

Youth, Peace, and Security Masterclass Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Political Science and International Relations	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Analyze the Youth, Peace, and Security (YPS) agenda, including its historical context and the five foundational pillars: Participation, Protection, Prevention, Disengagement & Reintegration, and Partnership.
2. Deconstruct the complex, multifaceted roles of youth in conflict, moving past stereotypes of them as solely victims or perpetrators.
3. Conduct youth-sensitive conflict analysis to identify drivers of violence and opportunities for youth-led peace initiatives.
4. Design and implement effective youth-inclusive peacebuilding programs that are context-specific and culturally sensitive.
5. Master the principles of meaningful youth engagement and challenge tokenism in peace processes.
6. Develop advocacy skills to influence policy and secure financial support for youth-led movements and grassroots peacebuilding.
7. Explore the intersections of youth, peace, and other global challenges like climate change, violent extremism, and gender-based violence.
8. Understand the critical role of digital technologies and social media in mobilizing youth and promoting digital peacebuilding.
9. Facilitate intergenerational dialogue and foster multi-stakeholder partnerships for sustainable peace.
10. Apply psychological first aid principles and trauma-informed approaches to support youth in post-conflict settings.
11. Identify and address barriers to marginalized youth inclusion, ensuring that peace initiatives are equitable.
12. Evaluate the impact and effectiveness of youth-focused peace and security interventions.
13. Create a personal or organizational action plan for implementing the YPS agenda in their respective communities.

Organizational Benefits

- Equips teams with advanced knowledge and practical skills for designing and managing youth-inclusive peace and security projects.
- Ensures programs are aligned with global best practices and international frameworks like UN Security Council Resolutions, increasing their credibility and funding potential.
- Fosters an organizational culture that embraces youth leadership and innovation, leading to more dynamic and sustainable peacebuilding outcomes.

- Directly contributes to more effective, localized, and durable peace efforts by engaging the largest demographic of the world's population.
- Positions the organization as a leader in youth empowerment and conflict transformation, attracting top talent and strategic partnerships.

Target Audience

1. Youth Leaders & Activists.
2. NGO & INGO Staff.
3. Government & Policy Makers.
4. UN & Donor Agency Representatives.
5. Educators & Researchers.
6. Security Sector Professionals.
7. Community & Religious Leaders.
8. Journalists & Media Professionals.

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Module 1: Foundations of Youth, Peace, and Security

- Defining Youth.
- The Dual Narrative.
- UNSCR 2250 & The YPS Agenda.
- The Five Pillars.
- **Case Study:** The **Colombian Youth Peace Movement** and its role in the 2016 peace accord, demonstrating youth's influence in formal peace processes.

Module 2: Youth-Sensitive Conflict Analysis & Prevention

- Understanding Conflict Drivers.
- Youth as Early Warning.
- Digital Peacebuilding.
- The YPS-PVE Nexus.
- **Case Study:** **Youth-led initiatives in Somalia** using community radio and digital platforms to counter extremist narratives.

Module 3: Meaningful Youth Participation & Empowerment

- Beyond Tokenism.
- Youth-Led Initiatives.
- Intergenerational Dialogue.
- Inclusive Participation.
- **Case Study:** The **Kroc Institute's research on youth inclusion** in peace negotiations in the Philippines.

Module 4: Protection & Resilience

- Protecting Youth Rights.
- Addressing Trauma.
- Child Soldiers & Young Combatants.
- Education for Peace.

- **Case Study:** The work of **UNICEF and local NGOs in the Central African Republic** on the reintegration of former child soldiers.

Module 5: Partnerships & Advocacy

- Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships.
- Resource Mobilization.
- Policy Advocacy.
- Measuring Impact.
- **Case Study:** The **development and implementation of a National Action Plan on YPS** in countries like Jordan or Finland, highlighting the partnership model.

Module 6: Youth, Climate, and Security

- Climate Change as a Conflict Multiplier.
- Youth as Climate Activists.
- Building Climate Resilience.
- Resource Governance & Conflict.
- **Case Study:** Youth-led climate justice movements in the **Niger Delta** and their work on environmental and peace activism.

Module 7: The Role of Young Women in Peace and Security

- Beyond the WPS Agenda.
- Gender-Sensitive Analysis.
- Women's Leadership.
- Addressing SGBV.
- **Case Study:** Young women's peace networks in **Northern Ireland** and their contribution to transitional justice and reconciliation.

Module 8: The Future of YPS & The Digital Frontier

- AI & Conflict.
- Digital Divide & Inclusion.
- From Online to On-the-Ground.
- Mental Health & Digital Well-being.
- **Case Study:** The use of **crowdsourcing platforms** and **online mapping tools** by youth in **Syria** to monitor and report on conflict dynamics.

Training Methodology

Our training methodology is highly **interactive, participatory, and action-oriented**. It combines theoretical knowledge with practical application through a blend of:

- Mini-Lectures.
- Group Discussions & Breakout Sessions.
- Case Study Analysis.
- Role-Playing & Simulations.
- Guest Speakers.
- Mentorship.
- Action Planning Workshops.

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