



## CONCEPT NOTE ON “PEACE HOUSE”

Afghanistan is a country which passed almost three decades of war & still trying to bring peace & to stand up on its own legs & in order to help our country Afghanistan achieve its goals and have a bright future the Youths play a very important & positive role in this country, but Youths themselves should first be developed & get skillful in order to make a peaceful Afghanistan, they should know what Peace is and how to share & inform others about its benefits.

About MasterPeace Afghanistan:

MasterPeace is a new, innovative, bottom-up peace initiative, organized by young people in east and west, in co-creation with musicians, artists, peace-workers, journalists, cities, NGOs, companies and other members of the civil society. Through music, art, new media, grass root involvement and the development of the International Day of Peace, MasterPeace will encourage dialogue and togetherness from small local neighborhoods to large conflict areas, worldwide.

MasterPeace Afghanistan is a fully Youth led organization officially registered with government of Afghanistan as an independent NGO, in Ministry of Economic under registration Number 2806 as a branch & partner of MasterPeace Organization

MasterPeace Afghanistan have successfully organized some activities & events in the past to spread word of Peace & togetherness between the people of Afghanistan, from which we can name Celebration of International day of Peace 2012, providing Legal Awareness Seminars on Human Rights & citizen Rights, Violence against women & elections Rights for the students of different Universities in Kabul Afghanistan which was really appreciated by the participants & is a big achievement for us, Not only this MasterPeace Afghanistan celebrated International women day 8<sup>th</sup> March inside the Women's Garden in Kabul, around 250 women joined the celebration & it was very inspiring for everyone.



What will be the **PEACE HOUSE**?



Imagine a symbolic place for peace in a country where there is everyday war & explosions & suicide attacks, in addition to these issues there are ethnic groups & conflicts (cultural & religious conflicts), which is a big challenge to overcome.

Peace House is a project or initiative in which we will be inspiring people & specially Youths to come together at one place, use from each other's experiences & share ideas with each other , learn from each other's , develop skills , learn & share music talents , art, technology & to bring a change on their **psychology & social behaviors** by using our meditation classes and learn how to meditate & convey it to others, so that all follow same aim & vision which is creating peace together because we believe if you once inspire people & let them know about the real taste of Peace they would love to continue with it and share it with others.

Why is it Important?

In a country like Afghanistan! We don't have such place where people & special Youths can come together & have a peaceful environment & get inspired so then they could be able to work with each other & use from each other talents or exchange ideas with each other only for a reason & which is Creating Peace together & making a sustainable country & it's because we believe Humanity needs hero's, exemplary human beings, who set forth on a lonely and frightening query. But eventually they bring something of immense value to our society. We need such hero's who are Youths of this country to change the course of history, by bringing holistic, multilateral and universal approach to the affected part of our society.



## **Target Beneficiaries:**

Our targeted beneficiaries will be usually Youths from the Age of 15 to 30, because we believe in the energy, thinking power & talents that Afghanistan Youths are having, we believe if we as Youths ourselves once streamline them, then they will become the MasterPeacers & peace builders & will inspire other people to join hands & come together for creating Peace. These young people can express themselves creatively and discuss the situation in the country and – most importantly – create networks and build friendships.

## **Goal:**

Our Goal is to introduce a symbolic place to our Afghan Society for the first time in Afghanistan where people come for Creating Peace Together & to raise awareness between people about peace through our Peace House & to encourage Youths to use their talent & energy for peace building, because we believe almost everyone in Afghanistan knows how to fight, but there is less people who knows how to Create peace & to accept each other's opinion and to be positive to each other.

## **Objective of Peace House:**

Our objective is creating a sustainable peace for a sustainable future & to contribute to a more tolerant society of well-functioning individuals, who can develop themselves to their full potential and who can fulfill their roles and participate in the social and economic development of their country. Our purpose is Education, inspiration, and support in finding inner peace, thus to radiate peace to family, community, nation, and world.

To form a community opens to all people regardless of race, religion.

Our aim is to play a role in developing community-based empowerment driven projects, focused on the prevention of violence & conflicts.

- To create a network of Young peace builders or MasterPeacers who would motivate people to come together & work for creating peace & to develop Youths Peace Committee
- To work on peace education & develop capacity building programs for Youths
- To bring different cultures at one place & to let them know that we are all one and from one country to decrease the cultural conflict.
- To develop Youths high way of positive thinking by Youths (Youths will come up & learn something & then transfer their skills, this step itself will create a moral for the Youths to get developed), because we believe that the investment of today is the success for future
- Skills Exchange programs for Youths & create multi talent Youths



(Ex: If someone knows Music we want to teach him/her art which then it would be something like a mixture of talent)

- To make Youth believe that they are the co-owners of the Peace House & they are the Peace Makers

### What is the impact of Peace House?

- Youths will get to know about a place where they can think of doing something for Peace & to use from their talent & energy for peace building
- Youths will learn (Music , Art , Technology) & know about the connection of Art , Music & Technology with Peace
- A number minimum 100 Youths will be mobilized in peace building each year & will get inspired and convinced to use their own talent, energy & skills for peace building
- Talented Youths will be introduced to other Institution to find a Job
- Culture of Peace will be more promoted between Youths
- Youths will get to know about Peace Education

### What Will PEACE HOUSE Include?

Before discussing the activities we are hoping to have a new constructed Peace House somewhere inside the city of Kabul but due to lack of security not sure of budget or land for it we can start it now by renting a house but renovating it according to our needs.

