

## 2022 Annual Activities Report of Stichting PeaceJam Europe

These activities were organised and attended by the 'European Youth Team'; a group of young adults aged 18-35 who are trained by PeaceJam as facilitators, young leaders and mentors. The 'EYT' delivers programming and events to younger youth throughout Europe and supports the work of PeaceJam's affiliates and chapters in the region.

Particular highlights of the EYT's work throughout 2022 were...

### January

#### 15th January 2022 - Saturday Sessions: Season Two; Joy: A Community Building Tool



The EYT was invited to take part in the second season of the 'Saturday Sessions'; An online space for education, inspiration, and action, hosted by PeaceJam youth leaders based in PeaceJam Southeast for youth leaders and friends around the world. This particular dialogue was centred around the 'Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World' by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

## March


### 25-26th March - Rotary Day with UNICEF: Empowering Girls

"Rotary Day with UNICEF: Empowering Girls

How do we create a safe and more resilient world for girls as we re-open societies post-pandemic? While progress in girls' education, health and status has been made, since Covid-19 access to education, health, and health systems has been limited and the incidence of early child marriage has increased significantly.

Join Rotary International and UNICEF 25-26 March to explore community-based solutions to create a safe and resilient world for girls."

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

A promotional poster for the event. It features a group of diverse young girls smiling. The text on the poster includes "JOIN US!", "ROTARY DAY WITH UNICEF", "EMPOWERING GIRLS", "25-26 March 2022", and the logos for Rotary and UNICEF (for every child).

From 25-26 March, Rotary International and UNICEF hosted a series of online workshops, talks and interactive sessions that focused on Empowering Women and Girls. Several of our EYT members attended sessions and found the two-day event to be very informative.

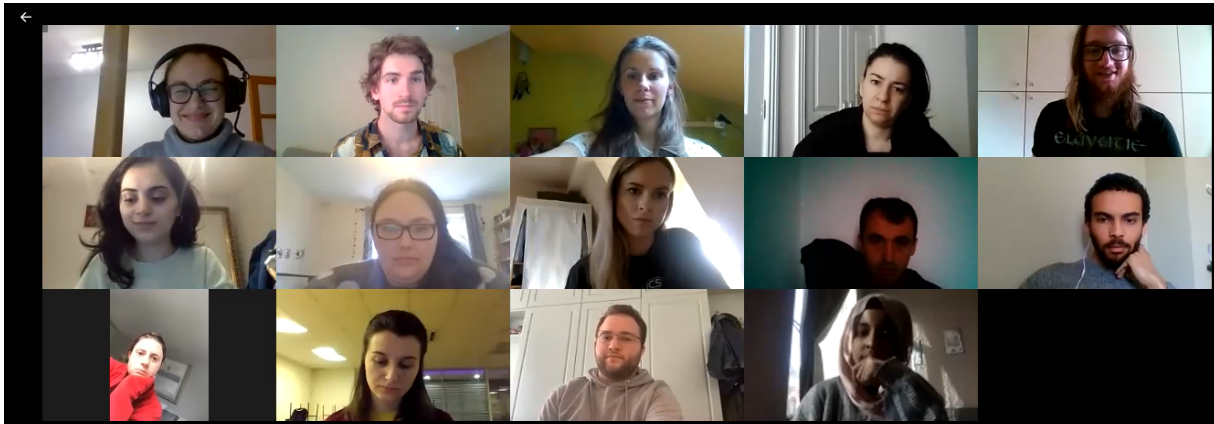
### 27th March 2022 - European Youth Team: Monthly Meeting



We re-launched our end-of-the-month monthly meetings and had good attendance and discussed ideas and initiatives for 2022.

## April

### April 24th 2022 - European Youth Team: Monthly Meeting



We had our second EYT Monthly meeting at the end of April, we welcomed several new members and, again, discussed upcoming projects and initiatives for 2022.

