

FFWPU UK: YSP UK Helps Launch Peace Club In (Kosovo) and Tetova University

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International Association of Youth and Students for Peace (IAYSP) is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation that was founded in 2018 in South Korea by Dr Hak Ja Han Moon.

IAYSP was conceived to tackle social, economic and environment issues through training, education and empowering the youth of today.

IAYSP has seen rapid growth and amazing achievements both on a local and global scale; in fact, IAYSP has received general ECO-SOC consultative status with the United Nations.

Mission statement

" To advance world peace by empowering youth and students to become global citizens through character education and peace projects through supporting the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. "

YSP UK's focus is on **youth training**, **youth character development** and **implementing projects** that promote the United Nation's sustainable development goals.



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