

Are We Together?

Raising a Generation for Peace





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Passion: Peace



Rotary Peace Fellowships

➤ Scholarships

- 1-year diplomas at 3 regionally based universities
- Masters at 5 international universities

➤ Eligibility

- Rotaractors
- Non-Rotarians (3 years since membership)
- 3 years since last degree

➤ Get involved

- Recruit, mentor applicants (annual intake)

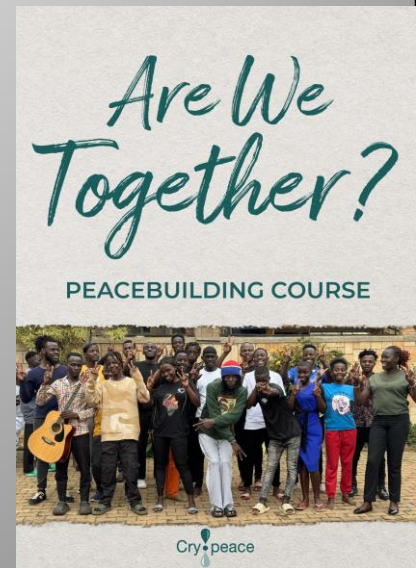
➤ Learn more

- <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships>



What is CryPeace?

- A growing network of peacebuilders in Canada, Uganda, and beyond
- **Mission:** To raise a generation for peace by teaching children the attitudes and aptitudes of peacebuilding
- **Methodology:** Equip partners with peace education resources and training





University of Goma, DRC, 2019



Why Teach Peace?

➤ **Peace is essential**

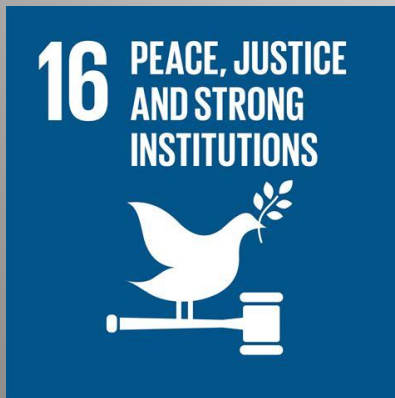
- Human well-being
- Environmental sustainability

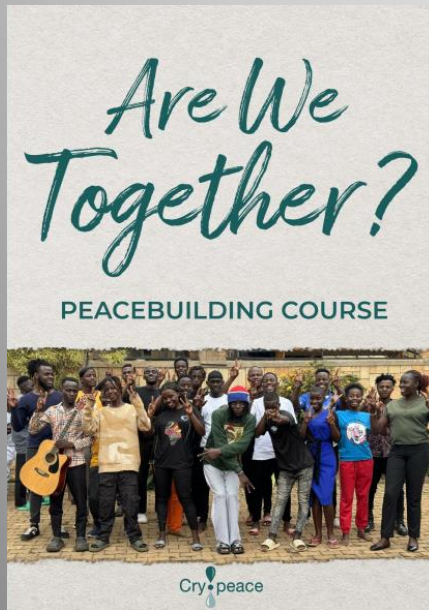
➤ **Peace is a good investment**

- Youth are a growing demographic
- Positive Peace improves prosperity
- Rebuilding after conflict costs 16x more than prevention

➤ **Peace is a global priority**

- Youth, peace and security agenda
- SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
- SDG 4.7: Education for peace and development





➤ **Feasible, scalable, sustainable**

- Huge potential impact
- Youth bulge
- 48% of Ugandans are under 15
- Globally, 25% are under 18

➤ **Mature Field; Endorsed**

- UNESCO's Recommendation on Education for Peace, Human Rights and Sustainable Development, 2024 adopted by all member states

➤ **Poor adoption**

- Not mainstreamed
- Limited evaluation



How to teach peace?

"Are We Together?" includes 7 components and 12 units:

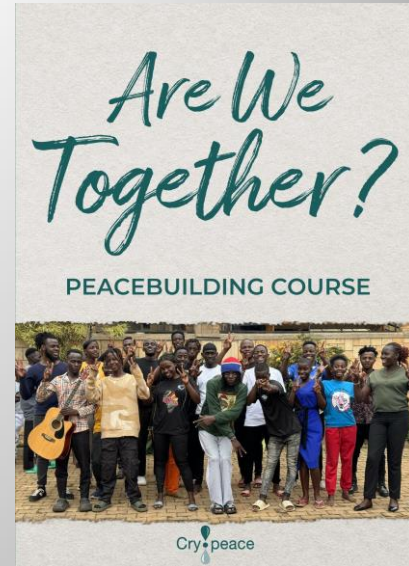


- 1: Peace, the Self and Relationships
- 2: The Values of Love and Respect
- 3: Listening Skills
- 4: Assertiveness and the Value of Humility
- 5: Dialogue; Values: Responsibility, Honesty
- 6: Conflict Resolution
- 7: Dealing with Anger
- 8: Non-Violence and the Value of Tolerance
- 9: Forgiveness and Reconciliation
- 10: Living in Community; Cooperation
- 11: Decision-Making and the Value of Unity
- 12: Living in Harmony with the Environment

Learn more at CryPeace.org > Generation for Peace

“Are We Together?”

- Free, with a proven track record
- Universal values with Ugandan examples
- Geared to children, ages 13 and up
- 72 hours of interactive learning
 - Small group discussions
 - Folk stories
 - Skits
 - Skills



ARE WE TOGETHER?