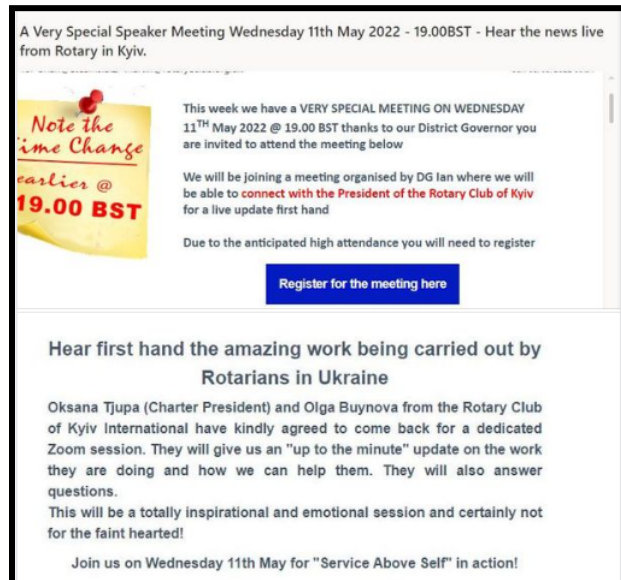
## May

### May 4th - World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates and UNESCO: Press Freedom: Case Studies from Around the World:



One member from the EYT, Luke Addison, was asked to be a Moderator for an online panel event organised by the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates and UNESCO, titled “Press Freedom: Case Studies from Around the World” which consisted of several groups of young people from India, Mexico, Colombia and more talking about issues with press and media freedom in their countries and exploring solutions. The event was recorded and can be viewed here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxyyKhDx3hA&t=230s&ab\\_channel=WorldSummitofNobelPeaceLaureates](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxyyKhDx3hA&t=230s&ab_channel=WorldSummitofNobelPeaceLaureates)

**Wednesday 11th May 2022-**  
**Rotary E-Club of Innovation: A very special speaker meeting “Hear the news live from  
Rotary in Kyiv”**



A Very Special Speaker Meeting Wednesday 11th May 2022 - 19.00BST - Hear the news live from Rotary in Kyiv.

**Note the time Change earlier @ 19.00 BST**

This week we have a VERY SPECIAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> May 2022 @ 19.00 BST thanks to our District Governor you are invited to attend the meeting below

We will be joining a meeting organised by DG Ian where we will be able to **connect with the President of the Rotary Club of Kyiv** for a live update first hand

Due to the anticipated high attendance you will need to register

[Register for the meeting here](#)

**Hear first hand the amazing work being carried out by Rotarians in Ukraine**

Oksana Tjupa (Charter President) and Olga Buynova from the Rotary Club of Kyiv International have kindly agreed to come back for a dedicated Zoom session. They will give us an "up to the minute" update on the work they are doing and how we can help them. They will also answer questions.

This will be a totally inspirational and emotional session and certainly not for the faint hearted!

Join us on Wednesday 11th May for "Service Above Self" in action!

Due to close linked with Rotary clubs in the UK, our EYT members were invited to a very unique, online Rotary Club meeting hosted by the Rotary E-Club of Innovation:  
<https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=2106/>

The meeting hosted Oksana Tjupa and Olga Buynova, incoming and current Presidents of the Rotary Club of Kyiv to talk about the situation in Ukraine and particularly about Rotary's role in supporting Ukrainian people and communities.

**May 16th - 5th International Day of Living Together in Peace (IDLP):**  
**Film screening of the documentary “We All” and signing of the Universal Declaration of**

**Living Together in Peace.**



We were invited by our members within PeaceJam Belgium to attend the special 5th Edition of the International Day of Living Together in Peace (IDLP) which included a Film screening of the documentary; “We All” and signing of the Universal Declaration of Living Together in Peace.

The screening and film can be seen here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMsG81QVglo&ab\\_channel=AllofUs-TheFilm](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMsG81QVglo&ab_channel=AllofUs-TheFilm)

**European Youth Team: Monthly Meeting: May 29th 2022**

We had our third EYT Monthly meeting at the end of May, we welcomed several new members and, again, discussed upcoming projects and initiatives for 2022.

