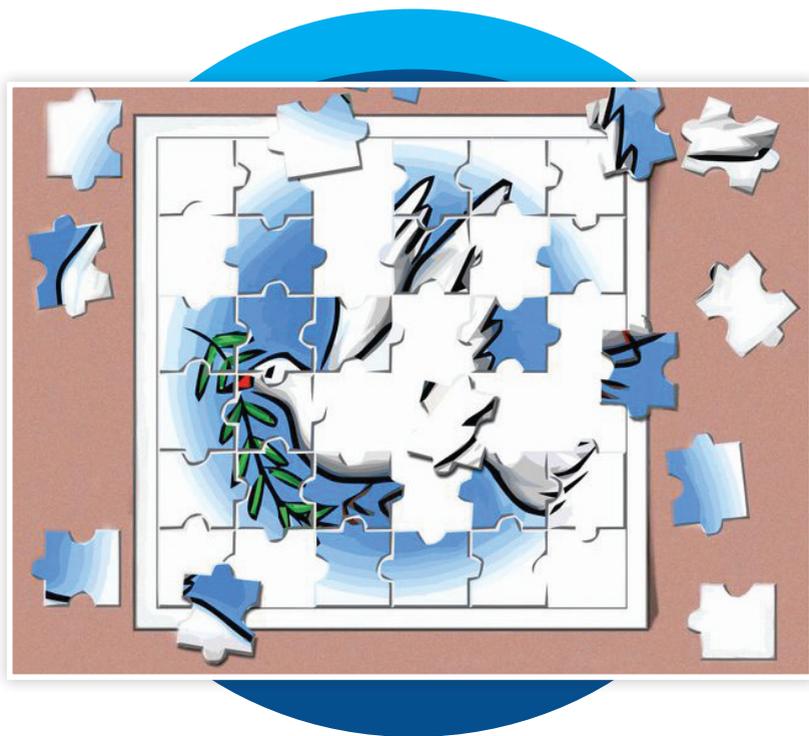




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# A SUCCESSFUL STORY

**Peacebuilding –The Priority of My Community** is a project implemented by the NGO New Horizon, supported through a small grant program under the Divided Past – Joint Future Project implemented by the YCC Banja Luka, funded by the EU.



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**PROJECT TITLE: PEACEBUILDING – THE PRIORITY OF MY COMMUNITY**

## Project goal:

The main objective of the project is to strengthen intercultural dialogue, build confidence and promote peace among young people in the local community and beyond, and create new youth potential throughout training peer educators within a special educational program on intercultural dialogue and peacebuilding.

The project involved 25 young activists (16 - 20 years old). When selecting participants and forming a group, New Horizon paid special attention to the structure of the group. This means that the adequate representation of the various categories of participants, which are characteristic for the local community, such as ethnic, religious, language, gender, geographical (urban-rural), etc., was taken into account.

## Main activities of the project:

**PEACEBUILDING SCHOOL** - a special cycle of workshops was organized at the Corner for Youth, at the City Library - Ulcinj. Specifically, this program helped participants develop competencies for conflict resolution, foster mutual understanding and engage in peacebuilding and local community development.

**YOUTH PEACE TOUR** - participants of the project took part in study visits organized in public, cultural, educational and religious institutions, as well as at cultural heritage sites in Montenegro. Within this activity, participants were able to visit religious and cultural institutions in Cetinje, and in Tuzi, high school students from Ulcinj met their peers from the religious high school - Madrassah "Mehmed Fatih". Also, as part of this activity, they visited the Catholic Cathedral in Bar.

**PEACEBUILDING SHORT FILM** - project participants made the short film material that promotes peace, tolerance and intercultural dialogue. *The video is available [HERE](#).*

**PRESS Conference** - At the end of the project, as a part of the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development, the youth organized a small media conference in which they presented the knowledge and skills acquired during this engagement. At this conference the degrees for participation in the project were also awarded.

This project contributed to increasing the capacity of young people at the individual and group levels, but also established bridges of communication between institutions and young people, thus contributing to a better understanding of the value of peace building and the development of local democracy. The participants in this project emphasized that this project widened their perspectives and provided new insights.

# Quotes:

"A very nice experience, which encourages me to participate even more in activities that promote peace and tolerance."

Marina

"Peace and understanding are the basis for creating an urban culture as well as for integration, while preserving identity traits."

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"The experience in our last project was first and foremost instructive and also fun. We learned something important through talking to each other and interactive activities."

Tijana