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# AFRICA

## **People's Movement for Human Rights Education in Rwanda**

MPEDH is working for six years on developing human rights cities especially on the human rights learning process of the aftermath in Rwanda. The strategic actors of the Human Right City are very active in promoting fundamental rights, peace and social justice. Our organisation is executing in this moment a legal aid program which facilitates vulnerable people access to justice. MPEDH organize regularly the community debates which join local authorities and citizen in order to discuss about human rights and development issues and to seek together the consensus solutions.

## **The Africa Diaspora Foundation**

[www.theadf.com](http://www.theadf.com)

The African Diaspora Foundation (ADF) is committed to developing a coalition of national and international leaders and organizations to address critical issues concerning dialogue, peace, nonviolence, and reconciliation in Africa. As a non-profit organization, ADF has proposed in partnership with United States universities, to develop peace education centers in Los Angeles and in Africa offering a curriculum aimed at overcoming issues that threaten survival in countries affected by conflict. ADF's plan is that this model program will become an international force in preparing educators for the key task of making peace, nonviolence and reconciliation a working reality.

## **Ejisu-Juaben Municipal Youth Council**

[www.nationalyouthcouncilghana.com](http://www.nationalyouthcouncilghana.com)

We seek to work toward an empowered youth in order to make them fruitful and responsible citizens in the country.

To create an enabling environment for the youth in the district to strive. To create jobs for the youth in terms of craftsmanship, that is learning in Kente weaving, carpentry, soap making and batik tie and tie making. To engage them in communal labour. To ensure socialization among themselves in the districts through games and educational tour.

Liaising with non formal education sector to provide field facilitators for basic education for the out of school youth who are in the district. Organising stakeholders in the financial sector to educate the youth on how to access loans at the bank and how to create their own business. Giving incentives to hard working members who voluntarily work for the communities that are around them.

## **Youth Alive! Kenya**

[www.youthalive.org](http://www.youthalive.org)

To provide a platform where young people and their communities can share skills and explore innate abilities towards lasting development on a foundation of equity, justice and peace.

- Democracy & Governance
- Health
- Justice & Human Rights
- Environment & Livelihoods

## **National Youth Council of Senegal**

[www.cnjsengal.com](http://www.cnjsengal.com)

Restarted since 1994, the National Council of youth of Senegal (CNJS) is a flat national form to apolitical nature, youth organizations and national movements, including 4000 adherent entities. It remains an instrument of promotion, coaching and leadership of young people in a dynamics of socio-economic development of Senegal.

## **Youth Media & Communication Initiative**

[www.ymci.info](http://www.ymci.info)

YMCI trains children and youths, using media, as agents for social mobilization and social change; to develop their capacity for effective communication and self-expression so that they can positively impact their schools, communities and society. By fostering the culture of dialogue and debate among children and youth, YMCI hopes to develop a better appreciation of diversity, peaceful co-existence and national integration to enable young people play an active role in democracy and development.

YMCI trains children and youths to develop media literacy skills to evaluate and respond to the media for a more informed and empowered citizenry.

## **Trainers for Africa-Europe Cooperation**

[www.taec-network.org](http://www.taec-network.org)

Promotion of networking and exchanges between African and European youth organizations, aiming at identifying training and capacity building needs, and sharing experiences, pedagogical methods and techniques.

Objectives:

- To share training approaches in the non-formal education context through the perspective of Europe-Africa cooperation
- To identify and assess training needs from a Europe-African context
- Constant development of reference quality criteria and guidelines for trainings in the Europe-Africa context
- To contribute to the recognition of the importance of the participation of the youth in the definition and implementation of politics regarding the youth in the context of the Europe-Africa Cooperation and in the local development.

## **Youth of United Nations Association of Tanzania**

[www.unatz.org/yuna](http://www.unatz.org/yuna)

YUNA's Main programme activities include; Undertake Youth leadership training workshops, Coordinate Monthly Youth dialogues on Peace, Security and Human Rights, MDGS. Undertake Weekly (every Thursday) Outreach Programmes with schools and Universities for Learning and information sharing. Hold Model United Nations, Eastern Africa Regional Model United Nations and National Youth Parliament every six months. YUNA undertakes Youth Exchange Programmes among Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, and also internal (Tanzania) exchange programme.

## **Zenab for women development Organization**

[www.z-w-d-s.org](http://www.z-w-d-s.org)

Zenab mission is to promote and empower the socio/economic and political status of women in Sudan specially the vulnerable ones through multi-dimensions program that is planned to back women, lobbying and advocate for their rights, provide logistic and legal aid for them; conduct women awareness raising programs; training of women leaders, establish direct links with women associations and women rights defenders.

## **International Young Catholics Students Sudan**

[www.iycs-jeri.org](http://www.iycs-jeri.org)

IYCS aims to evangelise and transform the student milieu (both secondary and tertiary), through forming students and encouraging them to look at the world from the perspective of the poor, with a commitment to global solidarity, freedom, justice and peace.

We understand ourselves as the presence of the Church in and at the service of the student milieu. The movement enables a meeting between the young person and Jesus Christ in order to overcome the dualism between faith and life, and has as its foundation a spirituality of action, which always starts from a deep analysis and faith reflection on the reality

## **Akili Dada**

[www.akilidada.org](http://www.akilidada.org)

At Akili Dada we believe that: Justice is best served when there is a diversity of voices at the decision-making table. Policies, societies, and individual lives would improve if women, especially those from underprivileged backgrounds, became equal participants in leadership roles in Africa and around the world.

We provide comprehensive scholarships for high-achieving young women from impoverished families to attend top-quality secondary schools Connect scholars to a network of peers and successful professional Kenyan women who serve as

mentors; Provide leadership training grounded in community service pedagogy and guided self-reflection to empower our scholars growth into agents of change.

## **Legal Resources Centre**

[www.lrcghana.org](http://www.lrcghana.org)

LRC works towards the promotion and protection of the rights to Health, Education, Housing, Work, Participatory Democracy, Personal Liberty and Criminal/Civil justice. These are carried out through public human rights education, community mobilization activities, legal aid, alternative dispute resolution services, action research, advocacy and publication. Central to the LRC's work are the campaigns and projects for the promotion and protection of human rights through innovative community mobilization strategies, public interactive human rights education, lawyering techniques and research and advocacy at the local, national and international levels.

## **Youth Synergy for Development**

Our mission is to educate as many young people in Cameroon in particular and Africa in general on the culture of peace, intercultural dialogue, tolerance and mutual acceptance. The aim of our CSO's is to create and / or maintain social cohesion in Africa and especially to promote the emergence of a multicultural society. To achieve this, we conduct awareness campaigns through the border towns, we do advocacy with political, administrative, municipal, military and traditional.

