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As we begin 2026, we are inspired by the vision that drives our global movement, to inspire, connect, and equip youth to transform societies through hope, non-violence and reconciliation. This New Year invites renewed commitment to peacebuilding and community empowerment as we build on the momentum of our grassroots chapters in countries around the world. Our collective work is rooted in the belief that the next generation of peacebuilders has the creativity, courage, and resilience to break cycles of conflict and foster lasting, sustainable change. Together, with your continued partnership and generosity, we embark on another year of community engagement, meaningful impact, and shared hope for a more peaceful world.

OUR COLLECTIVE GOALS FOR 2026



COUNTRY CHAPTER SPOTLIGHTS



LIBERIA UNITES

Youth Engagement Across Schools and Communities

January marked a powerful start in Liberia with large-scale community engagement.

- First Community Engagement of 2026 held in Robert Sport, Grand Cape Mount County
- Outreach conducted across six schools
- Three new peace clubs established and two renewed
- Youth Forum on Leadership hosted with 28 young participants
- Teachers engaged in focus discussions on non-violence

One of the most inspiring moments was the gathering of over 100 youth and student leaders to discuss peacebuilding, reconciliation, and non-violence.



Mustapha Sheriff
Student - Liberia

“Peacebuilding and youth leadership are essential to shaping responsible citizens. I am committed to sustaining our peace club and contributing even beyond graduation.”

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Liberia Unites demonstrates strong grassroots momentum and measurable youth mobilization.





INDIA UNITES

Empowering Children Through Peace and Confidence

In Kolkata, India, January focused on empowering children and strengthening community dialogue.

Key highlights included:

- Launch of a new Peace Club in Tangra
- Establishment of a Kids Club focused on holistic development
- Hosting of a self-defense workshop for children
- Foundation laid for expanded self-defense programming in underprivileged communities

The self-defense workshop stood out as a transformative experience, combining peace values with confidence-building tools.



Shihan Dipak Kumar Shaw India Unites

“Being part of this self-defense workshop touched my heart. India Unites gave me a beautiful opportunity to serve humanity and empower children with confidence.”

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India Unites shows how peacebuilding can be practical, empowering, and community-driven.



Self-defense workshop for kids and pledge to work on peace for a better tomorrow with kids.





NEPAL UNITES

Strengthening National and International Partnerships

January was a month of strategic progress for Nepal Unites.

- Official affiliation with the National Youth Council of Nepal
- Membership established with the Alliance for Peacebuilding
- Partnership meetings held with national and international stakeholders
- Proposal development for interfaith dialogue initiatives

By building institutional relationships, Nepal Unites strengthens both its credibility and long-term impact.



Shanti Kumari Singh
Nepal Unites

“Through Nepal Unites, I am committed to empowering young people to take active roles in their communities. I believe youth have the power to drive positive change, and I proudly support initiatives that promote leadership, collaboration, and civic responsibility. My work reflects a deep commitment to unity and collective action for a better society.”

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NETHERLANDS UNITES

Dialogue, Mediation, and Peace Conversations

The Netherlands chapter focused on dialogue and capacity building. Team members participated in the "State of Conflict 2026" gathering, engaging in workshops on:

- Mediation between communities and municipalities
- Non-violent communication strategies
- Rethinking how peace is defined and practiced locally



Netherlands Unites

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" Youth organizations, practitioners, academics and students all coming together to think about: What does peace look like in The Netherlands, what do we want to protect? A shift away from war/conflict discourse and a moment to linger on the idea of peace with one another, wonderful."

These conversations strengthen our network's intellectual and practical peacebuilding capacity.





GERMANY UNITES

Building Peace from the Ground Up

In January, Germany Unites took another meaningful step in strengthening local peace engagement.

The team hosted a gathering at a local church in Berlin, bringing together 20 participants from different generations and community backgrounds. The event created a safe and open space for reflection on peacebuilding in today's world and explored what is possible when local communities unite for global change.

Participants engaged in thoughtful dialogue on:

- The importance of solidarity in divided times
- The role of Germany within a growing global peace movement
- How grassroots initiatives can contribute to sustainable change

The gathering was further enriched by the virtual participation of Prashan De Visser, President of Global Unites, who joined via Zoom to share his personal journey, insights, and the collective vision of the movement. His message reinforced a central truth: peace begins with shared purpose and courageous local action.

From local conversations to global transformation, Germany Unites demonstrated how movements grow one dialogue at a time.



Building Peace from the Ground Up – Berlin, Germany



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PAKISTAN UNITES

Expanding Peace Clubs and Strengthening Structure

Pakistan Unites focused on institutional strengthening and club development in January.

- Three peace clubs successfully registered in Lahore, Islamabad, and Hub
- Leadership meetings conducted with the Board of Directors
- Data systems organized for structured growth
- Preparations completed for upcoming peace education pilot programs

These steps lay the groundwork for sustainable expansion and deeper engagement in 2026.



UGANDA UNITES

Strengthening Foundations for Strategic Growth

Uganda Unites began the year by finalizing its 2026 Strategic Plan and launching a nationwide volunteer recruitment process. The call received 148 applications, with 78 candidates progressing to interviews, reflecting strong youth interest and engagement.

The chapter also advanced key partnerships, including collaboration with Northwestern University and a completed partnership with the American Centre, securing quarterly space for community activities. Additionally, an anonymous donation of tablets will enhance data collection and membership management during school outreach.

Each country operates within its own context, yet all share the same mission: building bridges across ethnic, religious, and social divides.



Lead the Change 2026 Programs & Opportunities

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

As we build momentum in 2026, we are excited to introduce upcoming programs designed to equip, challenge, and inspire the next generation of peacebuilders.

Global Unites Summer Program 2026



Our flagship Summer Program will run in two cohorts:

- **Cohort I: May – June 2026**
- **Cohort II: July – August 2026**

This immersive program will bring together emerging youth leaders from across our network for structured learning, dialogue, and collaborative action.

Participants will engage in:

- Peace education and non-violence training
- Leadership and mentorship sessions
- Intercultural and interfaith dialogue
- Community-based project development
- Global exchange and peer collaboration

**All-Inclusive
Package
5000 USD**

The Summer Program reflects our continued investment in youth leadership and sustainable peacebuilding.



Sign up and Apply Now!

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Thank You for Making This Possible!

January was only the beginning.

The foundation laid this month sets the tone for expanded impact throughout 2026.

We look forward to continuing this journey with you.





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