



REPORT 2019

Living Peace, a project promoted and supported by Azione per un Mondo Unito - AMU, Teens4 Unity and the NGO New Humanity, has reached its **eighth year of life**, involving more people than ever before. The project's activities and tasks have been carried out by more than 1700 schools and universities, reaching over one million children and teenagers. 80 international organizations are involved in the project, about 30 of which work in synergy to create new peace initiatives. Living Peace acts as a container: it collects these peace actions and then it introduces them to a new audience. At the core of the project there are three pillars: the practice of Time Out, the launch of the Dice of Peace, with phrases inspired by the art of loving, and the 6x1 Methodology - 6 steps for a goal.

In 2019 several **local and international activities** were implemented:

World Travel

Project manager Carlos Palma, local project coordinators and other colleagues who work for Living Peace at AMU, have made several trips around the world to introduce or strengthen the project through:

training courses for schools and partner organizations that took place in Italy, Portugal, Spain, Egypt, Jordan, Sweden, Holland, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Colombia. Also, because it is not possible to travel to all the countries where the presence of the Project is required, the team led by Carlos Palma also held several Skype conferences. The number of national and international cultural, social and religious conferences that wish to participate to the Living Peace project are increasing.





The Dice of Peace comes in different forms and languages and it is used as a pedagogical tool within schools, universities, parishes, movements, associations, organizations and companies.

At **UBUNTU Academy**, where hundreds of young university students study in Portugal, the Dice is part of the training course.

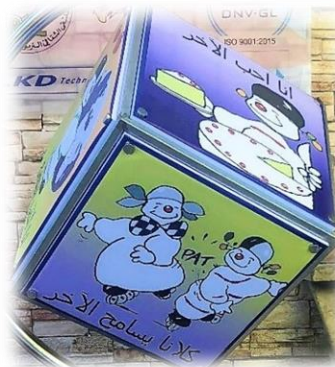


At a Psychiatric clinic in Philadelphia (USA) the **Therapeutic dice of Peace** has been created in eight different versions in order to address multiple problems and needs (depression, addiction, behavioural disorders and so on).



In 2019 the number of **prisons where the Dice of Peace was used** as part of the rehabilitation process has increased. In the prison of Lodi (Italy), prisoners built a plastic model of a park inspired by the Living Peace Project and the dice of peace. The aim of the artwork was to propose to the municipal administration the development of the model in the existing Isola Carolina Park.

Today they are **37 huge dice of Peace**: they are present in Latin America, the Middle East and Europe.



Gen Rosso musical ensemble

This year the work between the Living Peace Project and Gen Rosso has continued. The pedagogy of Living Peace was presented to the schools that participated in the Gen Rosso workshops in Jordan.



International training course *Educate to Educate - Edu x Edu*

An international training course ‘*Growing together in the educational relationship*’ for teachers and educators was held from March 2nd to 6th in Castel Gandolfo, Rome. On this occasion, the Living Peace project was presented in two Forums titled ‘*Educating for Peace: a proposa*’l which was attended actively by about 60 people from different countries.



In addition, two workshops called ‘*Peace in Action Projects: Living Peace International*’ were also held.

World relay for peace - Run4Unity

The Run4Unity promoted by Teens4Unity is being enriched by the contribution and the presence of many schools that are part of the Living Peace project. Every year more and more children participate. Youth associations and movements are also involved. This year about 10,000 children from 50 different schools attended the DR Congo.



Synergy with Partner Organizations

After several years of working together with some partner organizations, it was possible to collaborate more for the preparation of events, organizing art exhibitions and presenting Living Peace in schools and universities. This was the case for Stockholm (Sweden), Kinshasa (DR of Congo), Medellin (Colombia) and cities in Uruguay and Argentina.



Congress of Young Leaders and Peace Ambassadors

The 1st International Congress of Young Leaders and Ambassadors for Peace ‘*Grow as peace builders*’ was held at the Centro Mariapoli Luminosa in Las Matas, Madrid, from December 13th to 15th. This is the most important international event of the year: three days of training for young people committed to promoting peace. The congress was divided into three strands: peace with oneself, with the other and with the world. About 200 people from 29 countries (Latin America, Africa, Europe, Middle East and Asia) were present.

The Congress is part of the ‘Plan of global initiatives – Pathways’ proposed by the Youth Movement for a United World, on the issues of human rights, peace, legality and justice, and made an important contribution into the lives of participants, as we have been able to grasp from their impressions:

- *The testimonies have been very important and impressive and I cannot fail to mention the Festival of Peoples where we have been able to learn about different traditions, cultures and where I have been able to note the gift that we can be for each other, despite our differences.* Guilherme - Portugal;
- *In Madrid I understood that all people from all continents, despite being different in culture, complexion and character, share many interests, passions and ideas of peace. I understood that I have to open my heart to everyone, even to those who don't like me. There I felt at peace with myself and with others. After this experience I was able to truly forgive those who did me a wrong and I will commit myself to continue in the future .* Silvia - Italy
- *I (...) understood that peace is a way of life. (...) In those days of Congress I also experienced an important moment in my life, because I was appointed ambassador of peace. I feel that (...) is something that marked a before and an after in my way of thinking, of facing situations, in my way of life. I think I have always been at the service of others and now I will do it with more energy, stopping to build walls to build bridges. And when I feel alone in building peace, I will remember the congress, every experience, every learning, every person who has left me a phrase, a gesture and I will know that many of us live and work for it and united through Living Peace we will achieve that real impact to develop that culture of peace in the world that we so long for.* Uriel - Argentina



Network of local coordinators

The importance of the work done by the local project coordinators is increasingly evident. The coordinators have the function of supporting the different realities in which they are inserted and facilitating the sharing between them and the central secretariat. This is the reason why there is a need for more training on their tasks. For the first time during the congress in Madrid about twenty coordinators from various geographical areas met to share their commitment to coordinate local networks and better manage their voluntary work within the AMU – Associazione Azione per un Mondo Unito.



Young Ambassadors of Peace

About 600 young Ambassadors of Peace all over the world carry out activities for peace, becoming the promoters and spreaders of the culture of peace in different fields: social, educational, religious, athletic and artistic. A training program, focused on the *Art of Loving* and on the pillars of the Living Peace International project was started in Egypt, Argentina and Jordan. These young people belong to the Living Peace network and have been nominated by the Universal Circle of Peace Ambassadors in Geneva.



Living Peace and media

Living Peace activities and initiatives all over the world were in the spotlight thanks to articles, publications, radio and TV interviews.