## **Angie Brooks International Centre for Women's Empowerment**

[www.angiebrooksinternationalcentre.org](http://www.angiebrooksinternationalcentre.org)

The Angie Brooks International Centre (ABIC) for Women's Empowerment, Leadership Development, International Peace and Security has successfully implemented several trainings for women under our international peace and security program. Women from the Mano River Union countries acquired skills in Mediation and Peace Building. The Angie Brooks International Centre also coordinated the ECOWAS – two decades of Peace keeping and the Inter generational legacy program.

## **Tipindule Community Youth Organization**

A youth-led non-political, civil society organisation that exists to support young people in the protection and promotion of their rights, health well being, leadership skills for civic engagement in order to ensure a self-dependent and economically vibrant youth population.

# **LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN**

## **Impacto Asociación Civil**

[www.ongimpacto.org](http://www.ongimpacto.org)

To promote and defend the rights of children, adolescents and young people. Contributing to improve their quality of life and the fullest exercise of their citizenship as members of a local, national and international community.

### Objectives

- Being an advisory body for local, national and international public and private entities, on all topics relating to children, adolescents and young people.
- To influence the local, provincial, national, regional and international decision-making bodies for the promoting and building of public policies.
- To increase the children, adolescents and young people participation, individually or through public or private entities in the decision-making processes.
- To promote the exchanging of ideas and resources with public or private entities

## **United Nations Association Suriname - MDG Global Watch Focal Point**

<http://www.mdg-globalwatch.org>

MDG Global Watch is a non-profit organization focusing on the assurance that every country on the globe meets the U.N. Millennium Development Goals MDGs. The organization does not only function as an awareness enhancer with regards to the MDGs, but also works on assisting, linking, and monitoring processes toward achievement of these goals on a global scale, through activity development, project participations, networking, meeting attendances, project follow ups, and regular publicity campaigns pertaining to the MDGs, including an annual global progress report.

## **Comité de Derechos Humanos y Convivencia Ciudadana**

CODEHUC is a Colombian Civic Organization, which has its main office in the city of Santa Marta, Magdalena.

Our Mission is promoted through the academic activities in each of the citizens respect for Human Rights, promote the most needy among the mechanisms of access to justice, conflict resolution, intercultural dialogue, the coexistence and peace building.

Our Goal and strategy as promotion and education center aims to promote training, education, research and promotion of Human Rights, International Humanitarian Law, Mechanisms of access to justice, Conflict resolution and Intercultural dialogue in human rights based on the Constitution and International Human Rights instruments.

## **World Organization of Scout Movement**

The mission of Scouting is to contribute to the education of young people, through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society.

It's a worldwide youth movement with the stated aim of supporting young people in their physical, mental and spiritual development, involving them throughout their formative years in a non-formal educational process.

## **Council of Methodist Churches in Latin America and the Caribbean**

[www.ciemal.org](http://www.ciemal.org)

Our CSO works directly with Young people around the continent, training and integrating them in different areas of development and justice.

To integrate and to train Young People announcing the good news of Jesus Christ in earth and make leaders who will promote justice and equality among human beings.

### **Objectives**

- To train the youth leaders according to the cultural and religious context of each region and countries.
- To promote the unity and communication among the countries of each region as well as among the regions, respecting our cultural diversity, traditions and religious expressions

## **Red Global de Acción Juvenil GYAN México AC**

[www.mexico.youthlink.org](http://www.mexico.youthlink.org)

Our mission as GYAN is to facilitate youth participation and intergenerational partnership in global decision-making supporting the collaboration among diverse youth organizations and to providing tools, resources, and recognition for positive youth action. Our objective is to work for the MDGs fulfilment and the strategy is to transfer knowledge and link and facilitate youth organizations at our three commitment levels: local, national and international. And our strategy is to work in the formal and informal frames: in the 1<sup>st</sup> we work for the inclusion of youth in conferences and official papers and in the informal we work with eco techniques workshops and in webinars and virtual workshops.

## **Latin American Youth Forum**

[www.flaj.org](http://www.flaj.org)

The Latin American Youth Forum (FLAJ) works since 15 years ago as umbrella organization of National youth platforms and international youth organizations working in the region. We work for implement youth right in all the countries, try to give a voice for the non-governmental organization and influence the public policies on youth.

# EUROPE

## **International Public Foundation for Survival and Development of Humanity**

Cooperation with civil society organizations on tolerance and culture of peace, Inter-Ethnic relations, Dialogue on National Reconciliation, Causes of conflicts, Promotion of the Earth Charter principles.

Promotion of the culture of peace ideas; overcoming national, social, confessional isolation of the global population; building a developed network of cooperation with entities and individuals in the field of ecological education; support to shaping and implementation of sustainable development policy through equal access to democratic management, education, cultural objects, involvement in development projects; facilitation of free dissemination of information and knowledge including that based on advanced technologies; contribution to creating conditions that unify people

## **OneVoice Europe**

[www.onevoicemovement.org](http://www.onevoicemovement.org)

OneVoice works with Israeli, Palestinian and international moderates to end occupation, training talented young people to bring change to the Middle East

OneVoice is an international grassroots movement that amplifies the voice of mainstream Israelis and Palestinians, empowering them to propel their elected representatives toward a two-state solution. The movement works to forge consensus for conflict resolution and build a human infrastructure capable of mobilizing the people toward a negotiated, comprehensive and permanent agreement between Israel and Palestine that ends the occupation, ensures security and peace for both sides, and solves all final-status issues in accordance with international law and previous bilateral agreements.

## **Culture and Religion Forum FOKUS**

[www.kulttuurifoorumi.fi](http://www.kulttuurifoorumi.fi)

FOKUS promotes constructive dialogue between religions and cultures by bringing together artists, scientists and people from faith-based organizations to address common issues and discuss values. FOKUS builds bridges via discussions, exhibitions, art and publications.

The aim is to provide information and create open and functional forums for ecumenical and interfaith encounters.

## **Together Polska Foundation**

[www.togetherpolska.org](http://www.togetherpolska.org)

Fundacja Together Polska is a non-governmental organization established in 2005 by a group of young people. Our mission is: contribute to the building of a global citizens-driven society.

