

FFWPU, UPF and YSP Moldova's Caravan of Nationalities and Empowering Youth

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YSP Moldova in collaboration with FFWPU Moldova and UPF Moldova organized the conference – Peace begins with me. This took place on September 20, 2020, in Chisinau, the location -Embassy of Peace- Federation of Families for Unification and Peace. The event was attended by 30 participants. Representatives of the peace departments of Moldova-International Association of Peace MPs, International Media Association for Peace, Interreligious Association for Peace and Development were present.

Also, at this conference were awarded the volunteers of the projects organized by YSP Moldova and the participants in the contests: Peace Designer online and the Essay Contest for young people – Peace starts with me. And diplomas were offered to peace ambassadors and youth peace ambassadors. The purpose of this project was to congratulate the promoters of his peace and to encourage them to become more involved in society.

The Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) in Europe and Middle East, a project of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), with key partners (among them IAYSP-Switzerland), took the initiative to host a two day-conference: "Empowering Youth for Peace through interreligious cooperation, education and humanitarian action". It featured an Interfaith Learning Workshop webinar on September 21, 2020, commemorating the 39th International Day of Peace, with the cooperation of 6 faith communities in Geneva, and a Webinar with 2 distinct sessions on September 22, 2020.

Project "Our helping hand" – On August 16 YSP Moldova participated in the Peace Designer Program and presented its project "Our helping hand" among other 11 teams from various countries. And we were among the three-winning team. So now we are working on putting announces in public schools of two districts and to mobilize about 15/30 young volunteers including the coordinators of the actions in two districts. Young will visit 10 aged people in each district and will give them emotional support and will help them with household chores.

Joint project "Caravan of nationalities" – YSP Moldova participates in the " Active Peace" program organized by Ecovosio. Young people form teams of 3-4 people each and work on a peace project.

There are several nationalities in Moldova, but the relations between them are not so developed, due to stereotypes and discrimination against minorities. Through our project called "Caravan of Nations" we want to hold a common event for several ethnic groups of Moldova.

The purpose of this project is to learn about the culture of other nationalities, but also to have personal communication in order to make harmony and to destroy existing barriers. We want to show that besides the differences we also have a lot in common. Thus, 6 representatives of the Gagauz nationality (from Tomai village) will travel to a Bulgarian village (Taraclia), where each will represent their culture, will be able to interact through fun games and will be able to taste traditional dishes.

The project will be realized at the end of October and will include about 50 people. A group of seven students learned valuable lessons when collecting litter at a local park in Barcelona.