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Who are we?

Youth Peace Talks Initiative (YPTI) is a US-based non-profit organization dedicated to promoting peace, stability, and social development in Africa. It was established in November 2022 in the state of Minnesota through insightful brainstorming sessions among African Youth Diaspora, who sought ways to foster peace in their respective countries of origin. YPTI's mission is to create a just and peaceful Africa, and ultimately, a just and peaceful world.

We believe that education, artistic and cultural activities, and other initiatives can help build understanding and cooperation among young people and contribute to creating a more peaceful and just world. We are committed to working with partners and stakeholders to achieve our goals and make a positive impact on the lives of young people in Africa.

Objectives

YPTI's core objectives center around the cultivation of peace, stability, and social development among the youth of Africa. We pursue these aims through a range of initiatives, with the following supplementary objectives enhancing our pursuit of the primary ones:



Development and Implementation of Peace Education

Programs: Our commitment to peace education is exemplified by our efforts to establish and execute programs within schools and community centers. These initiatives are designed to educate young individuals about the principles of peace, nonviolence, and effective conflict resolution.

Utilization of Artistic and Cultural Activities: We harness the power of the arts to bring together young people from diverse backgrounds. Through mediums such as music, dance, theater, and visual arts, we foster an environment that nurtures mutual comprehension and collaboration.



Empowerment Through Leadership Development: YPTI recognizes the significance of empowering youth to be leaders within their communities. Our leadership development programs provide the necessary skills and tools for young individuals to take an active role in shaping their societies.



Advocacy for Peace-Promoting Policies: To create sustainable change, YPTI engages in advocacy endeavors aimed at influencing policies and practices that champion peace, stability, and social advancement for Africa's youth.



Cultivation of Community Service Projects: YPTI encourages collaborative efforts among young people to address specific challenges within their communities. By engaging in community service projects, youth contribute directly to the betterment of their surroundings.



Mission

Our mission is to foster peace, understanding, and social development among the youth of Africa. We believe in the transformative power of youth to drive positive change and create a more peaceful and inclusive society. And through dedicated efforts, we seek to create an environment where young individuals are empowered to actively contribute to a more harmonious world.

Vision

YPTI envisions a continent where peace and justice prevail—an Africa that serves as a model for the creation of a harmonious and equitable global society. Our work is driven by this overarching vision, propelling us to tirelessly pursue our objectives and bring about lasting positive change.

We envision a continent where youth are empowered to actively participate in decision-making processes, contribute to sustainable development, and promote social justice. By fostering a culture of peace, understanding, and collaboration, we aspire to build a future where African youth are at the forefront of positive change, creating a harmonious and prosperous society for all.

Through our programs, initiatives, and partnerships, we aim to provide opportunities for young people to develop leadership skills, promote dialogue, and address the root causes of conflicts in their communities. We believe that by investing in the potential of African youth and nurturing their talents, we can create a generation of peacebuilders who will shape the future of the continent. With a commitment to inclusivity, diversity, and equality, YPTI works towards a united Africa, where peace and social development are cornerstones of progress. Together, we strive to build bridges, break down barriers, and foster a sense of belonging and solidarity among African youth.

Our projects and initiatives

Our initiatives encompass a range of activities and programs aimed at fostering peace, empowering young individuals, and promoting dialogue. Let us introduce you to our key initiatives:



As our flagship initiative, LE JOURNAL.AFRICA is a media platform dedicated to amplifying the voices of young Africans. We provide a space for diverse perspectives, impactful stories, and thought-provoking journalism.

Through LE JOURNAL.AFRICA, we strive to inspire critical thinking, challenge stereotypes, and raise awareness about social issues affecting our continent.



Managed by LE JOURNAL.AFRICA, Press Talent is an annual competition designed to discover and nurture the journalistic talents of young individuals. It offers aspiring journalists a platform to showcase their skills and share their perspectives on important social issues. Through mentorship, workshops, and industry connections, we empower participants to become catalysts for change in the media industry.

PROPEACE

Our **PROPEACE** program focuses on empowering youth leaders for sustainable peace and democratic engagement. We equip young leaders with the necessary skills, knowledge, and tools to foster peace, resolve conflicts, and engage in democratic processes. By investing in the potential of young leaders, we aim to create a positive and lasting impact on communities affected by violence and unrest.



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InfoxZero



Managed by LE JOURNAL.AFRICA, InfoxZero is an initiative aimed at combating misinformation and promoting media literacy. In a digital age where false information spreads rapidly, InfoxZero educates young people about the importance of critical thinking, fact-checking, and responsible consumption of media. By equipping youth with the skills to navigate the information landscape, we empower them to be discerning media consumers and active contributors to a more informed society.

ClimateSmart

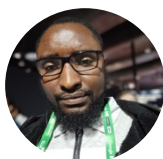
The "ClimateSmart: Education and Engagement for a Resilient Tomorrow" program, led by Youth Peace Talks Initiative (YPTI) in collaboration with LE JOURNAL.AFRICA, is a targeted initiative focused on educating and engaging rural communities in Africa about climate change. The program aims to empower individuals in these areas by providing them with the knowledge needed to effectively respond to climate challenges.



These initiatives work hand in hand to inspire, educate, and empower young individuals to become agents of change. By promoting dialogue, fostering media literacy, and nurturing the talents of young journalists, we strive to create a more peaceful and inclusive world.

Our Team

Our team comprises volunteers from various parts of the world who work tirelessly to bring our vision to life. Here are some of the dedicated individuals who contribute their efforts:



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