

WP4

Learning Materials and Courses

Music of youth - A Peace Building Approach



A woman with blonde hair, wearing a purple and white checkered sweater, is shown in profile from the chest up. She is holding a harmonica and appears to be playing it. The background is slightly blurred, showing what looks like a room with a green wall and a brown jacket hanging on a chair.

PEACE THROUGH MUSIC INTERNATIONAL

ABOUT

The organisation was founded in 1999 by music teacher Liz Shropshire in response to the humanitarian crisis in Kosovo.

Its mission is to transform the lives of war impacted children and adolescents through locally-run, youth-led music education programmes.

As the refugee crisis around the globe hits unprecedented levels, Peace through Music International is striving to improve the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable citizens through music. Since 1999, the organisation has brought its programs to 20,000 children and taught 95,000 classes.

EXAMPLES OF THE TEACHING WORK

Serving Ukrainian Refugees in Poland
At least 12 million people have fled their homes since Russia's invasion of Ukraine. We've established a program for young refugees in Łódź, Poland, teaching harmonica, singing, and ukulele classes while also providing teacher training for teenagers. In a time of severe stress and trauma, our program brings purpose, self-esteem, achievement, creativity, fun and joy.

<https://www.peacethroughmusicinternational.org/>



GLENCREE CENTRE FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

ABOUT

Transforming political & inter-communal conflict since 1974

The Glenree Centre for Peace & Reconciliation in Ireland works to prevent and transform political and inter-communal conflict and build peaceful, inclusive societies. We bring individuals and groups impacted by conflict together and help them find pathways to reconciliation and sustained peace through facilitated dialogue, relationship-building, public discourse and shared learning.

THE MISSING PEACE TOOLKIT

Designed to be accessible and adaptable, the toolkit provides innovative methods to support young people in developing the skills and awareness needed to navigate conflict and contribute to peacebuilding in their communities. It includes a diverse range of interactive and engaging activities including:

- Role-playing scenarios that simulate real-life conflicts
 - Workshops on understanding the roots and impact of conflict
 - Mock trials to build conflict resolution and public speaking skills
 - Creative exercises using music, storytelling and documentary-making
 - Games and interactive discussions on cultural differences, identity and dialogue
- The Missing Peace Project Toolkit is available for free to youth organisations, educators and community groups.

<https://glenree.ie/news/missing-peace-toolkit/>