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## INTRODUCTION: MISSION OF THE FOUNDATION

The Peace, Justice and Security Foundation was established to:

*“Globally represent victims, educate, promote and create awareness of the ideals of Peace, Justice and Security among all age groups and communities; and provide, in association with The Hague Justice Portal, an information hub and platform for public institutions in The Hague and other stakeholders to stimulate a more inclusive dialogue of peace, justice and security”.*

### ***Our Mission is: “Education for conscious change”***

With the use of educational materials and a specific focus communities affected by war, especially children and their rights – the foundation will use books, film, music, sports, publications, storytelling, animations, media and online campaigns, as well as events to raise awareness.

As a connected global society, we no longer have the right to look away but have a moral obligation to act. To protect each of us, we must protect our global community to ensure peace, justice and security for all.



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## CHAPTER 1: RAISING AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

### Section 1: Youth

Gandhi once said *“if we are to teach real peace in this world, and if we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with the children.”*

One of the main gaps the Foundation will fill is the inclusion of children as a target group. The intent of the Foundation is to reach out with information and dialogue regarding peace, justice and security. It is important that we spotlight the plight of children in conflict and the affect it has to their communities. More importantly, by reaching out to and teaching children from a very young age, our intent is to help change mindsets as a crucial step in breaking the cycle of violence which plagues the world today. In order to support the education process, we shall develop educational materials appropriate to children as part of a complementary effort with other relevant partners already working with children.

By including children and youth, the Foundation would like to empower children as agents of change so they grow up with not only the knowledge but also the power to be the change. If we are to modify mindsets, we need to start exposing children to new concepts of diversity and teach them mutual respect as young as possible.

To start with, there are a number of products the Foundation has designed specifically with children in mind.

## 1. Be Heard Project

The *Be Heard (Uganda)* project is a restorative and transitional justice initiative, designed to give a voice to victims of Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) atrocities in Northern, Eastern and West-Nile Uganda. There are two components to this work:

- to allow victims to speak up and be heard, and ensure their stories are not lost in history; and
- to bridge the cultural divide now being experienced by those held in captivity for years by providing an avenue to rebuild tradition between the generations.

Despite limited prosecutions of crimes committed by the LRA to date (noting that LRA leader Joseph Kony is still at large), there are many stories which will never reach a courtroom and many victims who feel left out of the justice process. It is those stories the *Be Heard (Uganda)* project is capturing.

The purpose is restorative, reparative and reconciliatory for the people most affected. Particular focus is given to those victims who were held in captivity as child soldiers, 'wives' or servants of the LRA militia, some of whom spent over a decade in captivity, bearing children.

Double-victimisation is now apparent and a real issue, resulting in lost cultural identity, a 'lost generation' amongst those now re-integrating into the villages and families from whom they were taken by the LRA. The *Be Heard (Uganda)* project will assist in rebuilding tradition and culture, by facilitating conversations and education between village elders, religious, cultural leaders and the returned former LRA captives.

The pilot project is in Uganda but will be expanded in the future to other countries.

## 2. Short Animated Video Clips:

The Foundation plans to create a series of short animated videos of the book series about peace, justice and security which children can easily access and watch as a tool to increase their awareness of diversity. Each episode highlights different issues. At the end of each clip, viewers can answer a short interactive quiz based on the show.

## 3. Sports for awareness:

The Foundation will use sports as a means to bring communities together as well as educate them on global issues of concern to humanity by encouraging them to relate to others and be agents of change. This will be done, for instance, with the help of professional athletes as well as junior clubs who inspire to become professionals in their chosen field of sports. The foundation has partnered up with A.E. Ramassà football club in Spain and is in talks to partner with national and local sporting clubs around the world. In 2017, A.E Ramassa played a number of matches in war affected regions with football kits that were sponsored by the Peace, Justice and Security Foundation.

### **Sports for awareness will:**

1. Encourage a sense of community across different cultural, religious and other contexts.
2. Inform and educate children in a setting they are already passionate about.
3. Offer communities a platform to speak up and connect to others.



