Our young women have never known peace. Most have lost family and friends to the conflict. But rather than despair or take revenge, they are determined to make change.

Every day these young women use the leadership and peacemaking tools they have learned to improve life in their communities, careers, and families. Their commitment and skill are the proof of our success.

Thank you for your part in supporting their vital work.

“Coming to camp is a beginning, staying for three weeks is a process, changing is a success. And we did all three!”

– Shams, Palestinian living in Israel

**Highlights 2017**

- The 2015 campers structured their own training, spending a year visiting each other’s home towns and learning about the culture and history of Arabs and Jews
- We completed a pilot program for Israeli and Palestinian women at early stages of careers in politics, resulting in a written Feminist Inclusivity Code
- Creativity for Peace is one of 15 global organizations featured in “Wonder Girls: Changing Our World,” by Paola Gianturco
- A profound exchange of ideas and learning took place between Young Leaders and 150 students in the Difficult Dialogues seminar and other courses at the University of Texas, Austin
- In the face of a vicious social media attack, Palestinian campers and their families refused to back down from their hope for peace

**Facts and Figures**

- 271 young women in 19 summer camps
- 60 active Young Leaders, one third involved for a decade or longer
- 50 Israeli and Palestinian women involved in programs outside camp
- 100 American girls interacting with and trained by our young women
- 15 Young Leader speaking tours in 25 cities
- 62 talks by Young Leaders in American high schools and universities
- 50,000 people personally touched
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AIA KHALAILY
I was forced to learn Hebrew in school and I hated it because it is the language of those who occupy my land. When I came to camp, the occupier became my roommate. I suddenly understood how meaningful and crucial this work is.

After seven years in this organization, I use the tools I’ve learned when I document the activities of the Israeli Knesset and in teaching Arabic to Jewish Israelis. I no longer hate the Hebrew language and I often host Israelis in my home. Together we cook and dance.

My focus as an activist is to minimize the gaps between the two nations and help each to understand and connect with the other.

SIVAN KEDEM
When I graduated from university I only knew that I wanted my work to focus on Arabs and Jews. I am now the director of a peace day care center in Jaffa. We have 70 Jewish, Muslim, and Christian children. We celebrate the holidays of all the religions and we speak in Arabic and Hebrew.

Every day I use the skills I’ve gained over 13 years with Creativity for Peace – authentic speaking, compassionate listening, and placing myself in the other’s shoes. I teach my staff these tools and together we achieve better communication. I wouldn’t be the person I am today without Creativity for Peace.

CRUCIAL WORK IN THESE TIMES
At Creativity for Peace we know all too well what it means when people are pitted against one another, when stereotypes are perpetuated and used to provoke fear, and neighbors are no longer able or willing to talk with one another. We teach how to discuss emotionally charged subjects without reverting to anger, by:

- Speaking from one’s experience rather than blaming, insulting, or judging
- Listening with an open heart
- Striving to put oneself in the other’s shoes
- Identifying common goals and partnering to achieve them

This is our work – and it is needed now more than ever.