, hosting a regional pod, or supporting the camp:

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We would welcome a conversation about how this initiative can align with your work with youth and how we might design a pod, partnership, or scholarship plan that fits your context.

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