

Create Your Own Theory of Change!

26 young peace workers gathered in Tbilisi on 15-18th of October for the second module of the project “Peace and Conflict Consultants”. The main focus of this module was to introduce the full design cycle of peace and development programs with an accent on the critical factors that enable a strategic and systemic approach to these interventions. The training was a hands-on experience and consisted of weaving a classic design process including conflict sensitivity instruments, like the Do No Harm approach. At this stage, the participants furthermore had a chance to work on concrete project ideas that they plan to implement in their home communities as part of this training course.



During the second module participants learned about the strategic and systemic nature of analysis and peace project design as well as the five steps of a DPP (Designing Peace Projects) process. Furthermore, specific instruments and methods for the situation assessment, the vision, objectives, implementation as well as the evaluation and monitoring processes were introduced through presentations, group/peer work, case studies and graph exercises.

As a next step, the participants worked in national teams and discussed the main issues they might tackle by realizing their own projects that will be implemented in their local communities. At the end of the training six different project ideas were presented by the participants.

According to the social, economic and political situations of the countries, project ideas were various.

The Azerbaijani team came up with an idea of empowering young women to be active in social-organizational policy making processes, taking into consideration the real circumstances of women in society. They were aiming to encourage young women to gain appropriate capacity to run their candidacy for local governance bodies in the nearest future. The Georgian team was concerned about the lack of sense of belonging of the ethnic minorities' youth in Tbilisi. Thus, they intended to assist self-realization of young people belonging to different ethnic groups by using methods such as simulation games and forum theatre. While participants from Ukraine mainly focused on the progress of democratic values among the young generation, the Armenian team aimed to initiate a process of positive transformation in the perceptions of and behaviors towards the Nagorno Karabakh conflict while choosing a specific target group.



The participants will receive financial, technical and organizational support by CRISP to implement their “Peace Projects” within the next two months.

This project is part of a four module training course regarding conflict transformation in Ukraine, Moldova and the South Caucasus. The main aim is to introduce the participants to the tools and techniques of conflict management in order to increase the quality and flexibility in this sphere.