

## Meet Our Young Peace Journalists

Why do our Young Peace Journalists enjoy working at this project? We asked, and this is what they had to say:

“This project gives me the chance to speak with refugees and asylum seekers who are, most of the times, the strongest and most inspiring persons you can meet.”

-Alexandre, Portugal and Serbia

“This project means a lot to me because it increases my chances of contributing in bringing peace, justice and stability in the world.”

-Innocent, Nigeria

“I am convinced that peace in the world begins with me by giving voice to migrants and reporting their stories in order to change mentalities and improve their situations.”

-Merveille, Democratic Republic of Congo

“This project helps me to be in solidarity with the most vulnerable and it has taught me that my life lived for others makes the world a better place.”

-Daisy, Papua New Guinea

“This project allows me to raise awareness about the isolation, suffering and feelings of refugees, displaced people and asylum seekers.”

-Olivier, Democratic Republic of Congo

“I get to advocate for justice by sharing the stories of those that need their stories to be heard.”

- Zachary, USA and Greece

“I really enjoy this project because I think that nowadays it's very important to raise the voice against disinformation and racism and to speak in person with those who unjustly suffer.”

- Lucia, Italy



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## SYNOPSIS:

The “Young Peace Journalists” (YPJ) project of Pax Christi International started in 2016 as an effort to engage young people on important issues of peace and justice while raising up the stories of marginalised peoples experiencing conflict or injustice.

The project is focused on interviewing refugees, internally displaced persons, migrants and asylum seekers, and sharing their stories with a wider audience.

The project trains and empowers youth to conduct interviews with people who have had to flee their home countries, to listen to the stories of refugees, to get a better understanding of their situation, and to share and promote the interviews online to raise awareness of the plight of people seeking refuge.

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Young Peace Journalists are youth and young adults from all over the world, including Africa, Europe, North America, Oceania, and the Middle East.
- Twenty-six journalists have published 44 stories on the Peace Stories blog, giving insight into refugees’ lives in Turkey, USA, Belgium, New Zealand, Lebanon, Croatia, the Netherlands, Ukraine, Italy, the DR Congo, and elsewhere.
- Stories have been republished, reposted and shared in other formats and across other platforms, reaching thousands of people throughout the world.
- Online training sessions have been conducted to educate youth in the tenets of peace journalism, how to conduct interviews, the global context of the refugee crisis, advocacy work, and more.

## EYES TO THE FUTURE:

Plans are being explored to bring together participants in the project for a first-ever face-to-face gathering. The hope is to integrate this gathering with advocacy meetings with political decision-makers who make the policies which affect those seeking refuge.

Participants in the project continue to interview and publish more stories on the experience of refugees. Our Young Peace Journalists are currently working on interviews with refugees in the DR Congo, Nigeria, Kenya, South Africa, Sweden and Germany, all planned to post in coming months.

## MORE INFORMATION:

To read our interviews, please visit our blog: <https://paxchristipeacestories.com/refugee-stories/>