## June

### 1st June -

### PeaceJam Europe: European Youth Team open applications for new members of the Communications Team



In June 2022, the EYT decided to open up membership of the Communications Team to ensure that upcoming events, projects and initiatives can be marketed and documented. We had a good number of applications and were able to welcome two new members to the Communications Team.

### 3rd June 2022 - Mission: JOY; Global Film Watch event



On the 3rd of June, EYT members were invited to join the global film screening of “Mission:Joy”, a film that shares the humour and wisdom of two of the world's most beloved peace icons, His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

**7th/16th June 2022 -  
Generation Change: Mental health-based workshops developed and delivered by  
members of the EYT for UK schools**

Fw: URGENT: PeaceJam UK - **Generation Change** - Smithills School - 7 June

*Following on from our meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>, which does feel like rather a long time ago now, I wondered whether I could take advantage of having the youth ambassadors speak to pupils and lead the sessions as offered? As this would be massively positive for their mental health they will just have done GCSE RE*

*Year 10 7<sup>th</sup> June there are 2 classes on at 9.10 for an hour and two classes on at 10.10 for an hour who could really benefit from this. Ideally if we could have them doing it separately if it could be done that way as the classes are HUGE it would be fantastic.*

*Ideally with the above I'd like them to do a lesson before prepping them for the session and a session post reflecting so if you have anything for this or if I could see the resources in advance so I can plan this I would be grateful so I can produce something that could be used, I will of course then share anything I made with you.*

*This class will just have done GCSE Citizenship*

*Year 10 16<sup>th</sup> June there are 2 further classes on at 9.10 who would also benefit from this session.*

Members of the EYT worked closely with PeaceJam UK to develop 'Generation Change'; <https://www.peacejameurope.org/projects/peacejam-uk%3A-generation-change>  
On the 7th June, members of the EYT were zoomed into classrooms at Smithills School, UK, to deliver the workshops to two classes of year 10s. Then again, on the 16th June, they were zoomed into two more year 10 classes. The sessions were a complete success and the students and EYT members greatly benefited from the workshops.

**27/06/22 - 01/07/22- Eutopia Week; Organised by VUB University, Belgium**



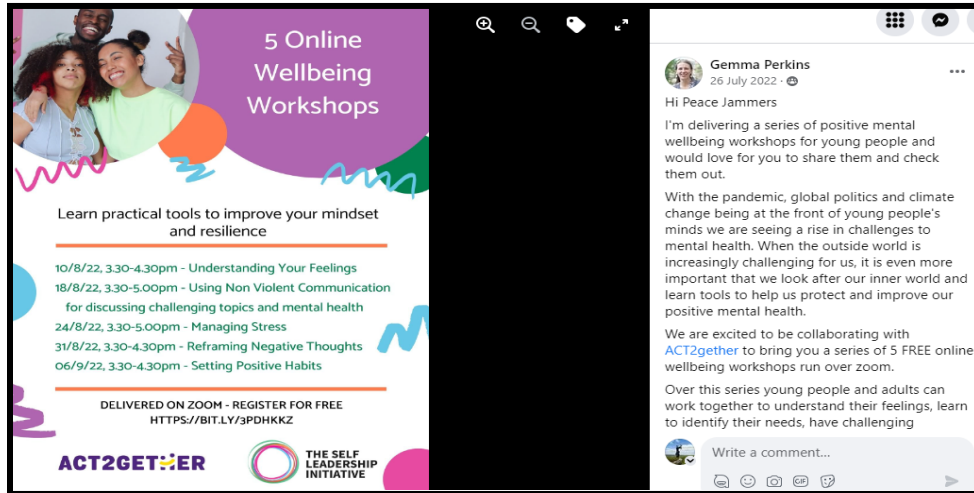
VUB University, Belgium, where PeaceJam Belgium held conferences in 2018, 2019 and 2020, hosted a 'Eutopia Week' and PeaceJam Belgium held an interactive workshop and panel session.

**European Youth Team: Monthly Meeting; June 26th 2022**

We had our fourth EYT Monthly meeting at the end of June, we welcomed several new members and, again, discussed upcoming projects and initiatives for 2022.