Our objectives are:

- to encourage youth for social participation on local, national and global level
- to engage youth in intercultural educational activities promoting culture of peace and inter-religious dialogue
- to support development of local communities in spirit of human rights and justice for all members

## **Foundation For A Culture Of Peace**

[www.fund-culturadepaz.org](http://www.fund-culturadepaz.org)

Founded and chaired by Federico Mayor (former DG of UNESCO) this international Foundation is devoted to building and consolidating a Culture of Peace with a special focus –among others- on activities related to intercultural and interreligious dialogue, education and peace research in accordance with the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace of 1999.

## **Women without Borders / SAVE – Sisters Against Violent Extremism**

[www.women-without-borders.org](http://www.women-without-borders.org)

Women without Borders (WwB) is an international initiative for women in politics and civil society, offering a forum through which women's voices can be heard and their concerns made public. SAVE, an initiative of WwB, is the first global women's counterterrorism platform. SAVE brings together women from across the globe: victims and survivors of terrorist attacks, activists, educators, policymakers and peace-building experts from Africa, the USA, Asia, the Middle East and Europe to create a new sisterhood and contribute to a safer and more secure world. *SAVE* breaks through barriers of nationalism, religion, and ethnicity in order to create a global network of women dedicated to ending violent extremism.

## **EUROCLIO**

[www.euroclio.eu](http://www.euroclio.eu)

EUROCLIO places balanced history at the centre of education of responsible national and global citizens, fostering international understanding and respect and cooperation. The overall aim of EUROCLIO is to promote and support the development of history education so that it strengthens peace, stability, democracy and critical thinking. EUROCLIO strives to shift the history and civics education in Europe towards inclusion of multiple perspectives, innovation, critical thinking, and connecting across boundaries

of countries, ethnicities and religions. Recognizing that history is a powerful mobilizing force in societies, EUROCLIO promotes the sound use of history education towards building and deepening of democratic societies.

## **The C1 World Dialogue**

[www.c1dialogue.org](http://www.c1dialogue.org)

The C-1 seeks to fill the critical gaps in knowledge affecting dialogue and do so in a comprehensive way across critical issues of Religion and Faith, Governance and Politics, Commerce and Business, Mass Media, Academia and Science, and last but not least Civil Society and to highlight with authority the most pressing issues in the West-Muslim relations and enable the interested actors to improve their capacity to act in pursuit of a more harmonious coexistence and productive cooperation.

## **Euro-Mediterranean Academy for Young Journalists**

[www.emajmagazine.com](http://www.emajmagazine.com)

EMAJ is a non-profit organisation which aims to support dialogue and cooperation between young journalists from the EU and MENA (Middle East and North Africa)

The objectives of EMAJ are:

- Exchange of knowledge
- Cooperation between young journalists from the EU and MENA “network
- Education of young journalists within the field of inter-cultural journalism“  
Competence
- More nuanced intercultural journalism
- Intercultural and interreligious dialogue particularly in regards to human rights, peace and tolerance, mutual understanding, news cultural value

## **Intercultural Communication and Leadership School**

[www.intercivilization.net](http://www.intercivilization.net)

The ICLS is working for good governance of diversity through developing intercultural communication and leadership capacity in cities of religious, ethnic and cultural diversity.

Set up in 2002 with a similar mission as the UN Alliance of Civilizations, the ICLS has been operating at grassroots and civic diplomacy level and has achieved measurable success in cities of diversity in carrying out its mission. Best practice in Europe in 2006.

## **Cultural Centre DamaD**

[www.kcdamad.org](http://www.kcdamad.org)

Cultural Centre DamaD focuses on promotion of culture of peace, tolerance, openness, dialogue, cooperation and the rule of law in multiethnic, multireligious and multicultural region of Western Balkans. We empower citizens to take an active role in the decision making processes. We strengthen women and promote gender equality as a precondition for sustainable development of local communities. We criticize but we don't antagonize. We co-opt and work together to bring a lasting change in attitudes and perceptions, because 'wars being in the minds of men, and it is in the minds of men that the defence of peace must be constructed'.

## **Yante – Youth, Art, and Levante**

Promoting cultural participation for the consolidation of social cohesion in the Mediterranean. Promoting important social values through Arts. Transcending barriers of language, religion, race and gender through Arts. Hence tearing down barriers, and building bridges.

## **AVAAZ.org**

[www.avaaz.org](http://www.avaaz.org)

Avaaz “meaning "voice" in several European, Middle Eastern and Asian languages” launched in 2007 with a simple democratic mission: organize citizens of all nations to close the gap between the world we have and the world most people everywhere want.

The Avaaz community campaigns in 14 languages, served by a core team on 4 continents and thousands of volunteers. We take action -- signing petitions, funding media campaigns and direct actions, emailing, calling and lobbying governments, and organizing "offline" protests and events -- to ensure that the views and values of the world's people inform the decisions that affect us all.

## **Intercultural Institute Timisoara**

[www.intercultural.ro](http://www.intercultural.ro)

The Intercultural Institute of Timisoara (I.I.T.) is an autonomous, non-governmental institution, having a cultural, civic and scientific activity, without political purposes, which adheres to the values and the principles of the Council of Europe concerning interculturality.

By its programmes and its activities, the I.I.T. pursues the development of the intercultural dimension in the fields of education and culture. The I.I.T. also promotes, at the national and international level, the climate of tolerance and interethnic communication specific to the town of [Timisoara](#) and to the region of Banat. The I.I.T. has established a wide network of partners from different regions of Romania and from several European countries, including institutions, NGOs and professionals from its

interest areas. I.I.T. is cooperating very well with local, regional and national authorities in the fields of education, culture, youth and national minorities.

## **European Academy of Yuste Foundation**

[www.fundacionyuste.org](http://www.fundacionyuste.org)

The FAEY is a permanent European cultural and social foundation whose interests are focused on the dissemination of knowledge and cultural heritage and values of the peoples and nations that make up present-day Europe, promoting intercultural dialogue, multilingualism, access to culture, academic research and training to foster European integration. It has a strong social inclination and has thus worked since its inception on research projects aimed at improving the quality of life of people with disabilities, as well as the study of immigration, ageing, and vulnerability of groups at risk of social exclusion, within the framework of its Social Europe Forum.

## **Institute of Community Cohesion**

[www.cohesioninstitute.org.uk](http://www.cohesioninstitute.org.uk)

The Institute of Community Cohesion works to build a more cohesive society.

