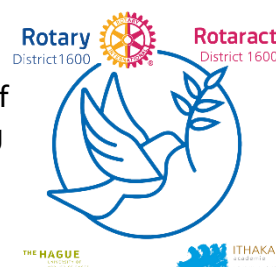


YPS Impact Report

In June 2026, 150 young people came together for the second instalment of the YOUTH PEACE SUMMIT. During this youth-led-action based event, Young people engaged in workshops, got to know the field of peace activity and together developed a Youth Peace Charter, a gift from young people to the world stressing the need for a youth voice in peace affairs.



"The Youth Peace Summit is probably one of the greatest experiences I have ever had in my life. I got to meet people from all over the world, and I got to understand how unity for discussion can bring peace."

Bhargav, 16 y/o, Charlotte, USA, student

YPS 2026 in numbers:

141 participants (aged 15-35)

61 represented countries through our participants, volunteers and partners

21 active partnerships in over **12** countries

30+ internationally based volunteers working together in **7** interconnected youth volunteer teams.



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Introduction

From January to prepared an action-direct Youth Peace Summit with a team of young volunteers, making sure every person contributed to the Youth Peace Summit whilst also making the best out of themselves.

We initiated social interaction, meals, discussions, movie nights and much more.

Guided young people to become leaders in their own right, creating and implementing an impactful Summit, through our guidance and our **Mentorship Programme**.

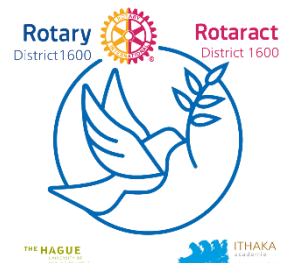
We joined festivals, information markets, networking events, music concerts and had multiple radio interviews to generate attention for our activities.

Developments in the leadup to Youth Peace Summit 2026

- **One extra day** of Youth Peace Summit activities!
- **More participants** attending our Summit
- Launched a **bi-weekly newsletter**
- Created a **podcast**
- **9** media appearances in **4** different countries!
- Built and extended long-term relationships with **21** partners.
- Initiated our **Hosting Programme**, becoming more accessible to overseas participants.
- Included secondary/ high school education to facilitate activities and as participants.
- The Creation and Signing of the **YOUTH PEACE CHARTER** (see attachment)

Plans in 2027 and beyond

- More participants to our Summit and Community Events
- Playing an foundational role in the creation of a **National Action Plan Youth Peace and Security**
- More attendance to other existent projects
- Expanding our international partnerships
- Expanding our partnerships with different organisation within the different districts of The Hague.
- Steps towards professionalisation of the organisation.
- Turning our voluntary efforts into effective community building.
- Building forward on the **Youth Peace Charter** as a base for new activities



"Over the Course of three days, we felt like we could together change the world ."

Ysabella, 25 y/o, The Hague, student

Evaluation outcomes

Throughout June and July, we facilitated reflections and evaluation meetings with partners, volunteers and participants, leading to the following noticeable trends:

Positives	Divisive issues	Thinks to work on
The open and welcome atmosphere: a safe space. The event was fully youth led and open for everyone to engage with. The workshops were diverse. The partnerships were worldwide and added a lot of depth.	The activity market's purpose was not clear to everyone. The connection between workshops and our categorisation. The Summit's diversity.	Internal communication during the event. Time management at the closing ceremony. Participant registration leading up to the event. Communication with the venue.

Based on reflection interviews, Evaluation Forms, conversations with mentors, volunteers, participants

These and many more evaluation outcomes will be directly used to make the Youth Peace Summit 2027 the best it can every be. We have already started planning this event, set to take place June 16-18 2027.

Further lessons learnt:

- We need to have a clear line of communication managing and interacting with the volunteer base, Enabling the different volunteer teams cooperate more effectively.
- Improvements to the internal and external communication to keep partners, volunteers and participants informed on the developments on our Summit and keeping these encouraged in the venture.
- Teambuilding volunteers before the event is important for the success of the event. This process should start earlier.
- Partnership building and fundraising require a longer preparation period: a six-month preparation period of the Youth Peace Summit is simply not sufficient.

Lessons learned by our volunteers

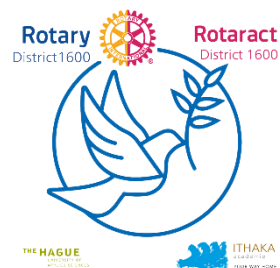
Drawn from the volunteer's evaluation, anonymised.

"I participated in PR/Communications team and helped three-days of programmes, which helped me learn how the organisation works towards its goal with different operational teams for such a large-scale event. Overall, I really appreciate all my colleagues, teamwork, engagement, and motivations to make it happen."