## July

### 5 Online Well-being workshops throughout August and September



EYT member, Gemma Perkins, works with ACT2gether and The Self Leadership Initiative and offered our members the opportunity to attend and be part of 5 online well-being workshops.

### European Youth Team: Monthly Meeting; July 31st 2022



We had our fifth EYT Monthly meeting at the end of July, we welcomed several new members and, welcomed a large contingent of Romanian students from the Campina school who had decided that they wanted to run their own PeaceJam conference after attending our online PeaceJam UK conference in November 2021 and originally scheduled the conference for December 2022 but this was later changed to April 2023.



**August**

**25th August, 2022 -**

**New Women Connectors; Faith & Value Creation; What is the Future of Faith and Gender?**

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*Webinar:*

**FAITH & VALUE CREATION:  
WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF FAITH AND GENDER?**

This event will explore gender equality in different faith communities because there are many faith communities, including migrants, that are finding themselves in a shift of time. These are all things we need to change in our society and, in order for changes to happen, we have to make the challenges visible and prepare a safe path showcasing role models for new ways of living authentically.

The aim of this event is to strengthen female faith community leaders' visibility and challenge gender stereotypes within faith communities.

Through initiating a safe space where female faith leaders can mobilize and network to channel value creation to be an entrepreneur within a faith community.

Through this event, we hope to connect and amplify female faith leaders and voice their needs for policy change within society.

Register at the  
link below!

25 August 2022  
13:00 - 15:00 CET

One member of the EYT, Seyran Khalili, is a member of New Women Connectors;

<https://www.newwomenconnectors.com/>

And invited our members to take part in a very interested virtual event focused on Faith and Gender.

**European Youth Team: Monthly Meeting; August 28th 2022**

We had our seventh EYT Monthly meeting at the end of August, we welcomed several new members and, again, discussed upcoming projects and initiatives for 2022.

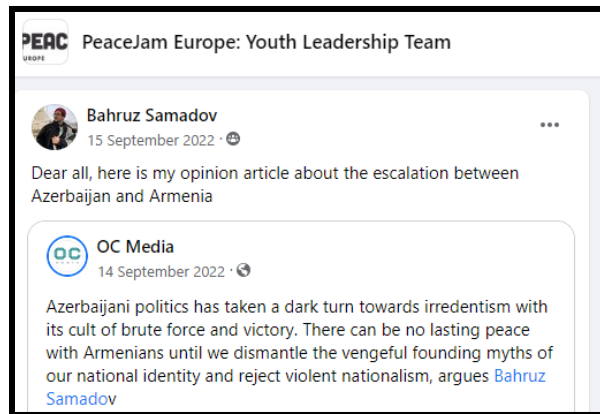
## September

### September 21st 2022- Sharing what 'Peace means to you' via PeaceJam HQ's online Billion Acts of Peace Campaign for the International Day of Peace



The Billion Acts of Peace Campaign ran a two-week long online campaign that encouraged global PeaceJam members to share what 'Peace' means to them for their social media campaign that ran from September 11th up until International Day of Peace on September 21st.

### 15th Sep 2022 - OC Media; Opinion article authored by EYT Member Bahruz Samadov



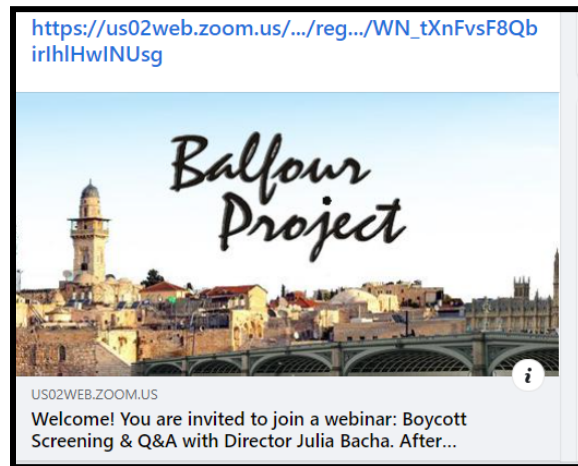
One EYT member, Bahruz Samadov, wrote an an opinion article published by OC Media about the escalation in tensions between Azerbaijan and Armenia:

[https://oc-media.org/opinions/opinion-the-war-never-ended-the-peace-process-never-existed/?fbclid=IwAR2U2DyGBjfSEQW7YjbDN0P\\_-hvrlly\\_BV\\_F3vC3OevRWMz4DjrD\\_Z7g67k](https://oc-media.org/opinions/opinion-the-war-never-ended-the-peace-process-never-existed/?fbclid=IwAR2U2DyGBjfSEQW7YjbDN0P_-hvrlly_BV_F3vC3OevRWMz4DjrD_Z7g67k)

### European Youth Team: Monthly Meeting; September 25th 2022

October

18th October 2022 - Film screening of 'Boycott' and Q&A with Director Julia Bacha,  
hosted by The Balfour Project

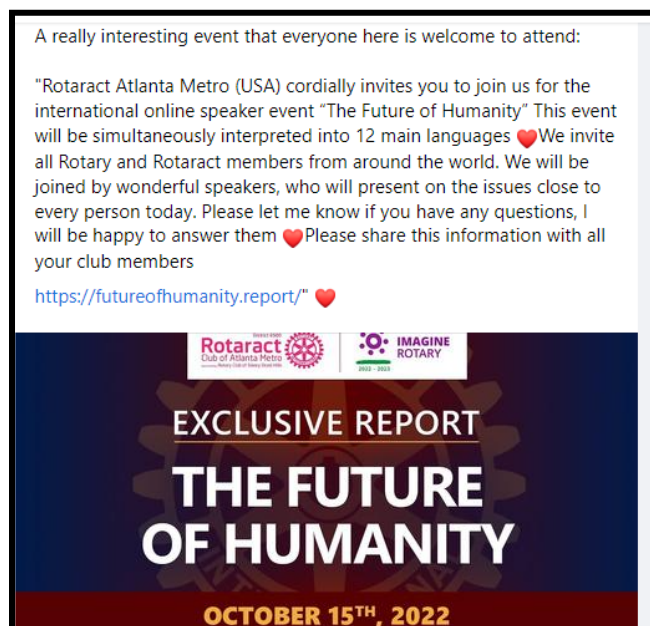


Members of PeaceJam UK had connected with The Balfour Project -

<https://balfourproject.org/>

And were invited to a screening of the documentary 'Boycott' that also had a Q&A with the film Director, Julia Bacha.

"The Future of Humanity" - Rotaract Atlanta Metro - 15th Oct 2022



Rotaract (Youth Rotary) Atlanta Metro, held an online speaker event titled 'The Future of Humanity' that saw many international speakers talking about fascinating topics.

## **15th Oct 2022- Thatcham Festival - Refugees as Rebuilders Zoom event**


**Thatcham Festival event 2022.**

**Refugees as rebuilders**

Refugees and those displaced by conflict and climate disaster possess an immense wealth of resilience and lived experience. This means that they are ideally placed to be rebuilders – positively contributing to their host countries and countries of origin.

This zoom event enables people from West Berkshire and wider host communities to meet with refugees from diverse backgrounds, and to hear each other's stories. It will be hosted by the UK charitable programme 'Refugees as Rebuilders' (RRB).

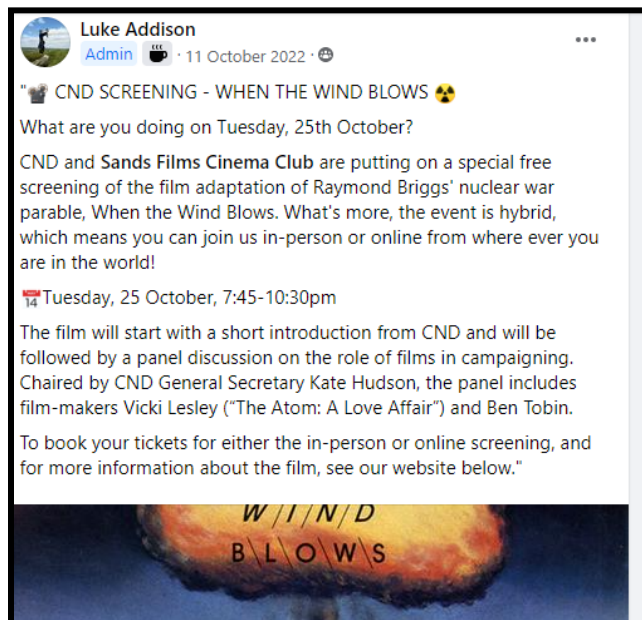
**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2.00pm – 4.00pm on zoom.**