Needs in Peace House are as following:

#### 1. Music Room:

Music is the only language which can cross borders, therefore we believe it is the greatest instrument for inspiring people to work for peace.

Music room will be a room where Youths will come together & learn about Music (not only one type ,but they will be provided a schedule to learn different types of instruments & music) apart from this we would like to convert this music room to a real life Music Studio for those Youths who have worked in music section & done some real great efforts in this field & now they want to raise to the world but are having financial difficulties to develop themselves & to show themselves to the world.



## Expected Outcomes:

- Youths will get music lessons & will be professional musicians
- Youths with financial problems will find a place where they can improve themselves ex: by having a free recorded version of their own song(s)
- After getting developed Youths can go to higher steps such as media & Television
- A number of Youths will be graduated from musical lessons each year.
- Youths will be convinced to use music for Stopping drug use & they can also convey peace messages through their singing songs

## 2. Art Room:

### A: Drawing & Graffiti Sections:

It will include drawing art & calligraphy.

The place where the Youths should learn Drawing & Art & then should make exciting Arts so that the people who visits the Peace House get inspired of the designs, here a pre talented or learner and a new comer can join to learn more about Art & to share ideas with each other, the best Art of students will be taken out & will put on exhibition room & will include a price.

Youths will learn how to use graffiti in peace building.

Expected Outcome:

- Youths will learn a new Talent or skill which is Drawing or calligraphy .
- The culture of Peace through art will be developed in society
- Youths will be convinced After getting to know about Art , youths can create their own Art Shop & make money in future by selling their Art work
- Youths will create different graffiti & will be introduced to different organization to share their work & experience

### B: Peace Photography Section

Youths will learn to be professional photographers , the aim of this section is to encourage youths to link peace with their photography & they will be encourage to start a new subject under the name of Peace Photography.

Unique photography of Youths will be exhibited in our exhibition room & will include a price and also each year MasterPeace Afghanistan will held Peace Photography festival events to encourage Youths In Peace Photography & the winners or Top photos will be published in Peace House magazines.



Expected Outcome:

- For the first time in Afghanistan a new name will raise to the world of photography which is Peace Photography.
- Youths will get involved in Peace building through Peace Photography
- Youths will be introduced to National & International media as professional photographers for their further career development & will also be introduced to private or non-private firms to do consultancy services , so in this ways Youths will become economically depended.

### 3. Meditation & Psychco Social Room:

Youths will be given free Psychco social advises.

A room with very soft & nice colors inside designed in a shape where no voice could enter from outside & inside, where Youths would come for around 30-60 minutes a day & they will receive meditation lessons in order to have a calm & relaxed , peaceful mind

Expected Outcome:

- Youths will get psychological advices
- Youths will be mentally meditated

### 4. Tech Room (Technology Room):

It will not be a room where Youths could learn only about the daily used computer Programs inside Afghanistan but this Room will be equipped with the latest technology related to the needs of society starting from Touch computers & mini computers & 3D or 7D screens

The Tech Room shall be an inspirational room for Youths which could show the development of the world linked to Peace in their countries so that the Youths could get inspired & shall be persuaded by the work of the other world and make a step to work for development in their country Afghanistan. Students from Mechanical Engineering & Information Technology Departments will be regularly invited to come to this room & get inspired & also to share their own projects with us & we will help them to get introduced to most skilled & professional Computer engineers working in different companies in Afghanistan this will make a chance of sharing ideas with them or even to find chances of employment or internship programs.

Youths will also learn about the Internet world & will find a chance of getting connected worldwide.

Expected Outcome:

- Youths will get informed about new Developed Technology in the world



- Youths will get convinced to learn more about Information Technology
- Youths will share their own projects & will be introduced to most famous Technology Companies for further development.
- Youths will have a chance to experience theoretical lessons practically by using the equipment's located in our Tech room.

## 5. Book Room (Library)

Which will be a fully equipped room with Books starting from Law to Technology & business Administration & Islamic studies where Youth will read about their desired subject & then they should write research topics on that, then a winner will be selected at the end of each month & he/she will be given a reward. (This is done in order to convince Youths to read more)

Not only that, But interested Youths will be given a chance to establish & manage a Magazine which will include Peace Activities , Legal researches , Reports of Activities from National & International Organizations in Afghanistan & Youths Role in Society and others this can be Published in hard or through Social Media .

Book room of peace house will take opening & publishing events for those youths who published Books & will provide a chance of marketing for them & will also help them to sell their publications.

Expected Outcomes:

- People will get to know about the publication & research topics of Youths related to Peace & different areas.
- Youths will write research topics
- Youths will encourage to read books
- Peace house's Book room will act as a marketing platform for Writers & Youths who published books or research topics & will be introduced to National & International organizations & individuals to get financially developed.

## 6. Peace Education Room

This will be a room where Youths come together & will receive Seminars , Workshops , capacity building & self-development trainings from MasterPeace Afghanistan with cooperation with experts & top lecturers.

It will also include Islamic education on different Topics like How to accept each other's opinions & others.

This room it will also include Peace Journalism Trainings



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## 7. The Exhibition Room (future)

This will be the room where all valuable outputs from the Youths will be stored such as Art , Musical Awards , Poems , songs written, Top Blogs , Research Topics (Peace , Technology or any other) , Sports Achievements, & any new initiatives or inventions which is done by Youths themselves shall be shown & presented here.

## 8. Sports & the Peace Rose Garden

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