We believe that:

- Diversity is good for society - socially, culturally, and economically.
- Diverse societies work best when they have a sense of social solidarity and mutual responsibility.
- Development of cohesion strategies, impact assessments and action plans  
Training and development programmes in public/private/voluntary sectors.
- Research programmes building on the strengths of four partner universities.  
Programmes of study at postgraduate level
- Advocacy, dissemination and wider support for all agencies involved in the development of community cohesion policy and practice

## **Foundation of Subjective Values**

[www.zare.hu](http://www.zare.hu)

The main mission of FSV is to combat racism and fight for social inclusion. We also react to social conflict, by using campaigns (such as our “Music Against Racism” campaign), conducting trainings (for students and teachers on the subject of intercultural dialogue), and engaging in research (including media-monitoring projects). We aim to reduce the number of instances of this kind of social conflict and we act to reduce all kinds of social exclusion.

Every year (in March) we organise events to draw attention to the EU Action-Week Against Racism and the UN Day Against Racial Discrimination, this year organising a set of guided tours of minority influenced areas and an exhibition for Comics Against Racism. We hold teacher and student trainings on tolerance, media campaigns and attend conferences at the international and national level.

## **International public fund "Russian Peace Foundation"**

[www.peacefond.ru/en/](http://www.peacefond.ru/en/)

The RPF branches successfully operate in 57 regions of the country. Among its activists are veterans and war invalids, young people and children, academics and artists, representatives of partner organizations of Russia and foreign countries, representatives of the Russian Orthodox Church, Religious Board of Muslims of Russia, and Jewish religious organizations.

The Russian Peace Foundation works on implementing the following national charitable and humanitarian programs: Children of Russia, Care, Peace and Consent, Peace and the youth, and Peace and culture.

## **COJEP international**

[www.cojep.com](http://www.cojep.com)

The acquisition of statutes with intergovernmental organizations like the Council of Europe, the United Nations or UNESCO reinforced the European vocation of COJEP International, which works in the fields of Human Rights, Fight against Racism and Discrimination, Democracy, Citizenship, Youth, Living Together and Intercultural Dialogue. COJEP International has become a key partner for the OSCE as the OIC or the Parliament and the European Commission through its network in 15 European countries.

## **European Muslim Initiative for Social Cohesion**

[www.bashy.dk](http://www.bashy.dk)

- Striving to achieve meaningful inter-ethnic, inter-faith and inter-cultural dialogue and cooperation in Europe and combating Islamophobia.
- Lobbying the Muslim communities to take a clear and strong position against extremism, violence and terrorism under any pretext.
- Working closely with the media, politicians and authorities to highlight and facilitate the legitimate needs and fundamental rights of ethnic and religious minorities.
- Aiming to create cohesive societies and in that respect learning and mastering the local language and obtaining good education.
- Recognizing cultural diversity as enrichment for Europe, which would facilitate advancement of human rights and solidarity for the common good of the societies.

## **CO-HABITER**

[www.co-habiter.ch](http://www.co-habiter.ch)

CO-HABITER is an NGO created by migrants which aimed at promoting a better cohabitation between local community and migrants and contributing to the development of the origins countries.

Our main objective is the establishment of respect, mutual understanding, tolerance and solidarity between ethnic, religious, linguistic and cultural communities.

## **VOTE Women in Politics**

[www.votewomeninpolitics.com](http://www.votewomeninpolitics.com)

V♀TE is an organization dedicated to help women to run for office and to be elected around the world. It is non-partisan organization, and all trainings and program is free to the women candidates around the world. The organization runs by individual donations and volunteer work.

V♀TE Women in Politics' mission is to help out to the women to run for political office. It is dedicated to helping women build the skills and infrastructure they need to become more effective leaders in political world and inspiring young women to participate in politics and run for office.

## **Ulfah Arts and Media**

[www.ulfaharts.co.uk](http://www.ulfaharts.co.uk)

Ulfah Arts and Media is a creative movement that is concerned with establishing a creative economy amongst disadvantaged communities (particularly women and young people), whilst at the same time developing professional artistic and media productions, through partnerships exploring an interworld view dialogue to achieve harmony.

Our objectives are to develop creative excellence and deliver social change through interworld view dialogues by providing a core program of arts and media productions to community groups that would not necessarily have access to this alongside bespoke projects in partnership with other organisations.

## **Dialogue café association - Europe**

[www.dialoguecafe.org](http://www.dialoguecafe.org)

Dialogue Café is the first public video conferencing network specifically designed for social, cultural and educational organisations. It enables face-to-face conversations between diverse groups of people from around the world so that they can share experiences, learn from each other and work together to make the world a better place.

In Europe, Dialogue Cafés are already open in Lisbon and Amsterdam. London, Lille, Wroclaw, Oslo, Florence, Belgrade and Helsinki are planned to be open in the next 12 months.

## **Gulbenkian Foundation**

[www.gulbenkian.org.uk/](http://www.gulbenkian.org.uk/)

The purpose of the UK Branch is to help enrich and connect the experiences of people in the UK and Ireland and secure lasting and beneficial change. We have a special interest in supporting those who are most disadvantaged and we place a particular emphasis on maximising the beneficial impact of our work through encouraging cross-border exchanges of lessons and experiences.

As a small branch we can be nimble but cannot provide large-scale continuous funding. As part of one of the largest European foundations we are well positioned to address transnational issues and can act as an 'exchange' for ideas.

## **Waag Society**

[www.waag.org](http://www.waag.org)

Waag Society develops creative technology for social innovation. The foundation researches, develops concepts, pilots and prototypes and acts as an intermediate between the arts, science and the media. Waag Society cooperates with cultural, public and private parties.

## **NOSTOS**

[www.nostos.org](http://www.nostos.org)

NOSTOS gives social, legal and information support to refugees, immigrants and people with different cultural background. The main purpose of its work is to fight social exclusion.

# **NORTH AMERICA**

## **Friendship Ambassadors Foundation**

[www.faf.org](http://www.faf.org)

Since its inception in 1973, Friendship Ambassadors Foundation mission is to promote peace through cultural exchange, mutual understanding and global cooperation. FAF creates, manages and facilitates international cultural and artistic exchange, service opportunities, and gatherings for the organizations it serves. FAF creates global events in partnership with CSOs and UN agencies as peace-building and sustainable development tools. FAF has been a pioneer in facilitating cultural sharings among diverse communities in order to promote mutual understanding, volunteerism, and global development. FAF's service to the community of civil society NGOs affiliated with the United Nations is a part of that mission.

## **Global Nomads Group**

[www.gng.org](http://www.gng.org)

GNG's mission is to foster dialogue and understanding among the world's youth. GNG programs serve as a vehicle for awareness, bridging the boundaries of cultural misconception and instilling in our audience a heightened appreciation and comprehension of the world in which they live.

