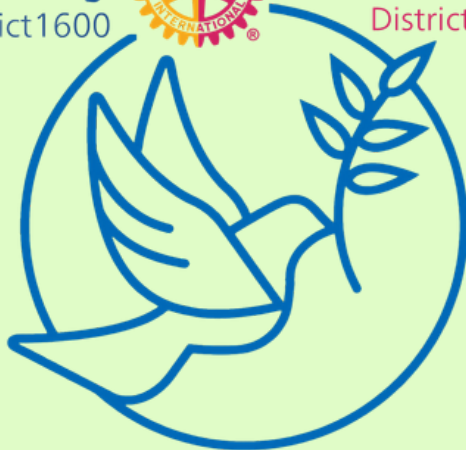


# YOUTH PEACE SUMMIT

June 17th- 19th  
The Hague 2026



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Your all-in-one guide for the  
Youth Peace Summit

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# YOUTH PEACE SUMMIT THE HAGUE UNSCR 2250

Building on the momentum of the first Youth Peace Summit, the second edition marks a clear step forward in both vision and impact.

## Our Values



### Visionary:

With a clear eye to a future of hope and peace.



### Impactful:

Having a far-reaching effect to communities far beyond our participants.



### Connecting:

With a diverse array of participants from different background, levels of education and countries.



### Community Based:

With a definitive capacity to change entire communities through it's youth.



### Youth-Led:

Our event is organised by young people and for young people.



### Partnership-based:

Resting on a strong network of exchanging expertise, contacts, resources and enthusiasm.

Between summits, thematic workgroups meet regularly to deepen the Charter and work on specific peace and security themes. Guided by this shared framework, participants design and implement youth-led peace initiatives throughout the year, transforming dialogue into sustained action.

**Be a voice for peace - we can make change!**

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## What we do

From 17 to 19 June 2026, we host a Youth Peace Summit in The Hague. During three days, we invite 150 young people from all over the world with an aim to have young people discover, learn, develop and draft a plan towards a more peaceful world. We share knowhow, contacts and network and we do this by means of offering a wide and diverse array of workshops, key-notes and excursions covering many different angles of peace work. This effort is fully youth led: organised by a team of diverse and enthusiastic young people.

## The problem we solve

Youth summits and conferences are great for LinkedIn and social media posts, and too often not much more. That's why for our next iteration of YPS we are taking a different approach. Our goal is not to create a single event, but rather to set up an infrastructure that helps to connect young people to topics, organisations and people that can help them build a lifelong career in peace. To equip them with skills and a network that helps them act on UN resolution 2250, the Resolution on Youth, Peace and Security, to help empower young people in real concrete ways in the process of peace.

**And to do this, we need your help!**

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## End of summit

At the end of the Youth Peace Summit, we will deliver a **Youth Peace Charter**, a **youth-created** and **actionable plan** involving young people to set up and facilitating peace activities in their own communities. These actionable plans can be in academia, social work, peace building, and different other fields.

At the Youth Peace Summit we'll also launch our **Youth Peace Network**, giving all partners and alumni the opportunity to remain connected in a network as a means to strengthen the peace efforts in their own communities.

## Our approach

Rather than isolated workshops we aim to create a **permanent framework** of diverse partners and Youth Peace Summit Alumni that remain connected year-round.


Also, after our event in June, we remain in touch, set up activities and workshops, and facilitate the activities of our alumni. Our participants become the organizers and the leaders of the next year, making sure that our project is and remains youth-led. We provide the connective tissue that allow organic connections to develop, and to turn these into actions. All within the framework of the 5 main pillars of resolution UN 2250.

# FIVE PILLARS OF YOUTH, PEACE AND SECURITY

The **Five Pillars of Youth, Peace and Security** are the backbone of our Youth Peace Summit. Partners are selected and categorised using the pillars and are asked to design workshops and programme elements related to those. During the event in June, all participants are asked to pick one of these five topics. They will then follow workshops that are in line with these topics.