The programme will include break out discussion groups

Through an EYT connection, Howard Grace, a film-maker, Quaker and member of the Thatcham Quakers and Initiatives of Change, UK, held an online zoom event titled 'Refugees as Rebuilders'; - <https://iofc.org.uk/blog/refugees-as-rebuilders-at-thatcham-festival/> It was attended by EYT members and was a very interesting event.

## **25th Oct - Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament; Film screening of 'When the Wind Blows'**



Luke Addison  
Admin · 11 October 2022 · 🌐

🗨️ CND SCREENING - WHEN THE WIND BLOWS ☢️


What are you doing on Tuesday, 25th October?

CND and Sands Films Cinema Club are putting on a special free screening of the film adaptation of Raymond Briggs' nuclear war parable, When the Wind Blows. What's more, the event is hybrid, which means you can join us in-person or online from where ever you are in the world!

📅 Tuesday, 25 October, 7:45-10:30pm

The film will start with a short introduction from CND and will be followed by a panel discussion on the role of films in campaigning. Chaired by CND General Secretary Kate Hudson, the panel includes film-makers Vicki Lesley ("The Atom: A Love Affair") and Ben Tobin.

To book your tickets for either the in-person or online screening, and for more information about the film, see our website below."



CND and Sands Film Cinema Club put on a screening of the film adaptation of Raymond Briggs' nuclear war parable; When the Wind Blows. A both in-person and online screening that was followed by a panel discussion chaired by CND General Secretary, Kate Hudson and film-makers Vicki Lesley and Ben Tobin.

## **Oct 19th and 20th - Peaceful Leadership Summit**



The Peaceful Leadership organisation held a Peaceful Leadership Summit over October 19/20th 2022. The event was attended by several EYT members and strong connections were made.

<https://peacefulleadership.org/summit/>

## **16th October - Last Day for nominations for PeaceJam Billion Acts of Peace Awards 2022**



<https://www.billionacts.org/home>

## **European Youth Team: Monthly Meeting; October 20th 2022**


## November

### Nobel Peace Prize winner Shirin Ebadi hosts conversation with PeaceJam Youth - 15th November 2022

Join Nobel Peace Prize winner Shirin Ebadi for an hour of connection and inspiration, and learn how you can help the brave young women around the world who are putting their lives on the line by calling for change.

Link to registration:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/.../tZEpcChrMsHtdnNIGv0DGI2HIik...>

Link to webpage: <https://www.peacejam.org/.../a-conversation-with-shirin...>



Nobel Peace Prize winner, Shirin Ebadi, hosts an online conversation with PeaceJam Global youth on the 15th November. The event was an interesting and engaging conversation with the Iranian Nobel Peace Prize winner and EYT members were very pleased to attend.

### Oxford Martin School - 'The State of the African State: Where has it come from and where is it going?' - 21st November 2022

"From Clara Bowyer, Oxford Martin School:

I am delighted to announce the last four talks we have this year. I do hope you can join us and please pass along to anyone you think would be interested as our events are free and open to all.

**The state of the African state: Where has it come from and where is it going?**  
Dr Nick Westcott, Oxford Martin Visiting Fellow  
Monday 21 November 2022, 5pm – 6.15pm GMT

African states have been in flux since long before colonial powers carved up the continent into bite-sized chunks at the end of the 19th century. In the 60 years since most became independent, new trends have emerged. Some have reflected history, both colonial and pre-colonial, from ethnic rivalries and migrating populations to authoritarian structures, extractive institutions and irrational borders. Others reflect new dynamics both local and global - economic imbalances, demographic dynamism, changing climate and a changing balance of global power. But in particular there is a shift in the ideological basis of the state: how do people view it, what do they expect and what do governments think they should do? This is a joint event with the Oxford Martin Programme on African Governance.