In its 12-year history, GNG has conducted programs in more than 45 countries on all seven continents, and reached more than one million young people. GNG's main programs include:

- Students Rebuild - a virtual exchange program between students in North America and the US to promote awareness, philanthropy and activism.
- Youth Talk - a virtual exchange program between students in the US and four Arab countries, allowing participants to talk about civic engagement and cultural diversity.
- One LENS - a media literacy program between schools in the US and 3 countries in South East Asia.

## **Harran Productions Foundation**

<http://harranfoundation.org>

Harran Productions Foundation—an American non-profit Civil Society Organization —founded in 2006 to provide a media and artistic framework to unite diverse communities of faith and culture. Harran Productions aims to produce inclusive, educational events and programs which build hope and energize people of all backgrounds to work together. Its special focus since 2009 has been the Sounds of Faith series, using sacred sound medium for dialogue, understanding, and mutual respect, starting with the Abrahamic traditions – Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. An international Advisory board - including religious leaders, artists, and scholars, guides event development, and a media team captures performances, summits, interviews for broadcasts and eventual incorporation into global documentary film series.

## **AFS Intercultural Programs**

[www.afs.org](http://www.afs.org)

AFS provides intercultural learning opportunities to help people develop the knowledge, skills and understanding needed to create a more just and peaceful world.

Exchanges approximately 13,000 secondary school students, teachers, and post-secondary participants each year among 80 countries worldwide. Programs are delivered and participants are supported by more than 40,000 local volunteers. In addition to secondary school exchanges, AFS sponsors community service, language study, and culturally-focused long and short term exchanges, including volunteer exchanges.

## **World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists**

[www.thewcmp.org](http://www.thewcmp.org)

The World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists is committed to advance strategic giving by leveraging the more effective use of knowledge, wealth, and influence among Muslim philanthropists. It aims to build a culture of enduring engagement where Muslim donors collaborate with each other, and emerge as a significant and vital component of the global philanthropic community.

## **Intersections International**

[www.intersectionsinternational.org](http://www.intersectionsinternational.org)

Intersections is dedicated to building respectful relationships among diverse individuals and communities to forge common ground and develop strategies that promote peace, justice, and reconciliation by using arts immersion, social marketing, intentional dialogue and other innovative methods. We are a multi-cultural, multi-faith, global initiative of the Collegiate Church of New York, the oldest corporation in North America dating back to 1628.

## **Interfaith Youth Core**

[www.ifyc.org](http://www.ifyc.org)

IFYC is an international non-profit which seeks to make interfaith cooperation a social norm. IFYC believes faith can be a bridge of cooperation, strengthening our civil society and promoting the common good for all. Just as leaders like Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. built transformative movements in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, IFYC believes that interfaith leaders will build the movement for interfaith cooperation in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Interfaith Youth Core's primary objectives are to:

- Change the public discourse about religion from one of inevitable conflict to one of cooperation and religious pluralism;
- Nurture and network a critical mass of emerging interfaith leaders; and
- Partner with college/university campuses to become models of interfaith cooperation.

## **Association of International Education Administrators**

[www.aieaworld.org](http://www.aieaworld.org)

The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA), a membership organization formed in November 1982, is composed of leaders engaged in advancing the international and intercultural dimensions of higher education. The purposes of the Association are to:

- provide an effective voice on significant issues within international education at all levels,
- improve and promote international and intercultural education programming and administration within institutions of higher education,
- establish and maintain a professional network among international education institutional leaders,
- cooperate in appropriate ways with other national and international groups having similar interests.

## **Missouri School of Journalism**

The Missouri School of Journalism is committed to working with media professionals from around the world. Special attention is given to issues of global access to information and the forging of effective, forward-thinking journalistic practices for the 21st century. With formal partnerships with leading media organizations and with dozens of universities worldwide, the School aims to create a lasting dialogue across cultures and regions that produces a robust market for information which is open to all people.

## **Culture of Peace Corporation**

[www.decade-culture-of-peace.org](http://www.decade-culture-of-peace.org)

To promote a world culture of peace, to promulgate a strategy for a transition from the culture of war to a culture of peace, to promote the development of Culture of Peace councils or commissions seeking understanding between people from different backgrounds.

The Youth Team has voluntarily produced the Final Civil Society Report on the United Nations International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World 2001-2010 for the United Nations presenting the initiatives carried out by over 1000 civil society organisations. The Report was submitted to the Secretary General of the United Nations in May 2010, and was published in three languages. The Report in English, Portuguese and Spanish was presented in difference multicultural

events, such as the World Forum Education, Investigation and Culture of Peace, in December 2010, in Santiago de Compostela, Spain.

## **Bridge the Gap TV**

[www.BridgetheGapTV.com](http://www.BridgetheGapTV.com)

Bridge the Gap TV fosters intercultural dialogue by highlighting stories of everyday life from around the world on film. We offer a positive, enriching perspective on regions of the world normally portrayed in a negative light in the media. We offer viewers concrete solutions to make the world a better place.

To create a series of entertaining, educational videos that foster intercultural dialogue.

Our strategy includes promotion of videos on the web, cross-promotion with international organizations like the Jane Goodall Institute, Do Something, and Kiva, promoting videos at international events, connecting with widely visited blogs, organizing a national speaking tour in the United States, and distributing videos to schools to be used in classroom curriculums. Our entire distribution strategy is for the furthering of intercultural dialogue and the betterment of our non-profit partners working in developing regions worldwide.

## **World Peace Posse**

[www.homeplanet.org/wpp](http://www.homeplanet.org/wpp)

Formulating a World Peace Posse, to utilize state of the art social networking processes to implement the ISO 26000 Standards. A peace tool formally published, and positioned as the Golden Rule for corporations as the corporation redefines itself as being Socially responsible. Building Peace Posse Cafes around the World designed to be inserted in community centres, coffee shops as meeting places interconnected. With regular program content intended to educate in holistic principles and linking a series of International events based upon an approved process (Foundation for a Culture of Peace). An empowering business model that informs.

## **Abraham's Path Initiative**

[www.abrahampath.org](http://www.abrahampath.org)

One human family. All of us together. Working toward a better world for all. Remembering that no matter what divides us, what unites us is far, far greater. We believe that this kind of friendship and understanding can be encouraged through the simplest of acts: walking side by side; sharing a meal and a story; learning about other cultures and ways of being.

The Masar ('Path' in Arabic) is recreating the journey of Ibrahim/Abraham's journey across the Middle East bringing tourism and raising funds for communities and charities along the way.

## **Center for International Virtual Schooling**

[www.iveca.org](http://www.iveca.org)

### Mission:

- We strives to implement the intercultural education program IVECA into public schools across the world and to research and provide the necessary educational support system in collaboration with other universities, the United Nations, international NGOs and business groups.