"Learning how to solve problems under pressure through nice teamwork"

Media appearances

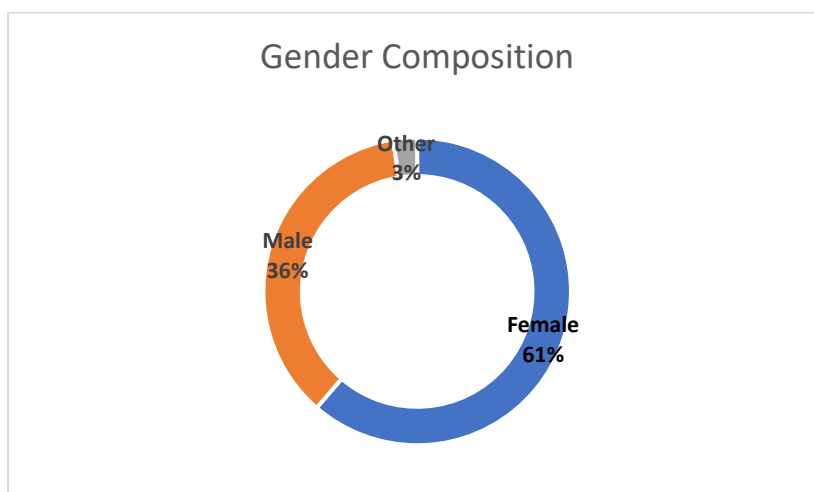
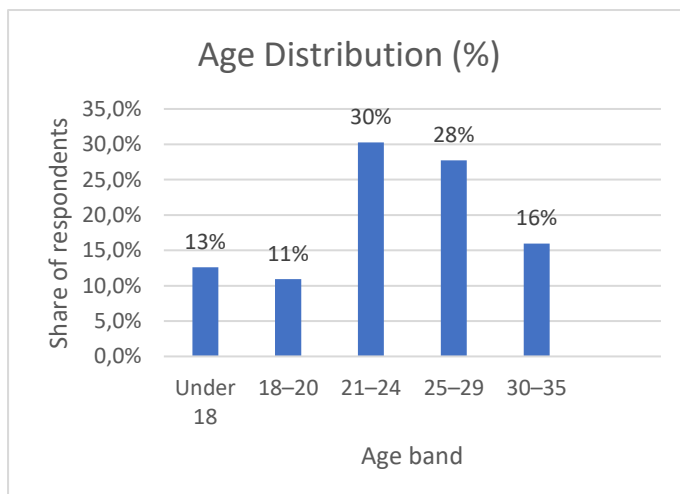
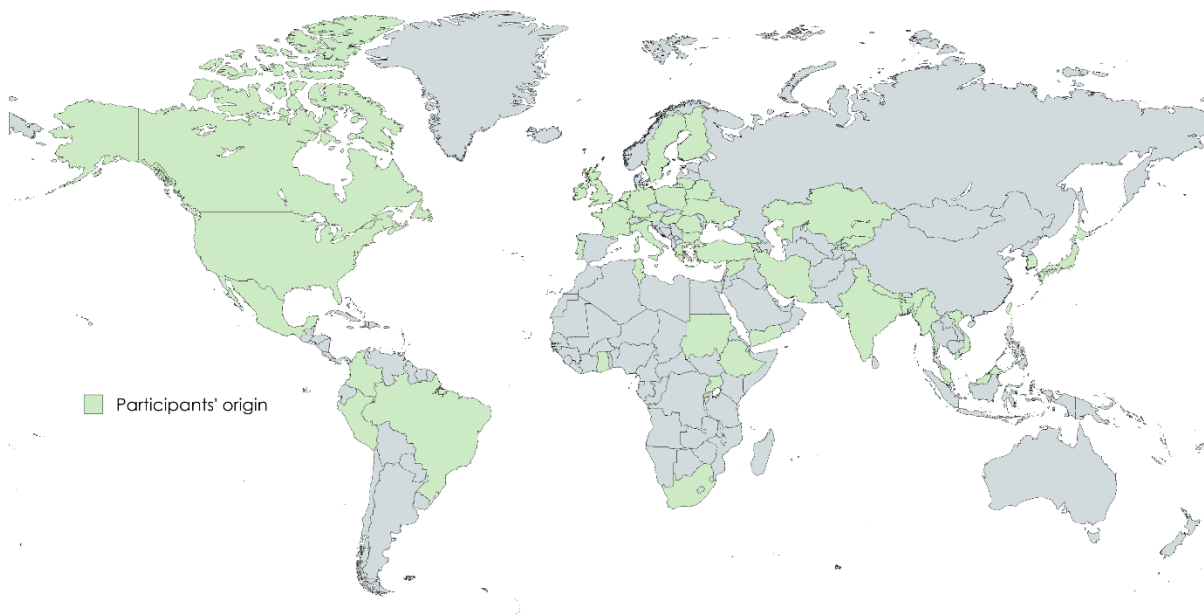
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Highlights



Participant demographics

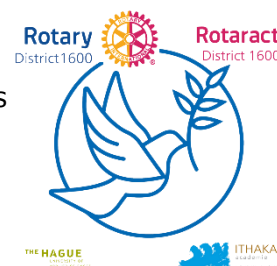


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More information?

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"Throughout the days I have felt like I was part of something important and urgent. I have learnt constantly both from the workshops and the humans around me. I have been challenged and enriched and most of all i have gained so much hope and energy to continue fighting for justice and for peace."

Rosaly, 22, Peru