



Rotarian Peace Projects Incubator

2022 Edition – www.rppi.ch

Please send to contact@rppi.ch

Rotarian Peace Projects Incubator's Thematic Area	Peace Building
Rotary Focus Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting Peace
Contact: Contact person within your group (responsible for this project proposal)(Name + email)	Natalija Vojno natalija.vojno@gmail.com
Project Title: Provide a full title (and acronym if any)	Circles of Consciousness
Project Partners and Participating Organisations: List all your project partner organisations, including participating Rotary clubs and districts if any	Our Future First
Geographical Scope	Western Balkans
<p>Summary:</p> <p>Please provide a concise summary with a maximum of 500 words outlining the project and explaining the community needs your project will address and how these needs were identified.</p> <p>Ensure that you include what your project aims to achieve (objective) and how (method/procedure). What will be the main outcomes?</p> <p>Explain in a few sentences how you will incorporate the objective of sustainability into your project.</p>	<p>Problem description</p> <p>Tensions are on the rise in the Western Balkans. From Police in Kosovo stopping the ethnic Serb minority from accessing Serbian referendum ballots following escalations at the border in late 2021, to the January 9th commemoration of Serb independence triggering renewed tensions and counter demonstrations in Bosnia & Herzegovina (BiH) unresolved disputes are mobilizing the citizenry and the diaspora on social media and in person. Some in Kosovo seek unification with Albania and the Republika Srpska (RS) entity has been moving towards secession. The dispute in the RS comes in part following a Constitutional Court ruling which considers agricultural land and forestry in RS the jurisdiction of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Most recently, Bosnian Serbs voted to leave the BiH armed forces, judiciary and tax system triggering Bosniaks who oppose allowing the territory to peacefully secede. In November of 2021, the UN renewed the EU Bosnia military mission. Youth are becoming increasingly nationalistic and lack opportunities to exchange with one another and to engage in dialogue about shared interests.</p> <p>Project objectives and goal</p> <p>Facilitate dialogue between inter-ethnic youth from the Western Balkans on the themes of dealing with the past and shared futures.</p> <p>Project description</p>

	<p>Using the method of circle processes, multiple inter-ethnic groups of Western Balkan young people will be gathered in groups of 6-7 for informal open sense-making and healing dialogues. The intention is to create a safe and respectful place for sharing thoughts and feelings about concepts of identity, aspirations, and the present and historical context.</p> <p>The process will train young people in the tools and techniques to cultivate peace and justice in their communities. Mindfulness and breathing techniques will be introduced at the beginning to allow participants to self-monitor their response to potentially tense themes. The circle methodology teaches non-violent communication by incorporating a sequence of listening and speaking in turn. Participants will be asked to speak for themselves rather than as representatives of any group.</p> <p>Collective understanding and knowledge will be developed through the open and respectful principles of the circle. The dialogue questions would be shared with participants in advance and be designed around current themes concerning cultivating inner and outer peace, respect, and the preservation of human rights.</p> <p>Sustainability</p> <p>The project lead has begun to build a network of young people in the Western Balkans and would be recruiting leaders from this community to join a working group with a small honorarium provided for them to develop the main event and continue with ongoing engagements.</p>
Beneficiaries: Who are the beneficiaries? Please include the estimated number of direct beneficiaries	80 Young People from Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia.
Project Period	February 20, 2022 - May 20, 2022 +

Project Timeline:

	Feb	March	April	May							
Planning	X										
Design	X	X									
Promotion	X	X									
Delivery		X	X								
Follow-Up			X	X							

Project budget:

Category	Unit	Number of Units	Unit Cost	Amount	%
Coordinator for Admin & Reporting Two Task Force members responsible for administrative work, such as setting meetings, keeping regular communication, etc.	person months	2.00	\$300.00	\$600.00	21.43%
Partnerships & External Relations PR, and logistics of comms with different partners / external entities, etc.	person months	2.00	\$225.00	\$450.00	16.07%
Communications: Social Media + Graphics design + Marketing/ Media + Video	person months	2.00	\$225.00	\$450.00	16.07%

Designing of social media assets, visual and posting schedules. Also coordinating with relevant partners to cross-post					
Communications: Social Media Promotion					
\$20 per language group (Albanian, Serbian, Bosnian, Macedonian, English) across Facebook, Instagram	ads	5.00	\$20.00	\$100.00	3.57%
Workshop Development & Capacity building materials					
Development of materials for capacity-building and other case by case basis stuff as required	person months	1.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	5.36%
Admin					
Bank & Transfer Fees; Coordination, Web	fees	1.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	5.36%
Convening Costs					
Snacks and refreshments for in-person gatherings	connectivity	10.00	\$50.00	\$500.00	17.86%
GRAND TOTAL				2400	100