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**Dear all,**

“Make music. Not war.” will be a multinational youth exchange of 44 young people with music, journalism and film background between the ages of 18-30 years old that come from 8 different conflict countries - Palestine and Israel, Kosovo, Serbia, Bosnia, Croatia, Greece and Germany. The project will last 10 days from 14-24<sup>th</sup> of April 2017 and will be held in Bremen, Germany.

“Make music. Not war” is a project that is created to serve as a tool for reconciliation and peace building between conflict countries in the world. The goal of the project is to allow youngsters from conflict countries to get to know each other, get to know each other’s music and culture, customs, traditions and food, to become friends and hopefully after the exchange to create even more follow up activities that will involve even more young people in peace building and reconciliation rather than in war.

The youngsters will live together, learn each other’s music and songs, they will cook together and present their countries, they will share a room, they will play in a band together, perform together, and tell their story together. We will have workshops on non-violent conflict talks’ and cultural and religious diversity where the youngsters should realize that they are very different - different religion, different skin color, and different cultural background and learn how to cherish those characteristics instead of discriminating.

Having in mind that we will have a rainbow of nationalities and religions (Jews, Muslims, Catholics, Orthodox, Protestants), we are going to promote peace, social inclusion and equal opportunities for all.

We will also talk about how to promote peace, understanding and tolerance in our everyday lives and with all these things we will send a powerful message to all communities that integration and equality is part of our societies and we should all contribute to the social inclusion.

# PEACE NOT WAR



## Project activities

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#### Peace songs

The youngsters will create a "peace song" since we will invite youngsters which can write music and lyrics and we will create a music video of the youngsters performing on the streets of Bremen as Bremen's biggest landmark are the Bremen street musicians. We will invite some of the well-known musicians from Germany to join us so the message will get more exposure in the local and international media. They will perform their music on the streets of Bremen and Oldenburg, and also in some youth clubs and share their story with the locals, making the local population and the world more aware of the situation.

#### Music video

We will make several music videos in Germany and from the participant's home countries. The goal of the videos is to promote and spread the message even further so it can reach more people around the world. To have an idea of what kind of videos they will be, you can visit the following link of a similar project: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fgWFxfg7-GU>

#### Journalists

We will have youngsters that will have the role of journalists on the project. Their tasks is going to be to inform the media, to write press releases about the project to local media in Germany, but also to the local media in Israel, Palestine, Kosovo, Serbia, Bosnia, Croatia and Greece in their native language. We are expecting many newspapers and radios, TV stations and Internet portals to inform about our project.

#### Documentary

And finally, we are going to make a 20-30 minutes documentary about the project. A film that will show the participants preparations for departure, traveling, arriving at the venue, meeting with the other participants for the first time, living, eating, having fun and cooking together, playing music and bonding. They will give interviews of how they feel and how this project contributes to their views on the conflict, and we are going to record how this changes while they are getting to know one another. We will record all their performances on the streets, discussions with the locals or the media and create a very nice documentary that will be in direction of promoting peace and understanding, reconciliation between young people and looking towards brighter future.

#### DVDs and promotional materials

The documentary, the music videos and the music will be recorded on 1-5.000 DVDs that will be distributed in Germany and abroad and the documentary will be uploaded on YouTube and promoted on youth social platforms with more than 500.000 followers.

We will send a powerful message that young people want peace. We don't want to have war. We want to make music and enjoy life.

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