Participation	Protection	Prevention	Partnerships	Disengagement & Reintegration
<p><b>Young people should be meaningfully included in decision-making processes at local, national, and international levels, including peace processes and political institutions.</b></p>	<p><b>Youth must be protected from violence, human rights abuses, exploitation, and recruitment by armed groups.</b></p>	<p><b>The resolution emphasizes the role of youth in preventing conflict and violence, including through education, dialogue, social inclusion, and countering violent extremism.</b></p>	<p><b>Governments, the UN, civil society, and youth organizations should work together to promote sustainable peace.</b></p>	<p><b>Support should be provided for young people disengaging from armed conflict, including education, employment opportunities, and psychosocial support.</b></p>

# REACHABILITY

 Address: Johanna Westerdijkplein 75, 2521 EN  
The Hague, Netherlands

## Landmarks Nearby:

- Right across from Laakhaven Canal
- Near Megastores shopping mall (5 min walk)
- THUAS/Haagse Hogeschool is next to the Leeghwaterplein tram stop, and across from the Hollands Spoor tram stop
- The Student Hotel The Hague is also located nearby

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## Travelling there:

### Departure from Den Haag Hollands Spoor Station (HS)

Closest station to the venue \*

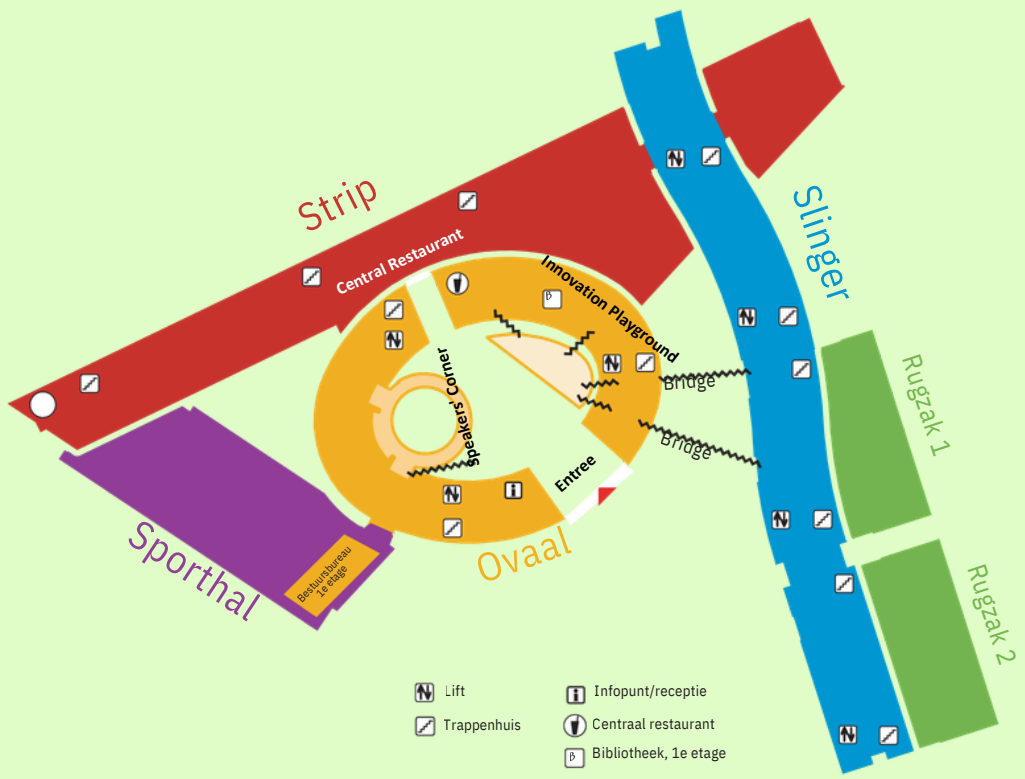
Walk → approximately 2–3 minutes:

1. Walk towards the rear side of the station via the tunnel or the train station's back exit.
2. Cross the street and the small square (Johanna Westerdijkplein)
3. THUAS is the large modern glass building directly ahead
4. Look for flags and the main entrance marked "The Hague University of Applied Sciences"

### Departure from Den Haag Centraal Station (CS) - Travel by Tram

- Take Tram 9 (direction: Vrederust) or Tram 17/Tram 16 (direction: Wateringen)
- Final stop at Hollands Spoor (HS)
- Exit towards the rear side of the station via the tunnel and follow the walking directions above

# THE VENUE



# SCHEDULE DAY 1

## JUNE 17TH

9:00-9:30	Walk-in	Plein/ Atrium
9:30-11:00	Welcome and keynotes	Auditorium
11:00-11:30	Break	Plein/ Atrium
11:30-13:00	Warm-up and Mentor Meeting	Plein/ Atrium
13:00-14:30	Lunch	Plein/ Atrium
14:30-16:00	Workshops	Beijing Room
	Participation	Berlin Room
	Protection	Speaker's Corner
	Prevention	New York Room
	Partnerships	Innovation Playground
16:00-16:30	Workshops	Beijing Room
	Participation	Speaker's Corner
	Protection	Innovation Playground
	Prevention	New York Room
	Partnerships	Berlin Room
18:00-18:45	Dinner	Restaurant
20:00-22:00	Movie Night and Q&A (optional)	London Room

# SCHEDULE DAY 2

## JUNE 18TH

9:00-9:30

Walk-in and Mentor Meet-up

Plein/ Atrium

9h30:11:00

Workshops

Participation

Protection

Prevention

Partnerships

Disengagement & Reintegration

Innovation Playground

Speaker's Corner

Beijing Room

New York Room

Berlin Room

11:00-11:30

Break

Plein/ Atrium

11:30-13:00

Optional Workshops and Taster Talks

Rooms: Beijing, New York, Expo Speaker's Corner, Innovation Playground,

13:00-14:30

Lunch

Plein/ Atrium

14:30-16:00

Workshops

Participation

Protection

Prevention

Partnerships

Disengagement & Reintegration

Innovation Playground

Speaker's Corner

Beijing Room

New York Room

Expo Room

# SCHEDULE DAY 2 JUNE 18TH (CONT.)

16:00-16:30	Break	Plein/ Atrium
16:30-18:00	Activity Market/ Signings	Plein/ Atrium
	Parallel Workshop: Onwards to a Dutch National Action Plan YPS (Optional)	Innovation Playground
18:00-18:45	Dinner	Restaurant
20:00-	Party	Siezo (external location)

# SCHEDULE DAY 3 JUNE 19TH

9:00-9:30	Walk-in	Plein/ Atrium
9:30-11:30	Charter Proposal Writing in Pillar Groups	Rooms: Beijing, New York, Expo Speaker's Corner, Innovation Playground,
11:30-12:00	Break	Plein/ Atrium
12:00-14:00	Charter Discussion and Voting	Rooms: Beijing, New York, Expo Speaker's Corner, Innovation Playground,
14:00-15:00	Lunch	Plein/ Atrium
15:00-16:30	Charter Celebration and Closing Ceremony	Auditorium
16:30-18:00	Final Celebration	Plein/ Atrium

# MENTORS



With guidance from Mentor Leads Ariana Iberico Torres, Emma Burns, and Scarlett Jary, each of our dedicated mentors is responsible for supporting a small group of participants throughout the Summit.

## Participation

Group 1: Tamsir Sallah  
Group 3: Jip Floris Bloem  
Group 5: Marieke Geurts

## Protection

Group 2: Eva Ruzius  
Group 6: Réka Vörös  
Group 12: Fezco den Haan

## Prevention

Group 8: Kaitlan Adams  
Group 10: Alexandra Titirici

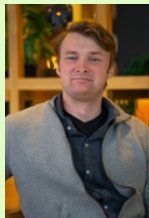
## Partnerships

Group 4: Rosaly Gonzales  
Group 7: Selim Lyidrili  
Group 13: Saba Pasha

## Disengagement & Reintegration

Group 9: Oisin O'baoill  
Group 11: BB Morgan  
Group 14: Emma Bruns

# OUR TEAM



## Jonathan van Varik

Jonathan is head of the youth team and coordinator of the event. He makes sure all the teams are on track and that everything runs flawless.