## **Section 2: Education**

*“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” - Nelson Mandela.*

Education and active community engagement around the world are key to not only sustaining community development but also to create a bottom-up and inclusive approach to understanding and addressing the problems of injustice, inequality and impunity. It is only when we effectively work towards a more peaceful environment, address insecurities and hold perpetrators to account, that we can address the entire enterprise of the sustainable development goals.

The absence of sustainable living, access to humanitarian aid, negative socio-economic developments, to name a few, can take effect if there is war, instability or injustice in a community, society or nation.

**Material:**

With the support of our sponsors, the Foundation will provide free educational material on peace, justice and security through partnerships with organisations and community libraries. The material can be provided directly to schools, community centres or libraries.

In 2017, the Peace Justice and Security Foundation sent over 10,000 books to schools in Cameroon and Uganda to help communities affected by war with educational materials.





### **Section 3: Global Awareness and Promotion of Peace, Justice and Security**

The Peace, Justice and Security Gala is another awareness event envisaged by the Foundation. The inaugural gala was held in 2016 and moving forward, subsequent galas will be held annually, starting in The Hague. Once established, the Foundation plans to also host regional galas in different continents around the world, not only to generate local awareness but to also include people and youth of the region and spotlight the work being done in each region.

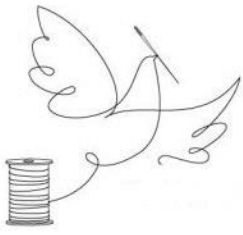
The Gala is planned as a large event attracting a range of distinguished participants to raise awareness and to promote the noble cause of peace, justice and security in partnership with partners.

The Gala will assemble international celebrities and personalities from genres such as film, music, sports, business, international organisations, politics, civil society and local communities, etc. The Gala will celebrate and promote the theme of peace, justice and security to work as a global community to ensure peace, justice and security not only for our own communities but also globally for all communities.

Within the margins of the Gala, the Foundation will host an informed discussion on concrete steps towards achieving the UN Sustainable Development Global Goal (SDG) 16 – Peace and Justice – and the wider Agenda for 2030 Sustainable Development.

The Foundation will ensure the inclusion of local communities and especially youth in all its activities.

## CHAPTER 2: SECURITY AND SAFETY IN CYBERSPACE



The Peace, Justice and Security Foundation believes in the need for a secure and safe cyberspace for everyone to enjoy, focussing specifically on children and their rights online.

On October 2015, the 70th Anniversary of the United Nations, the cyber-psychologist Mary Aiken of The Hague Justice Portal and the Peace, Justice and Security Foundation Advisory Board, delivered a speech at The Hague Talks, highlighting the serious dangers children are exposed to online such as legal but age-inappropriate content online. Professor Aiken pointed out that, according to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, a child has a right to healthy mental and physical development. Exposure to inappropriate content online, such as adult pornography, extreme violence and/or websites that promote self-harm, can have negative implications for a child's mental health and development.

To promote children's rights on Universal Children's Day (20<sup>th</sup> November, day on which the Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, in 1959, and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, in 1989), Professor Aiken via The Hague Justice Portal announced a consultation period to discuss amending relevant articles of the 1989 UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, with a view to incorporating the Cyber Rights of the Child. The proposed amendment will be considered in accordance with Sustainable Development Goal 16: "Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels" under the broader 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

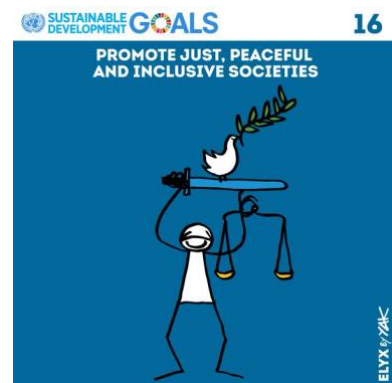
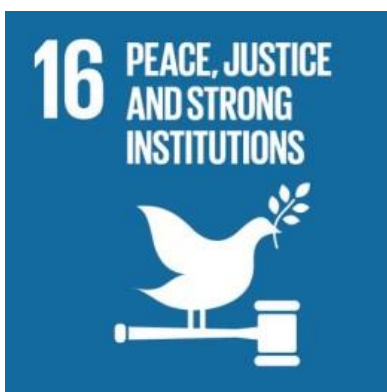
At a broader level, the Foundation will organise educational projects, complementing existing initiatives, to promote safe and secure behaviour online and to leverage the possibilities and opportunities cyberspace offers e.g. in terms of engaging children and creating an online community.



