

YSP UK: Pristina, Kosovo Youth Peace Forum Presents Peace Projects

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On the 19th of May, youth from Kosovo and North Macedonia gathered to present their Peace Projects at the Pristina Youth Peace Forum, where they were able to get funding for the project development and implementation. Our YSP UK team travelled to support the events and initiative.

Following up from the trip in October to Kosovo and North Macedonia, the YSP UK team returned to Pristina to see the conclusion of this year's Peace Designer Training with the Pristina Youth Peace Forum and a 1-day seminar on the Peace Designer Principles. To support the Kosovo team, they spread flyers promoting the forum for the days leading up to the event and supported the 1-day seminar by leading and contributing to discussions.

On Friday the 19th, four teams of students from UBT - University of Business and Technology of Pristina - and from University of Tetova, presented projects on how improve their communities and cities. Topics ranged from implementation of Health and Sex Education in the education system, Economy Growth through the improvement of education, implementation of recycling systems and raising awareness of the benefits of cleaner cities (for both the mental and physical health) and bringing gender equality in the Criminalistic and Security Sciences.

The students showed passion, dedication and they were well prepared for their presentations, inspiring those who were present. The jury awarded each team for the different areas in which they excelled

providing funding so the students can kickstart their projects. We would like to congratulate all students for their hard work and for taking initiative to create and bring change in their communities and cities.



On Saturday the 20th, the students who presented their projects on Friday, and some additional Peace Designer Training participants, gathered for their final seminar of the year. They had the opportunity to learn about the five Peace Principles through lectures, activities and a panel of five people in different roles and fields, which also included our sister Alma G. and the national leaders of Albania and Kosovo, Manjola and Gabor V. At the end of the program, several students showed excitement towards helping to lead next years' program by providing Peace Designer Training to other students in their schools and universities. They also thanked the organisers, Ermirë B. and Ejona I., for all their hard work and the YSP UK team for their time and support to the project.