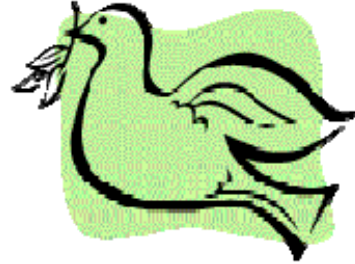




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Youth exchange
Peace, Democracy and
Human Rights



Activity Group Biography



JOVANA DJUROVIC

I'm 17 and come from Serbia . Three words that describe me are: creative, optimistic and tolerant. I've come here to find new friends and to collect new experiences. I see all experiences as valuable – experience is always good even if it's bad! I expected positive vibrations from others, to meet new cultures and to hear and learn new languages. For me, peace has so many meanings. It includes tolerance: we should tolerate everything. Peace is to try and think positive thoughts even when becoming angry. To love, it is all about love. There is too much space for violence and hate. We don't make peace – we just need to find it. We should let peace guide us- it is something you feel.



JANE DUNDAS

I'm 18 and I come from Northern Ireland . I'm quiet, friendly and open. I would like to learn more about the others, about myself and about peace in this camp. It is hard to tell what peace means. It is everyone getting along, accepting each others' views and being able to talk about their ideas without criticising.



DORIAN DERVISHI

I'm a 21-year-old Albanian. I am quiet, intelligent and humorous. I've come here to get to know different cultures, to make many new friends and to improve my English – practise makes perfect! For me, peace means a lot of things. It is something many people try to achieve but it is difficult!



KALINA ZAFIROVA

I come from Bulgaria and I am 22 years old. I'm tolerant good-looking and intelligent. I've come to this camp to find many new friends and have fun! For me, peace is friendship among people.



SHAMSE DIN ILJAZI

I'm 17 and I come from Macedonia . I think I'm intelligent, friendly and traditional. I've come here to make many friends. The only thing that bothers me here is that breakfast is at 8'o'clock – it's too early for me!!! For me, peace means no war, no problems and a good life.



GEORGETA PLES

I am 22 and I'm from Romania . Amongst the three words I'd use to describe myself two represent my good qualities: brave and adventurous, and one bad: indecisive. I've come to Lemböte camp to broaden my horizons and improve my communication skills. I think that the definition of peace as 'lack of conflicts' says nothing. Peace is not necessarily lack of conflicts, but the ability to solve conflicts in a non-aggressive manner.



VIKTOR FORSMAN

I'm 23 and from Åland. Three words that describe me are calm, deep and lazy. I've come here to meet new friends, learn about cultures and conflicts in the participants' home countries. For me, peace is (or at least should) be the norm and conflicts the exception.



PANE STOJICIC

I'm 22 and from Bosnia . I'm honest, always speak the truth, respectful and demand respect. I thought we would work more and have more workshops. Wednesday was very good when we discussed the film Lilja 4-ever and trafficking and prostitution. All in all it is good here. Peace is when me and my family can walk and talk with others without being afraid of being attacked.