



## Stichting PeaceJam Europe

### 2020 Annual Report

PeaceJam Europe supports the operations of PeaceJam affiliates offices, university chapters, student clubs, and youth teams throughout Europe by providing tools, training, event support, professional development opportunities, and outreach.

At the start of 2020, we had big plans. But when Covid hit, we went online. Through it all, Stichting PeaceJam Europe supported our community across Europe by hosting inspiring events, supporting youth leadership with trainings and resources, building our European network and providing resources and best practices to help our partners thrive.

#### Hosting Inspiring Events:

- **PeaceJam Pan-European Youth Online Conference: Youth for an Inclusive Europe.** 11-15 November 2021. With Nobel Peace Laureate Jody Williams from Vermont.

Over 200 young people attended this 5-day event, which was hosted simultaneously in English, Dutch, Greek, and French. Nobel Laureate Jody Williams

of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines was the keynote speaker and engaged in small-group dialogue with some of our youth leaders and outstanding activists. Young leaders from all over Europe were able to meet and receive direct mentorship from Nobel Peace Prize winners



who have paved the way before them. Engaging leading youth activists and social innovators in our events. At the PeaceJam pan-European Youth Conference, more than 90% of the panelists, workshop leaders, and mentors were young people under 25 years old. 45 young adult mentors were trained to facilitate the event!

- **Peacejam Belgium Youth Conference.** 6-8 March 2020. With Nobel Peace Laureate Rigoberta Menchú Tum from Guatemala. 400 young people attended, from all parts of Belgium, and 50 mentors were trained.



### Supporting Youth to Lead:

- **PeaceJam Peer Training Programme.** September 2020. A dozen young adults graduated this week-long intensive course which was developed in association with EPTO, forming the start of a pool of certified trainers for PeaceJam in Belgium. The peer-trainers followed on their course through implementation of

virtual



programming within Belgium and throughout the European network.

- **Establishment of the European Youth Team.** Year-long. In 2020, the 30 young people composing the EYT played a key role in designing and implementing PeaceJam's first online conference. Since then, the EYT continues to steer PeaceJam activities and programming including hosting their own series of online issue-based workshops and community dialogues

### **Youth team highlight: Laureate of the Future Awards**

In conjunction with our Pan-European Youth Conference 2020, we held a public call for applications for a micro-grant award to support outstanding youth community projects enhancing social inclusion.

The EYT fully designed the program, which includes a 200 EUR award and coaching by young activists from within PeaceJam's network. The youth also found funding for the award stipends through partnership with the Rotary Club of Winchester, UK. Two outstanding young people were awarded in 2020, and the program is ongoing into 2021.

- **Development of Training Resources.** *Year-long.* These resources will support youth and national teams across Europe to strengthen their programming:
  - *PeaceJam Guide: How to Implement Your Own Youth-Led Workshop (aims to enable PeaceJam peer-facilitators in developing their own lessons and facilitation plans from our curriculum based on their workshop audience and learning objectives)*
  - *PeaceJam and EPTO Activity Handbook: A Peer-Training Resource (a list of activities that peer-trainers can utilize for different learning objectives or team building needs, in order to host effective workshops and trainings)*

### **Fostering a European Network:**

- **Building Community Online.** *Year-long.* In light of the pandemic, Stichting PeaceJam Europe coordinated myriad online events in association with our partners, including:
  - *Hosting a social good campaign on Billion Acts of Peace, with 46 contributing projects aimed at creating more inclusive communities in Europe, November 2020.*

- *Presenting "Peace Education for Environmental Awareness" at the eTwinning network annual conference, October 2020.*



- *Hosting an online mentor training with PeaceJam UK and PeaceJam Foundation to prepare 45 young adults to lead online group discussions with their younger peers. October 2020.*
- *Leading a virtual learning module for the eTwinning European teacher platform entitled "Teacher and Facilitator? Let's Build on your Facilitation Skills with PeaceJam!" which trained 88 teachers, Summer 2020.*
- *Hosting 4 teacher trainings online with PeaceJam UK to teach critical virtual social-emotional learning tools, Spring 2020.*
- *Supporting global PeaceJam initiatives including weekly online 'Saturday Sessions' where young people worldwide found community and shared knowledge during the pandemic. September-December 2020.*
- **Communication and Outreach.** *Year-long.* The European Coordinator and a cadre of youth volunteers worked throughout the year to promote events, trainings, and opportunities to youth throughout PeaceJam's European network through engagement on Instagram, Facebook, and our website.

## Training and Best Practices for Partners

- **Resources for Partners:** In 2020, we developed *Guidelines for Partners: Implementing a PeaceJam National Peer-Training* to enable all PeaceJam

implementing partners in the region to host their own week-long training intensive for young adults.

- **Safeguarding:** After finalising the first draft of the PeaceJam European Safeguarding Policy in 2019, in 2020 we trained staff and volunteers on the policy and undertook an in-depth feedback process. The policy was adjusted and refined to adapt to local needs and contexts in practice. A final policy version was written and disseminated at the end of 2020.
- **Evaluation:** PeaceJam Europe developed a series of focus group discussions in October and November 2020, collecting in-depth narrative data from a dozen youth leaders who were part of the Pan-European Youth Conference Evaluation spearheaded by PeaceJam Europe will support all partners seeking grant opportunities and sponsorships with quality impact assessments!

## 2019-2020 In Numbers

- 23 Teacher Trainings both in-person and online across Europe
- 109 Schools and Youth Organizations implementing PeaceJam in UK, Greece, Belgium and the Netherlands
- 23 Press Articles published about PeaceJam
- 600 Youth Participants at virtual conferences in 2020
- 3,900 young people trained PeaceJam Europe curriculum

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