What can teenage girls do to address one of the most intractable conflicts in the world?

They can be catalysts, motivators, and role models. They are now, and will be, teachers, mediators, healers, artists, and policymakers. Their influence on their families, friends, and communities is undeniable.

In the past year, in spite of a worsening situation on the ground, our young women have rejected cynicism and despair. They are willing to undertake the solemn, sacred work of reaching across divides in order to develop understanding, build trust, and make peace possible.

Our young women are the change.

Thank you for your part in supporting their vital efforts.

2018 Highlights

- During their second year of training, 2016 Young Leaders aided refugees, volunteered for political campaigns, taught resilience skills, and led dialogue, reconciliation, and interfaith activities.
- In Seattle, three Young Leaders gave moving talks about their life experiences and activism, reaching more than 1,000 people at First Baptist Church, Young Women Empowered, Kids4Peace, and several high schools.
- Creativity for Peace initiated a year-long pilot program of dialogue and artmaking with Arab and Jewish high school girls in the north of Israel.
- We held our 20th summer camp in New Mexico, bringing our total constituency to 286 young women.
- Paola Gianturco, author of the award-winning book, “Wonder Girls,” featuring 15 girl-led groups in 13 countries (including Creativity for Peace), spoke in New Mexico high schools and to the public about the achievements of activist girls around the world.
- Fifteen supporters from across the country traveled with us to Israel and the West Bank to learn more about the conflict and efforts underway to find solutions. This was our second such trip since 2016.

Facts and Figures

- 286 young women in 20 summer camps
- A four-fold increase, to 90 percent, in Young Leader participation in post-camp training over five years
- 75 active Young Leaders, one third involved for a decade or longer
- 125 American girls interacting with and trained by our young women
- Four young women trained as dialogue facilitators
- 16 Young Leader speaking tours in 25 cities
- 66 talks by Young Leaders in American high schools and universities
- 55,000 people personally touched
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YAARA TAL
I grew up in Sderot, on the border with Gaza, and joined Creativity for Peace because I wanted to meet the “other side.” Along with a Palestinian girl, I was awarded a university scholarship and graduated with a degree in International Studies. This journey was very special to me mainly because I did it alongside my Palestinian friend. Together, we spoke to many Americans about our countries, cultures, and hopes for a better future. After college I was a fellow at J Street in Washington, D.C. and am now working with OneVoice in New York City.

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ADAN MASRI
When I was in high school, I realized the complexity of the world I live in and how little I knew about the other side. At Creativity for Peace I’ve learned, grown, and been inspired by the women I’ve met. I have become more committed to peacemaking and to being a leader in my society.

I’ve participated in 10 student conferences focused on the conflict. I gave a speech in the American embassy about the importance of the work we do. This summer I was a counselor working with Jewish and Palestinian youth on interfaith understanding and peacemaking.

For me, this is just the beginning. I believe that it really helps when people try to see the other side and trust this process. I am doing what I can to make a change.