## Sharon Akrong

Sharon joined the Youth Peace Summit in 2025 and now serves on the Platform Team, supporting coordination and collaboration. She is committed to advancing youth-led initiatives that promote dialogue and sustainable change.



## Thomas Borghols

Thomas is treasurer of the Youth Peace Summit 2026.



## Daryna Hordiienko-Jones

Daryna leads the hosting program of the Summit. Originally from Ukraine, she has a strong background in building and managing international communities and organizing events. Passionate about sharing Ukrainian culture and fostering connections, she has led community and cultural initiatives in Ukraine, India, and the Netherlands.

## Mentorship Coordinators



## Ilya Admiral

Ilya is mentorship coordinator and selects and trains the mentors.



## Arianna Iberico Torres

Arianna works in the mentorship coordination team.

## Program Team



### Adam Linton

Adam is one of the two program coordinators. He made sure that you have interesting and entertaining workshops to follow.



### Lou Maerssen

Lou is one of the two program coordinators. He made sure that you have interesting and entertaining workshops to follow.



### Emma Bruns

Emma is a mentor and shares the lead on mentor training and coordination during the summit. She also works in the program team.



### Scarlett Jary

Scarlett shares the lead on mentor training and coordination during the summit. She also works in the program team.



### Alexandra Titirici

Alexandra works in the program team.



### Hanibal Ahmed

Hani works in the program team.



### Angella Nakkungu

Angella works in the program team.

## Participants Team



### Isabella Minderop

Isabella is participants coordinator and responsible for everything concerning participants and wellbeing.



### Warsha Somai

Warsha works in the participants team and makes sure everyone feels welcome.



### Emily Gavrilă

Emily works in the participants team and is responsible for the communication with the participants.

## Logistics Team



### Anton Goranov

Anton is logistics coordinator. He makes sure that everything runs smoothly behind the scenes.



### Angy Daood

Angy works in the logistics team and makes sure that everything is where it is supposed to be.



### Md Jamil Hossain

Jamil works in the logistics team and makes sure that everything is where it is supposed to be.

# PR and Communications Team



## Anastasia Moor

Anastasia is PR and Communications coordinator and ensures that many people hear of and join the Youth Peace Summit.



## Heidi Johnson

Heidi works in the PR and Communications team. She supports social media, public relations, and creative content for this event.



## Mai Tokizaki

Mai works in the PR and Communications team. She supports social media, public relations, and creative content for this event.



## Celia Infante

Celia works in the PR and Communications team. She supports social media, public relations, and creative content for this event.



## Catarina Dias

Catarina works in the PR and Communications team. She supports social media, public relations, and creative content for this event.

# Advisory Team



## Patrick Groenewegen

Patrick is initiator of the Youth Peace Summit and advisor of the project.



## Annet Weijermars

Annet is in the advisory team and leads the fundraising.



## Gordon Graham

Gordon is advisor of the project.

# FURTHER VOLUNTEERS

- ◆ Léon Chiata
- ◆ Jesse Ferraioli
- ◆ Santiago Gómez Molina
- ◆ Stefan Noël Hageman
- ◆ Hassan Kajwangya
- ◆ Jiwoo Kim
- ◆ Shalom Mukami Apolot
- ◆ Ines Vassort

# COMMUNICATION



During the Youth Peace Summit, we will use Whatsapp for communication. Join this community to stay up to date:  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/ED6FRei9qfF75oL1B0lygt>

## IN CASE YOU NEED ASSISTANCE



While all our volunteers are here to help you, we have a designated **Councillor, Isabella Minderop**, who is available to help with any specific needs.