## CHAPTER 3: GOAL 16



*“The Peace, Justice and Security Foundation believes insecurity, conflict and lack of accountability are the root cause of other global issues and it is only when we effectively work towards a more **peaceful environment**, **address insecurities** and **hold perpetrators to account**, that we can address the entire enterprise of the sustainable development goals”.*





## PARTNERSHIPS

Working with community organisations is a key element of the Foundation's work. Such implementing partners, first and foremost, will be working directly with disadvantaged communities. Other partners will include civilians, other community Foundations, government entities or international organisations who are already established in local communities and can help the Foundation achieve its goal of increasing, through education and awareness, how to achieve peace, justice and security.

The Foundation will provide the implementing partner with the necessary material or information to reach the target audience. For educational material, the Foundation will supply copies of the material to the organisations who will help to distribute information and materials to the interactive education centres, will link with organisations already working in the disadvantaged region, government entities and schools. As opposed to the Foundation working alone, these partnerships will help us build the Foundation's capacity using already established projects and will also reach audiences and communities faster with the help of local organisations. Partnerships may also help to build the capacities of a government entity, or a civil society organization, via a project to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Foundation. In selecting an implementing partner, the necessary due diligence will have to be performed to clearly identify the area of collaboration and the outcome of the partnership.

### **Monitoring and measuring impact of all projects:**

Monitoring is a means of ensuring the implementation of the project and ultimately confirming the project objectives and results were achieved. On the completion of the project, the review will also provide the basis for self-evaluation.

Before monitoring the project, it will be necessary to clarify what phase(s) of the project need(s) to be monitored in order to accurately collect information on the progress achieved. We plan to analyse this information and implement it into the decision-making process.

Monitoring will include systematic and continuous collection of analyses in order to use the information for the purpose of assessing the performance and management of the project, identification of key lessons learnt, recommendations and decision-making regarding future initiatives. Once implementation begins, the execution and progress of activities will be regularly overseen and assessed. During implementation, the project needs to be regularly monitored to verify the following:

- project progress against its results;
- project progress against the time targets set in the plan of operations;
- effective employment of resources, ensuring that expenditure stays within the limits of the budget.

Monitoring will track progress and indicate issues and problems during implementation. Control will take corrective action to remedy these problems and issues. It is important to establish the frequency and modalities of monitoring at the project development phase. It may also be necessary to allocate funds solely to cover the cost of monitoring.

The main objectives of monitoring and measuring impact are to:

- Account for the effective and efficient use of the Foundation's funds;
- Demonstrate to our target audience, the project results, impact and sustainability;
- Project self-evaluation;
- Analyse the effect that the project has had on men, women and children/youth and on different ethnic groups;
- Document and analyse project success or failure;
- Recommend ways to correct failure and strengthen future success;
- Identify better alternatives and best practices;
- Provide concrete methods of reviewing annual progress;
- Recommend ways to improve efficiency by better allocation of resources;
- Incorporate lessons learned into decision-making; and
- improve future projects and programmes.

## CHAPTER 4: ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

### Section 1: The Team

The Peace, Justice and Security Foundation comprises a small and dedicated team, enthusiastic about promoting peace, justice and security. The group spends its free time working on the Foundation and its various related projects. The team is supported by ardent supporters also willing to spend some of their free time to help the Foundation achieve its goals. We are currently looking for funds, donations and more talented helping hands. If you are interested, please contact us. Foundation board members and volunteers are not remunerated.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

We are always interested in discussing new partnerships and projects with those who share the values of the Peace, Justice and Security Foundation.

If you have a project, or an idea for a project, we would be delighted to hear from you.

You can contact the Foundation via the contact form on our web site:  
<http://www.haguejusticeportal.net>

“The future of peace and prosperity that we seek for all the world’s peoples needs a foundation of tolerance, security, equality and justice.”

- Kofi Annan -





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