

Project COMMON BOND

Our Past Is Changing The Future



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COMMON BOND
A Tuesday's Children Program



ABOUT PROJECT COMMON BOND

Tuesday's Children created Project COMMON BOND in 2008 as an international community that brings together young people who have each experienced the loss of a loved one due to terrorism, violent extremism or war. Through recognition of how conflict has impacted their lives and experiencing this unique multicultural community, participants are empowered to be PEACE BUILDERS and AGENTS OF CHANGE back in their communities. Since its inception, Project COMMON BOND has united nearly 800 young adults from 31 countries.

Project COMMON BOND connects youth with others who can identify with their loss and pain and empowers participants to transform this experience into positive action. Participants engage in dialogue and community-building activities that enhance interpersonal communication and conflict negotiation skills, promote dignity, and enable them to act as global ambassadors for peace.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- *Healing through Community* – building resilience in youth affected by trauma
- *Promotion of Dignity* – using dialogue and connection around differences to promote dignity, respect, and understanding
- *Transformation through Education* – teaching conflict resolution, mediation and peacebuilding skills
- *Leadership Development* – empowering global youth to enact positive change in their home communities

CUSTOMIZED CURRICULUM

Over the past 12 years, Project COMMON BOND's curriculum has been advanced by Tuesday's Children staff, consultants, and program facilitators and includes adaptations of the Dignity Model created at the Harvard Weatherhead Center for International Affairs; a Peacebuilding curriculum developed by leadership and conflict management facilitators; and Tuesday's Children's Long-Term Healing Model for building community resilience.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Dignity Sessions lead by trained clinicians
- Participation in electives that range from peacebuilding to sports to arts
- Evening activities focused on promoting resilience and deepening community bonds
- Enriching cross-cultural exchange among participants, chaperones, and staff

OUTCOMES

Project COMMON BOND is building an international network of global youth ambassadors, ages 15-20, whose lives have been transformed by terrorism and who are now striving toward tolerance, peace, positivity and empowerment. Participating countries since inception have included Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, England, France, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Kenya, Kosovo, Lebanon, Liberia, Macedonia, Morocco, Nigeria, Northern Ireland, Norway, Pakistan, Palestine, Republic of Congo, Russia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan and the United States, with additional countries engaged for distance learning.

RECENT EVALUATIONS SHOW:

- 97% felt better able to practice dignity for themselves and others
- 99% recognized the value of learning from different cultures
- 94% felt motivated to advocate for peace in their communities
- 96% felt better able to identify and respond to prejudices

ABOUT TUESDAY'S CHILDREN

Tuesday's Children provides a lifetime of healing for families who have been forever changed by terrorism, military conflict or mass violence.

CONTACT TUESDAY'S CHILDREN

To learn more about Project COMMON BOND, please visit tuesdayschildren.org or call us at 212.332.2980.

