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PEACE ISLANDS YOUNG AMBASSADORS



Thank you for considering Peace Islands Institute. We are excited to share with you our proposal for the Peace Islands Young Ambassadors program. Peace Islands Young Ambassadors program is a peacebuilding and educational initiative for high school students in New York City that focuses on leadership development and addresses the problem of opportunity gaps between high income and underresourced students.

Our proposed program will feature workshops, field trips and academic mentors. Our strategy is to give these students the opportunity to learn and research global issues. Our long-term goal is to improve students' academic outcomes.

We believe that together we can support community-based solutions that promote and engage youth in meaningful acts of service. Our high school participants will draft policy papers each month on global issues such as conflict prevention, women's rights, extreme poverty and environmental sustainability.

We have a strong track record of promoting these principles. Since our founding in 2011, our programs have impacted thousands of people worldwide. Peace Islands Young Ambassadors program will admit a yearly cohort of 40 with the potential to impact 200 high school students in the first year.

We are requesting funds to support this project's overall implementation, honorariums, workshop fees, and transportation for students and to maximize our impact. The total cost of the program is \$94,051. We have already secured \$30,000 of which we will leverage to raise additional funds. We hope our program model will be replicated by likeminded organizations in other cities.

With your support, we can continue to provide the highest quality programs to New York City students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Nebi Demirsoy'.

Nebi Demirsoy
Executive Director

TIMELINE

STEP 1

Confirm twelve expert speakers for upcoming monthly workshops.

(Jan. 2014-Aug. 2014)



STEP 2

Facilitate monthly workshops from 10:00am- 5:00pm

(Sept. 2014-Aug. 2015)



STEP 3

Invite participants to attend academic panels to gain a deeper understanding of global topics

(Sept. 2014-Aug.2015)

LOGIC MODEL

DESCRIPTIONS

Open to all genders, races, and religions that emphasizes global competency through education.



ACTIVITIES

Field trips to the United Nations and Permanent Missions

Leadership workshops

3rd Annual Youth Leadership Forum

Invitations to all Peace Islands' academic panels



OUTCOMES

Cross-cultural understanding, global competency, critical thinking and public speaking skills

Improved academic performance

Future global leaders

MONTHLY TOPICS

Extreme Poverty and Hunger

Peacebuilding Process

Gender Equality and Empower Women

Child Mortality

Maternal Health

HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and Other Diseases

Social Responsibility

Global Partnership for Development

Interfaith Coexistence

Environmental Sustainability

Universal Primary Education

Technology

ABSTRACT

Global competency can contribute to peace by promoting diversity along with equal opportunity. Our program allows students to understand complex human issues and to transform their thinking about nuanced topics. We will adopt curriculums from numerous peace education organizations to create an innovative program that includes monthly workshops, invitations to weekly academic panels and an end of the year panel during our 3rd Annual Youth Leadership Forum. Last year, the forum attracted elected officials, UN Representatives and local high schools. Our goal is to disseminate findings participants gathered throughout the year during these workshops.

SUMMARY

Peace Islands Young Ambassadors Program is an after-school peace education program for a yearly cohort of 40 low-income high school students in New York City. In June, applications will be posted online at www.peaceislands.org and be made available to schools that choose to partner with Peace Islands Institute. This program will equip young people with leadership tools to reach their full potential through a series of structured activities including workshops, field trips, and academic mentorships.

SIGNIFICANCE

The process of peacebuilding is ongoing and complex. At Peace Islands Institute, we believe peace begins with a firm understanding of different, especially global issues. Since public education is the most efficient means through which today's students attain global competence, the importance of providing public high school students with leadership training and skills cannot be overstated. A recent study published by The National Education Association (NEA) asserts that public schools, especially in economically disadvantaged urban areas, lag behind their peers in other countries in their students' knowledge of geography, foreign language, and different cultures. Without this global competency, students will fail to become productive citizens in a globalized world. Our project will address this issue by closing the opportunity gap and encouraging students to become well-rounded young leaders through peace education.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

There are social and academic benefits to this program. Through exposure to global topics and critical thinking exercises, our participants will improve their classroom outcomes like GPA, attendance, and speaking skills. Socially, our program will empower students to speak confidently about global issues, learn the strategies of peace building, and become acquainted with the functions of different international organizations.

FUNDING REQUEST

The funds requested will be used to ensure program sustainability and participant engagement. Although the first cohort of 40 students in our program will be admitted for one year, we want to continue to admit new students each year to expand our impact. Your help is needed to help students develop their leadership skills and to be exposed to global content.

To recruit students and additional partners, we will use funds to display print and virtual advertisements with messages surrounding peacebuilding, education, equal opportunities and global competency. High-quality graphics, strong messaging and professional marketing materials will attract people to take part in our program. Our community outreach plan will maximize our impact and guarantee media attention.

"I am honored to partner with Peace Islands Institute. This institution creates great opportunities for a culture of peace. I am very happy to support their programs and I invite you to join us as well."

-Carlos Enrique Garcia Gonzales, Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations



"Peace Islands Institute brings together different organizations with different perspectives. The efforts of Peace Islands have a bigger impact than just one organization acting alone."

-Mualla Gur, Young Peace Builders Participant

"You are contributing to lasting peace and security at home and abroad [through] the promotion of the ideas of tolerance and interfaith dialogue. You do it through your everyday lives and you are truly strengthening the fabric of our common humanity, as well as promoting the ongoing cultural and educational ties that bind our world together. I want to thank you for your contributions to America."

Former President Bill Clinton delivered the keynote address at our 3rd Annual Friendship Dinner in September 2008.



SPEAKERS

Ambassador Boonam Shin

Permanent Representative of South Korea to the UN

Ambassador Carlos Enrique Garcia Gonzales

Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the UN

Ambassador Cesare M. Ragolini

Permanent Representative of Italy to the UN

Ambassador Claude Heller

Permanent Representative of Mexico to the UN

Ambassador Milan Milonovic

Permanent Representative of Serbia to the UN

Ambassador Milorad Scepunovic

Permanent Representative of Montenegro to the UN

Ambassador Mirsada Colakovic

Permanent Representative of Bosnia and
Herzegovina to the UN

Ambassador Morten Wetland

Permanent Representative of Norway to the UN

Ambassador Ranko Vukovic

Permanent Representative of Croatia to the UN

Bill Clinton

Former President of the United States

Charles Schumer

United States Senator

Chris Christie

Governor of New Jersey

Corey Booker

United States Senator

Counselor Li Kexin

Permanent Representative of China to the UN

Dr. A.L. Abdul Momen

Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN

Narinder Kakar

UN Permanent Observer in New York

Hillary Clinton

Former Secretary of State

Huseyin Muftuoglu

Permanent Representative of Turkey to the UN

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