· To register to attend in-person in Oxford:  
<https://www.oxfordmartin.ox.ac.uk/.../the-state-of-the-.../>

An online event run by Oxford Martin school, saw Dr Nick Westcott, visiting Fellow to discuss issues in Africa. The event was attended by EYT members and was very unique and interesting.

**28th November 2022 -**  
**Oxford Martin School - 'The Age of the strongman: populism and authoritarianism in global politics'**

Panel Discussion 'The age of the strongman: populism and authoritarianism in global politics'

Lord Patten of Barnes, Gideon Rachman, Professor Margaret MacMillan & Professor Ricardo Soares de Oliveira  
Monday 28 November 2022, 5pm – 6.30pm GMT

Since the beginning of the millennium, when Vladimir Putin took power in Russia, authoritarian leaders have come to dominate global politics. Self-styled strongmen have risen to power in Moscow, Beijing, Delhi, Brasilia, Budapest, Ankara, Riyadh and Washington. These leaders are nationalists and social conservatives, with little tolerance for minorities, dissent or the interests of foreigners. At home, they encourage a cult of personality and claim to stand up for ordinary people against globalist elites; abroad, they posture as the embodiments of their nations. And they are not just operating in authoritarian political systems but have begun to emerge in the heartlands of liberal democracy.

This panel's distinguished speakers will address the following questions: How and why did this new style of strongman leadership arrive? How likely is it to lead to global war or economic collapse? Most pressingly, we will be asking: are liberal societies, beset by internal turmoil and their own strongman dynamics, capable of checking and reversing this trend?

Another online event run by the Oxford Martin School, this time it was a panel event with guests such as Lord Patten of Barnes, Gideon Rachman, Professor Margaret MacMillan and Professor Ricardo Soares de Oliveria. The event was focusing on the 'strongman'-type of leadership in various countries across the world.

**29th November 2022 - Oxford Martin School - 'Drop-in Fuels from Sunlight and Air'**

Drop-in fuels from sunlight and air  
Professor Aldo Steinfeld, Chair of Renewable Energy Carriers, ETH Zurich

Tuesday 29 November 2022, 5pm – 6.15pm GMT

Developing solar technologies for producing carbon-neutral transportation fuels has become a global energy challenge, especially for the long-haul aviation sector. A promising solution are drop-in fuels produced from H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> – synthetic alternatives for petroleum-derived liquid hydrocarbons such as kerosene, gasoline or diesel, which are compatible with the worldwide existing infrastructures for fuel distribution, storage, and end-use. Professor Aldo Steinfeld, Chair of Renewable Energy Carriers at ETH Zurich, will describe the design and operation of the solar refinery for producing drop-in fuels from sunlight and air, which sets a technological milestone towards the industrial production of sustainable aviation fuels.

- To register to attend in-person in Oxford:

<https://www.oxfordmartin.ox.ac.uk/.../drop-in-fuels-from.../>

**European Youth Team: Monthly Meeting; November 27th 2022**

### **Unique partnerships:**

The EYT continued, re-established and started new partnerships and connections throughout 2022 and 2023, these include;

- PeaceJam Southeast
- Rotary International
- UNICEF
- World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates
- UNESCO
- Rotary E-Club of Innovation
- International Day of Living Together in Peace (IDLIP)
- The Self-Leadership Initiative
- Learning for Well-Being Foundation
- Act2Gether
- New Women Connectors
- PeaceJam
- Billion Acts of Peace
- The Balfour Project
- CND - Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament
- Initiatives of Change, UK
- PeacefulLeadership.org
- Oxford Martin School
- Act for Transformation
- Feelgood Communities CIC
- African Youth Aris
- Civil20
- PeaceJam Campina