### Objectives:

- To transform public school education to meet the needs of the culturally varied and knowledge-based global society of the 21st century,
- To create a collaborative and sustainable platform of technological and instructional support for the participation of teacher and students in intercultural virtual classroom activities,
- To facilitate on-going professional, academic, and intercultural dialogue among educational stakeholders, and
- Ultimately, to contribute towards greater acculturation and familiarization between young students in classrooms around the world.

## **Salam Institute for Peace and Justice**

[www.salaminstitute.org](http://www.salaminstitute.org)

The *Salam Institute*'s mission consists in exploring, developing, and utilizing resources in Muslim communities to further their capacity in the area of conflict resolution, interfaith dialogue, civic education and pluralism by enhancing the knowledge base of Islamic models among practitioners, academicians, and policy makers.

## **Soliya**

[www.soliya.net](http://www.soliya.net)

Soliya uses new media and communications technologies to enable cross-cultural dialogue and conflict resolution between Western and predominantly Muslim societies.

Soliya's mission is to improve cross-cultural relations between Western and predominantly Muslim societies by developing a diverse global community of young adults who use new media and communications technologies to foster cross-cultural dialogue and understanding. At a time when media plays an increasingly powerful role in shaping public opinion, Soliya works to provide young adults with the opportunities, skills and tools to shape and articulate their own constructive perspectives on some of the most pressing global issues facing their generation.

## **Search for Common Ground**

[www.sfcg.org](http://www.sfcg.org)

SFCG's Partners in Humanity programme for Muslim-Western understanding focuses on four areas: media trainings, the Common Ground News Service, highlighting the voices of women and youth, and bringing together influential leaders. Through media trainings, SFCG's Muslim-Western understanding program has equipped 300 religious leaders, journalists, activists, academics, bloggers and thought leaders from 30 countries with the skills necessary to promote constructive dialogue through the media; its Common Ground News Service, which distributes five constructive opinion articles on timely Muslim-Western issues weekly in six languages, has had its articles reprinted 30,000 times in 3,000 outlets around the world. In recent years, nearly 50% of authors on Muslim-Western issues have been women, allowing underrepresented voices in inter-religious dialogue to be heard widely.

## **World Focus Media for the National Science Foundation**

World Focus Media

- TV and news production, public and media relations
- Extensive experience in international diplomacy, peacekeeping, dialogue and conflict resolution

National Science Foundation

- The National Science Foundation is the premier United States government agency supporting basic research at the frontiers of scientific discovery, and science and engineering education at all levels. NSF-funded research has fuelled many important innovations, stimulated economic growth and improved quality of life and health.

The collaboration between World Focus Media and the National Science Foundation on VERGE will help bring global science and technology to an international audience and become a visual tool to enhance science diplomacy.

## **PDHRE**

[www.pdhre.org](http://www.pdhre.org)

To make possible that all women, men, youths and children will know, understand, own and act upon their inalienable human rights. That the learning and integration of the UDHR will be part of all our everyday lives, impacting communities, business and government.

Facilitation and establishment of human rights cities around the world. Agency that promoted the Decade of Human Rights Education and the year of Human Rights Learning, both accepted and carried out by the UN. The creator of the International Consortium of Learning Human Rights as a Way of Life

## **Global Block Foundation**

[www.globalblock.org](http://www.globalblock.org)

The Global Block harnesses the spirit of innovation, creativity and activism at the core of the Hip-Hop movement to empower youth and transform communities across the globe. Through its leadership, expertise and financial support it aims to inspire individuals to become agents of change in their communities.

## **True Blue Inclusion**

[www.trueblueinclusion.com](http://www.trueblueinclusion.com)

True Blue Inclusion members share a highly unique mix of tools, resources and collaborative experiences. They discover transformative knowledge and techniques, gain access to decision makers in government and business, and meet face-to-face with people who shape their future. An innovative community created by and for global diversity and inclusion leaders, the consortium helps find breakthrough solutions to impact real change in each member's organization. It provides a rich intellectual forum where change leaders have the support needed to explore more deeply the challenging issues affecting diversity and inclusion management.

## **One Young World**

[www.oneyoungworld.com](http://www.oneyoungworld.com)

The premier global forum for young people of leadership calibre. It manifests the reality of common humanity and the shared existence of all the peoples in one world, Its purpose is to connect and bring together the youngest, brightest and best and to ensure that their concerns, opinions and solutions are heard.

# **ASIA (North, Central and South)**

## **International Institute for Human Rights, Environment and Development.**

[www.inhuredinternational.org](http://www.inhuredinternational.org)

INHURED International, the first Nepali NGO to enjoy Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, has been functioning as a front-runner human rights and peace movement with a non-governmental, non-partisan and non-profit making independent approach. Exercising universal suffrage, freedom of elections and institutional development, ending impunity through institutionalization of accountability and reconciliation initiative and enhancing fundamental rights and freedom with "All Human Rights for All" approach are its major activities. Ending discrimination and securing equality through equal access and opportunity to the vulnerable and marginalized population and overcoming challenges of globalization, adverse effects of violence, intolerance and impunity are some of the activities entrenched in the institution's ongoing activities. It has an outstanding record of successful monitoring and mediation in the peace process, maintaining inter-faith harmony and culture of acceptance in the diverse and divided society along with effectively addressing the problem of impunity.

## **Chanan Development Association**

[www.cdapak.org](http://www.cdapak.org)

The mission of CDA is to "Improve the status of youth particularly young women enabling them to equally and actively participate in planning, management, decision / policy making and execution of their plants without any biases of gender, religion, age, class for the creation of a healthy, just, peaceful, harmonized and non-violent society"

## **Zest youth Movement India**

The main aim of our CSO is to create and maintain social cohesion in Asia and especially to promote the emergence of multicultural society.

To Achieve this we conduct awareness campaigns through the border towns, we do advocacy with political ,social leaders.

## **British Council**

[www.britishcouncil.org.pk](http://www.britishcouncil.org.pk)

We are the UK's international organisation for educational opportunities and cultural relations and are represented in 110 countries worldwide. We are a major channel for the UK's public diplomacy in Pakistan - putting Pakistani people in touch with people in the UK. We work for the benefit of the individual and for the mutual benefit of Britain and Pakistan.

We have been working in Pakistan since 1948, starting from a small office in Karachi. We now offer services in 7 cities in Pakistan and employ more than 200 staff members.