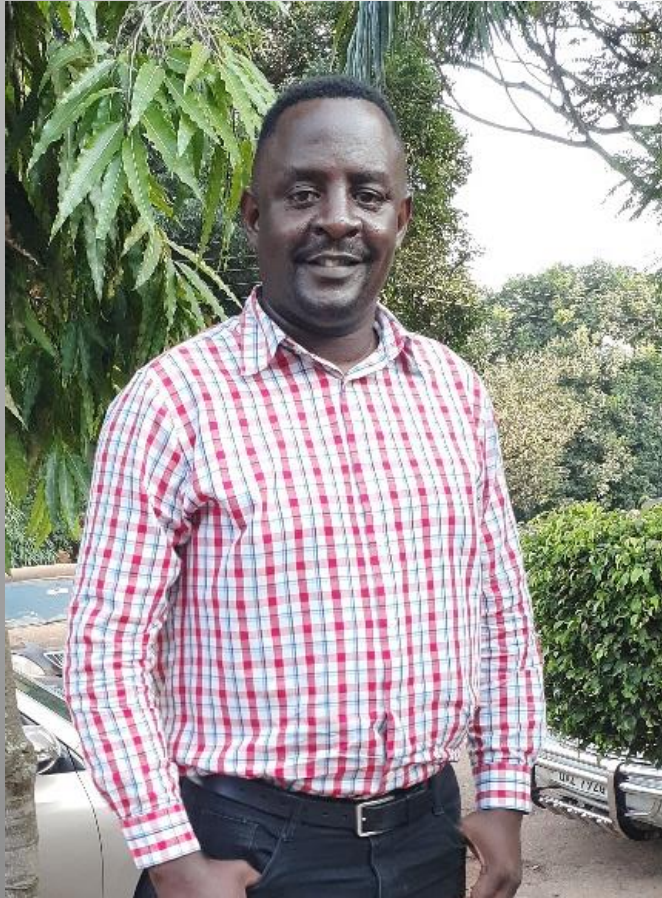
**Peacebuilding Course
Training of Trainers Manual**

Impact, 2001-2008



- Collaboration between Canadian peace education expert, Marg Huber, and the African Children's Choir
- 7,500 children trained in 18 diverse schools in Uganda
- Transformational impact
 - Fighting decreased
 - Cohesion increased
 - Grades improved
 - Parents & communities requested training
 - Ministry of Education took notice

Lasting Impact



*Abraham Kiyangi, one of the
founding facilitators*

"I love this course. Even years later, it has a positive impact on my life. Whenever there is a conflict at work or in my community, people ask me to use the skills it taught me to help resolve it."

Abraham Kiyangi
Director, African Children's Choir



Accomplishments, 2024

- Certified by Uganda's National Curriculum Development Board
- 4 Train-the-trainer workshops
- Launched our first peace classes
 - Community club (Biiso, 30 children)
 - Rhomu Care Secondary School (Mokono, 50 children)
 - True Vine Primary School assemblies (Mokono)
 - Africa Ewaka Children's Home (Kampala, 60 children)



Biiso Peace Class

- Launched in March 2024
 - 30 children meet weekly to learn and share a snack
 - The children and leaders love the program
 - Planted 2 acres for food sustainability, July 2025
 - Initiated monthly outreaches to vulnerable people, Sep 2025



Joanita leading the Biiso community class





Peace Class, Children's Home



- Children are precious, and deserve love
- Love is the direct path to peace

- These former street children are learning to be peaceful with themselves and others
- Our curriculum teaches love for the self, others, and environment



Accomplishments, 2025

- 3 Train-the-trainer workshops
- Launched more peace classes
 - Sant'Egidio Youth for Peace club (Kampala)
 - Parental Care Primary School (Bushenyi, 800 children)
 - St. Kaggwa Secondary School Peace Club (Bushenyi)
- Developed Local Partnerships
 - Rotarian Gilbert Kansiime, Bushenyi
 - Sant-Egidio leader Dorothy Ngabirano, Kampala
- Spoke at Interact Peace Festival, Bushenyi





Interact Peace Festival, Bushenyi, Uganda

- 25 schools
- 3,000 students
- 12 patrons trained
- 2 peace classes launched
- Local Rotarian coordinator
- Challenges
 - Interactive teaching is unfamiliar
 - 2 days' training is insufficient
 - Mindsets; caning is common
 - Ongoing mentoring/support





Future Goals

- Train more trainers to teach more children peace
 - Rotaractors?
 - Interact patrons?
- Develop strategic partnerships
 - Rotary and Interact Clubs
 - Educational partners (IEP?)
- Strengthen CryPeace
 - Register as a non-profit
 - Develop evidence of impact
 - Improve training & support
- Launch a Canadian Peace Class



Carole with Joanita's savings group



How can you help?

- Join CryPeace (project or long-term basis)
 - Strategic growth, registration
 - Website/intranet development
 - Communication, including music & messaging
- Promote Peace Education
 - Teach "Are We Together?"
 - Monitoring & evaluation, reporting
 - Promote to other potential implementors, within or beyond Rotary
 - Design new experiences (days, weekends, camps)



Learn More

- Crypeace.org
 - Generation for Peace
 - Joshua's testimony
 - Milcah's testimony
 - Newsletter
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