

Tuesday's Children: Project COMMON BOND

Thursday, June 22nd - Thursday, June 29th
Bryn Mawr College, PA

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

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 direct trauma or loss due to terrorism, military conflict or mass violence. 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 engaged with young adults from **34** 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 15 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. The Peacebuilding curriculum has been developed by leadership and conflict management facilitators and incorporates Tuesday's Children's Long-Term Healing Model for building community resilience.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Dignity Sessions lead by trained facilitators
- Participation in electives including peacebuilding, sports, art, storytelling and movement
- Evening activities that focus on promoting connection, understanding, resilience and deepening community bonds
- Creating community that promotes cross-cultural exchanges among participants, chaperones, and staff

"Project COMMON BOND has brought back the real me that was stolen some years back. This experience has made me realize that I can stand up for peace in my own community. It has become my second home and has impacted me in a way that I will never forget."

PROJECT COMMON BOND WINTER PARTICIPANT FROM NIGERIA



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OUTCOMES

Project COMMON BOND is building an international network of global youth ambassadors, ages 15-22, whose lives have been transformed by direct trauma or loss due to terrorism, military conflict or mass violence, and who are now striving toward tolerance, peace, positivity and empowerment. Participating countries since inception have included Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Columbia, Croatia, England, France, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Kenya, Kosovo, Lebanon, Liberia, Macedonia, Morocco, Nigeria, Northern Ireland, Norway, Pakistan, Palestine, Republic of Congo, Russia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Uganda 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

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CONTACT TUESDAY'S CHILDREN

For more information about Project COMMON BOND, contact Kathy Murphy, Sr. Program Director, kathy@tuesdayschildren.org, or call 516-562-9000.

To learn more about Tuesday's Children, visit www.tuesdayschildren.org.

"Project COMMON BOND has caused a great change in my life, allowing me to share about myself with neither fear nor shame. It has given me the ability to pull light out of my darkness."

PROJECT COMMON BOND SUMMER PARTICIPANT