## **Interactive Resource Centre**

[www.irc.org.pk](http://www.irc.org.pk)

Interactive Resource Centre is a non-profit organization that uses interactive theatre technique for promoting social justice. We at IRC believe that interactive theatre is an upcoming peace tool that can greatly promote advocacy at large levels. Moreover media is also used in the form of participatory video training workshops held at various institutes and among various grass root communities for awareness and advocacy of social issues. The recent web tv initiative of IRC [www.maati.tv](http://www.maati.tv), MAATI which means earth and is an acronym for Media and Technology Information aims to highlight various social issues prevailing in the country through social media which has been quite effective albeit just started recently

## **Chinh India**

[www.chinhwebchannel.in](http://www.chinhwebchannel.in)

Chinh India supports social initiatives promoting causes of children and marginalized nomadic communities through harnessing traditional wisdom, art and culture and rediscovering them in contemporary contexts.

## **Urooj Mazhar**

[www.sol.edu.pk](http://www.sol.edu.pk)

The School of Leadership (SoL) provides a platform for individuals to discover and utilize their unquestionable ability to elevate their lives through conscious endeavour. SoL brings about positive changes in the individuals personal, professional and social life, which directly impact families, organizations, communities and the country at large. SoL aspires to produce empowered people who steer organizations to higher levels of sustainable growth and profitability. We work with people in the education, corporate, public, government and social sectors by providing interventions for the youth and for professional development.

## **Meta-Culture**

[www.meta-culture.in](http://www.meta-culture.in)

Founded in 2005, Meta-Culture is South Asia's first relationship and conflict management consulting firm. Based in Bangalore, India, Meta-Culture is committed to improving organizations' understanding and management of internal and external

conflict. Our interventions and strategies are based on the field of Conflict Management and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).

### **Sage Foundation**

[www.thesagefoundation.com](http://www.thesagefoundation.com)

Our mission is to build sustainable communities which provide enlightened education for children and wealth generating skills training for their families. The inner and outer wealth so created will grow in ever widening circles to leave a legacy of abundance and joy

### **Seagull Foundation for the Arts**

[www.seagullindia.com](http://www.seagullindia.com)

PeaceWorks is working towards empowering local activities to:

- address attitudes that lead to strife, intolerance, conflict, war.
- affect attitudes and values, in order to change thinking, break mindsets.
- instil values that accept differences, understand differences and respect differences.
- build cross cultural bridges between young people in Kashmir and rest of India
- encourage creativity as a means to resolve conflict

# **ASIA (East and Southeast) & PACIFIC**

## **Initiatives for International Dialogue**

[www.iidnet.org](http://www.iidnet.org)

Mission: IID envisions a vibrant and sustainable global community of self-determining peoples and communities that are just, equitable and peaceful, where women, men and children are equal and in constant dialogue, respecting and celebrating life.

Objective: Promote effective peoples' engagement in state/non-state processes on peace building, conflict prevention, human security, strengthen regional peoples, solidarity through key partnerships; strengthen and position IID as recognised leading south-south solidarity and advocacy institution in Southeast Asia.

Strategies: Partnerships building; policy development and advocacy; broad-based dialogues and peace agenda building; constituency building, grassroots capacity building, grassroots capacity building; internships and exchanges; knowledge of management.

## **Diversity Council Australia**

[www.dca.org.au](http://www.dca.org.au)

Diversity Council Australia Limited (DCA) is the independent, not-for-profit workplace diversity advisor to business in Australia. In partnership with our member organisations, our mission is to:

- Develop leading diversity research, thinking and practice;
- Enable diversity management in a dynamic environment;
- Drive business improvement through successful diversity programs; and
- Lead public debate.

By assisting organisations to managing diversity, DCA is able to inspire the proactive recruitment and retention of a diverse workforce such that employee differences become an asset rather than a liability for the organisation.

This is achieved most successfully by creating a public/private dialogue on key issues that create greater harmony across cultural and ethnically diverse groups in workplaces and in the community.

## **Malaysia National Sikhs Movement**

To encourage Religion tolerance among other religions in the Country especially with the Islamic community

- To encourage Interfaith dialogues with different faith leaders in order to make them understand the Sikh religion better
- In order to promote goodwill between different races in the Country especially where Malaysia is a very diverse country

- To make the Sikh community and other community to understand the basic principles of the religion and to make sure that Youths are encouraged to mix with other people from different religion especially Islam to portray the image that they are peace loving Religion

## **Cultural Infusion**

[www.culturalinfusion.org.au](http://www.culturalinfusion.org.au)

Cultural Infusion is a not-for-profit organisation that works in education, youth, communities and the arts to promote cultural harmony and wellbeing for a more cohesive and richer society. Cultural Infusion is dedicated to promoting equality, social justice and encouraging a broader understanding of culture across our community for the benefit of all. Cultural Infusion works with diverse tools to enable the greatest number of people possible to experience vibrant cultural and inter-cultural arts and social initiatives. As an organisation that promotes inter-cultural understanding we have a strong belief that as a diverse society living in a globalised world the ability to move between and respect cultures other than our native one is an invaluable asset for personal and community development.

## **Global Dialogue Foundation**

[www.globaldialoguefoundation.org](http://www.globaldialoguefoundation.org)

The Global Dialogue Foundation principal purpose is to:

- Initiate and promote dialogue and collaboration for increased understanding among cultures and civilizations
- Maintain the identity of original traditions; fostering their impact on the development of mainstream society
- Strengthen the voice of the Asia Pacific Region in the debate on dialogue and understanding among peoples and cultures

## **World Peace Initiative Foundation**

[www.peacerevolution2010.org](http://www.peacerevolution2010.org)

The World Peace Initiative aspires to transform the world for peace beginning with our inner progress of peace.

Through the Peace Revolution Program, we provide the guidance to interested individuals using the self-development program, based on the practice of meditation, cultivation of ethical standard, and self-discipline training. Such techniques can be integrated into any activity “peace education, youth mobilization, environmental conservation, humanitarian assistance“ in a way that enhances the results of such endeavours. Our long term goal is to build a network of social activists practicing the WPI principles across all continents, major religions, ethnic groups, and ages.

## **Asian Muslim Action Network**

[www.arf-asia.org](http://www.arf-asia.org)

AMAN is a unifying force for peace and social action in Asia. Its innovative programs have affected change and bridged political and religious divides since its inception in 1990. Its unique approach engages intellectuals, political and religious leaders, associations and activists of all faiths in dialogue that help resolve conflict and promote peace.

## **Indonesia Youth Center**

[www.indoyouthcenter.org](http://www.indoyouthcenter.org)

Our organization is focused on youth development Nationally and Internationally in many sectors and interests such as to work together on development and poverty reduction; peace, security and disarmament, promote environmental protection, promote and ensure fulfilment of human rights, democracy and good governance, issues and challenges faced by most Asian and African countries and in indonesia.