If you do not feel safe, comfortable or well, or if there is anything in which you need assistance, you can always talk to Isabella or contact her by phone at **+31 6 23743673**

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# PARTNERS

## Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs has supported our initiative since its conception in 2025.



Ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken



## The Corrymeela Community

Northern-Ireland's oldest peace and reconciliation organisation, promoting community, dialogue and healing amid social, religious and political divisions.

## Dialogo in Den Haag

Volunteer-based foundation aiming to create a space for dialogue amongst the many different communities in The Hague.



## Universiteit Leiden

Leiden University College  
The Hague

## Leiden University College The Hague (LUC)

International English-language Honours College of Leiden University, located in The Hague, with an innovative and cutting-edge Liberal Arts & Sciences Programme.

## Centre for Good Relations

The Centre for Good Relations is a Scotland-based non-profit with as its primary aim 'Civic Mediation'.



Centre for  
GoodRelations



OKCK

## Okedongmu Children in Korea (OKCK)

Peacebuilding NGO based in Seoul, working towards a peaceful future for children on the Korean Peninsula and beyond.

# PARTNERS

## The Hague Humanity Hub

Non-profit foundation and platform for hundreds of changemakers and organisations working towards a better world. For more information check out: <https://www.humanityhub.org/>



## UNOY (United Network of Young Peacebuilders)

Worldwide network supporting and advising young peacebuilders in making the world a better place.

## Fodip (Forum for Discussion of Israel and Palestine)

UK-based NGO aiming to host and facilitate inter-faith dialogue on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, within and between Jews, Christians, Muslims and others in the UK.



## Jonge Atlantici (Young Atlantici)

Network of students and young professionals with interest in trans-Atlantic relations and security issues. For more information: <https://www.atlcom.nl/jonge-atlantici/>

## Rotaract Scheveningen

Rotaract Scheveningen sets to make a positive change in the world by volunteer projects, connecting young adults and facilitating personal growth.



## Network Haagse Helpers

The Hague based community empowering young people to make a change in their own community through volunteering and reaching out to those in need.

# PARTNERS

## YMCA Finland

Part of the Worldwide YMCA Movement, YMCA Finland is leading in Finnish Peace Advocacy Efforts



## Save the Children

## Save the Children

The world's leading independent child organization and a professional in child protection. Our mission is to make sure that every child, here in Finland and all around the world, has the right to a safe life, protection, education, and the chance to be heard.

## Echo Foundation

American organisation aiming to lift those voices of human dignity, justice and moral courage who are driving positive action for humankind.



JONGE  
EUROPESE  
FEDERALISTEN  
NEDERLAND

## Young European Federalists (JEF)

Politically oriented youth NGO advocating for the creation of a democratic European federation as a guarantee for peace, the rule of law and human rights.

## Justice & Peace Netherlands

Non-profit organization dedicated to defending and promoting respect for human rights and social justice for everyone, based in The Hague.



## Alliance for Peace and Climate Somalia

Dedicated to addressing the intersection of climate change, natural resource scarcity, and conflict.

# PARTNERS



## LINKS Europe

Hague-based independent, not-for-profit, think tank. It contributes to the peaceful resolution of conflicts and the process of transition in Europe's neighbourhood.

## World's Youth for Climate Change

Global campaign taking climate change and human rights to the International Court of Justice to get an advisory opinion.



## @EASE

NGO specialising in mental health of youth, providing mentoring, support and a listening ear for young people up to the age of 25.

## The Centre for African Justice, Peace and Human Rights (CAJPHR)

Dutch-based foundation, engaging the promotion of Justice, Peace and Human Rights through education, awareness, campaign, training, outreach (Legal / Medical) and capacity building in Africa.



**Nuoret  
rauha &  
turvallisuus**

## Nuoret, rauha ja turvallisuus

The Finish Youth Peace and Security Network was central in the creation of a National Action Plan Youth Peace and Security in Finland.

## The Hague Dialogues

The Hague Dialogues is a Hague-based NGO facilitating contact between individuals and groups.



# DONORS



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