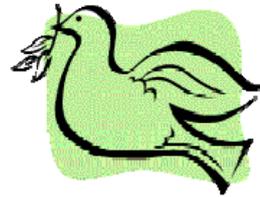




Youth exchange
Peace, Democracy and
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Leading Group Biography



DIMITRIJE OSTOJIC

The Sombor Youth Boom, Serbia

The 3-words to describe myself are: talkative, curious, human. Peace to me means the conditions to enable one to live a normal life. My expectations from the camp are: motivation for future work, new friends and travel. My first impression of Åland is that it fits into my image of Nordic.



EVGENY IVANOV

ANEEI-Bulgaria



JELENA PROTIC

The Helsinki Citizens' Assembly - Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The 3-words to describe myself are calm, responsible, and optimistic.

To me there are two kinds of peace that are both important: internal and external peace. If you have peace within yourself no conflicts will arise. You value peace most when you lose it.

My expectations from this camp are: meeting new people, stay in touch, create a network and relax. My first impression of Åland is that it is a peaceful place with beautiful nature. Everything is clean and in order. My group is very happy to be here. It is a new experience for them and I hope that other young people from Bosnia can experience this too.



JENNIKA KULLMAN

The Åland Islands Peace Institute, Mariehamn, Åland

LISA REA

Public Achievement, Belfast, Northern Ireland



Lisa is 26 and from Belfast in Northern Ireland. When she first came to Åland she thought it was very nice, pretty, quiet and peaceful. When asked to describe herself in 3 words, they were, unique, mischievous and empathetic. To her, peace means “Not just the absence of conflict. It means consideration and respect for cultures and traditions different than your own. She also said she hoped all the relationships made at the camp will continue well into the future.

MARJA LEENA MAGNUSSON

The Åland Islands Peace Institute. Camp leader.



Marja Leena is the main organiser of the camp. Seeing as she lives here, it wouldn't make much sense to ask her of her first impression of Åland, so instead we asked her what she thought of the participants of the peace camp. Luckily she was very nice about everyone and had this to say, “They are very positive, enthusiastic people, that are well motivated. I love them!” Describing herself in three words, she said she was kind, a good organiser and very social. After this we asked her what peace means to her, “Active justice, respect, tolerance, good communication, everything.” From the camp she is hoping to make a network with the partners here, hopes that this won't be the last camp of this sort, that people the participants will go back to their own countries and talk to others about what we did at the camp and that it will be a centre for peace. When asked if she would like to make any further comments, she added, “It's a hard job to sort everything for the camp, but it's more than worth it, all the stress and worry included. I hope you all get as much out of it as I have!”

MARSICA CELA

Beyond the Barriers, Albania



Marsida is from Albania and at the age of 25, she is the leader of the Albanian group. When she first arrived on Åland she was already excited as she had just had her first trip on a ferry, but she also thought that the island had very beautiful nature and that the people there were so nice, they changed her opinion of Nordic people. When describing herself in 3 words, she said she was social, optimistic and that she loved people. From this camp she was hoping to sort out the possibility of the camp one-day coming to Albania. To her, peace means, "To respect people rights. Be patient and to think positively." When just chatting, she said, "I appreciate that I am here. I don't see it as just good for me but also my group as the have made friends here and have also been able to learn a lot. This camp was a good opportunity for all Baltic countries involved to get together here and show the youth can change the future for the better."

NIKOLA KUKUNES

Youth Forum EYE, Macedonia



I am 32 years old. I am quiet, love nature and art. The word peace means everything to me. It means respect. I came here to meet new people, hear new point of views and learn about traditions, cultures and gain new experience. My first impression is that Åland is peaceful, the perfect environment.

ROBERT FARCZADI

YAP Youth Action for Peace, Cluj, Romania



I am 26 years old. The 3-words to describe myself are: active, social, and loves beauty. Peace to me is like Åland. It should be in the heart of people. I would like to see more communication between our different countries. I hope to take home the spirit of this place. Here nature is quiet and people are more introverted. It is a beautiful place.

About prejudice, we want to avoid them, but we all have them.



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