## **Y-Generation Against Poverty**

[www.ygap.com.au](http://www.ygap.com.au)

YGAP's mission is to offer dynamic and practical opportunities for volunteers to become involved with community and international development. At YGAP, we fundamentally believe that all human beings play a crucial role in society. Therefore, as stakeholders in our society, it is our responsibility to collectively make a contribution with our lives. Our objectives stand as a vehicle for providing opportunities for people to make this crucial contribution. YGAP's organisational strategy is to design creative avenues for people to make a difference.

# MENA

## **Resources for Development Center**

[www.rdc-consulting.org](http://www.rdc-consulting.org)

RDC is a think-tank and a consultancy organization with a focus on analyzing developmental policies, new media tools and applications, human resources development, governance of corporate and civil society entities, and in the management and evaluation of community projects.

## **UN Youth Association of Lebanon**

[www.unyaleb.org](http://www.unyaleb.org)

UNYA Lebanon, is a youth-led non-governmental organization constituted under the regulations and system of the World Federation of United Nations Associations -Youth Section and operating as the official representative of UN Youth community on the Lebanese territory holding firmly the slogan of "Proudly Youthocrats"; a slogan summarizing the belief of "No democracy without the active participation of youth".

Therefore UNYA Lebanon provides a fertile ground for: the advocacy towards an effective Lebanese national youth policy, the promotion of a youth-to-youth knowledge-sharing for active citizenship, and the intercultural dialogue.

## **Greek Catholic Christian Youth**

Build a human concept within Greek Christian Youth in Jordan, helping youth to live and transfer their Christianity in their society, through:

- Create awareness for the Greek Catholic identity.
- Define, understand and satisfy Greek Catholic youth needs
- Exposing & exchanging of local individual experiences of Greek Catholic youth on regional, national and international levels.
- Construct continuous developing environment giving youth all the needed support to take active role in shaping their Christian future

## **Union of Algerian Students**

[www.unea.org](http://www.unea.org)

UNEA is the recognized greatest national youth association devoted to Algerian students, the defence of their rights and the promotion of scientific, educational, social and cultural fields of students all over the country. As it represents a remarkable group inside the country and outside, UNEA yearn for the same opportunities to each student to become educated and to educate others in order to achieve a culture of peace and solidarity according to the fact that education is the most important demand of youth in it's principal aim: reinforce our role in the decision making of government through a lot of student's actions in permanent collaboration with civil society to deal with current

conjunction by participation in events "celebrations, commemorations, ecological and others.." and pacific claims in order to promote culture of peace in students and youth.

## **Sukoon Foundation**

[www.tashkeil.com](http://www.tashkeil.com)

The Sukoon Foundation was established to raise social awareness, improve women's lives and provide creative opportunities with the mission to create peace and hope through our social platform.

By fostering partnerships amongst entire communities through the expertise and resources of non-governmental organizations, businesses, governments and private individuals, we aim to influence systemic change in order to provide societal impact. It is our aspiration to use innovation to transform people's lives by pursuing meaningful and positive sustainable solutions. We commit to improving the lives of future generations through our various initiatives.

## **Jordan Youth Innovation Forum**

[www.jyif.org](http://www.jyif.org)

Increase the youth active participation in the development process, through ensuring the chances of participation in the local and international meetings, and emphasize the youth initiative to develop the society and integrate in it. On the other hand spread the cooperation and peace spirit between the youths for a better future.

## **Creators without Borders**

Our CSO is committed to bridging divides and fostering cross-culture understanding and inter-cultural dialogue. Our strategy focuses on utilizing arts, especially literature, music, performance and painting, and art related workshops and networking as a means to achieve this aim.

Our objectives are:

- Exchange experiences and expertise, and build bridges of communication between creators both nationally and internationally.
- Promote young creators and support them in the production and marketing of their work.
- Make creation as a tool to contribute to human development.
- Organize concerts, training course, and cultural events en various creative fields.
- Make cultural art activities for charitable and social objectives.

## **Mediterranean Forum for Youth & Childhood**

The Mediterranean Forum for Youth and childhood came as a response to the ambitions of a group of young people, with a sense of belonging to Morocco while having African

roots, Mediterranean civilization and universal culture. The aim was to create a platform for youth within a “society of information” which has changed the social, moral and cultural concepts as well as the network of international relations.

In this context, The Mediterranean Forum for Youth and Childhood set a particular conceptual framework to adopt as the basic strategy for work so as to develop and carry out projects in the fields of youth and childhood. This makes of the Forum an association open to all national and international initiatives, accepting all the differences that respect particularities, co-existing with the cultural disparities, tolerating different points of views, which facts give sense to the universal slogan ”All different & All Equal”.

## **ADYAN**

[www.adyanvillage.net](http://www.adyanvillage.net)

ADYAN works for the clarification of main religious and theological concepts, especially in the framework of pluralistic societies where different religious communities face common social and political challenges. The foundation also encourages the building and strengthening of solidarity and positive interaction among people belonging to different religious groups through dialogue and common commitment. ADYAN thus hopes to be a participant in the achievement and the anchoring of peace in Lebanon, the Middle East and the world.

## **Arab Thought Foundation**

[www.arabthough.org](http://www.arabthough.org)

The ATF is an international NGO working to advance the Cultural, economic and social development of the Arab world and building bridges with other regions and cultures.

The ATF work on different projects and hosts a program of events and youth-orientated initiatives throughout the year, across disciplines such as education, intercultural dialogue, arts & culture, science and technology.

## **Step Up Youth Initiative**

[www.alexstepup.org](http://www.alexstepup.org)

Our mission is to implement youth to youth projects, through creative use of available resources, on both the local and international levels.

Engaging youth to the Egyptian civil community through our activities, on the basis of volunteerism and development is also a main part of our mission.

## **Goodgate Limited**

[www.goodgate.org](http://www.goodgate.org)

The mission of Goodgate is “to promote and enable effective social investment across the Muslim world.” Our scope includes traditional Muslim charity such as zakat, but also encompasses more innovative, more modern approaches to philanthropy that have emerged in recent years (the so-called New Philanthropy). Our goal is to promote development in the Muslim world by helping to harness the collective generosity of ordinary people, and to allocate it to transparent, well-managed, and impactful (high performance) CSOs. We estimate that Muslim private giving is an annuity-like spending category which accounts for \$80-100 billion per year. This needs to be better allocated in order to have a meaningful impact on development in Muslim societies.