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## The Kinetics of Peace Youth Institute

### ***Purpose of Proposed Project:***

The physical laws that govern our world bring about foreseeable, inevitable results under similar conditions. Gravity results in things falling down – always falling down. Understanding these rules allowed our ancestors to shift from a divine or magic based understanding of phenomenon to a science based comprehension. In other words, things are not beyond our control but within our capacity to affect the outcome. The kinetic energy of an object is the extra energy which it possesses due to its motion. The Kinetics of Peace CD Project will set into motion the relationships and understanding needed to perpetuate an inevitable forward dynamic motion towards peaceful coexistence. The fundamentals are the understanding of conflict and the human resource of committed capable trained people in the community to carry out cross cultural activities.

By dealing solely with the Arab Israeli conflict we understand the phenomenon of conflict, but by dealing with a spectrum of conflicts we understand the patterns that create conflict and can craft the conditions which change the outcome. Therefore the Kinetics of Peace CD Project will bring together people from conflicting communities including Israel, the PNA, both communities of Cyprus, the Republicans and Unionists from Northern Ireland and youth from the Spanish cultural autonomies. We will provide young people in the chosen communities to work together on a joint goal – the CD while providing a supportive environment and prove that community projects both local and international across divides are possible and fun.



### ***Program Summary:***

The Kinetics of Peace CD Project will;

- Jointly expose Cypriot, Israeli, Northern Irish, Spanish and Palestinian actors to the implementation of bi-communal activities.
- Create a cultural comfort zone by using music and recording a multi-lingual music CD and songbook.
- Create a deeper understanding of the symbols that affect us by exploring the symbols and images in the song lyrics.
- Promote a favorable dynamic towards peace by experiencing cooperative team work towards a common goal.
- Reestablish the **PDC** as a central gathering place for the Kinetics of Peace Youth Institute program, in the Ramallah and the West Bank while safeguarding ties to the Gaza Strip.

### ***Justification:***

Although the program deals with 4 conflicts the justification focuses on the Middle East aspects. The past years of the Intifada, and most specifically the past two years since the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, the Hamas takeover of Gaza, the 2006 Lebanese War, as well as the situation in Iraq have left the peoples of the Middle East very angry, skeptical, and distrustful of any peace initiative. It has become an urgent necessity, therefore, to recreate an environment supportive of peace and reestablish within the civic consciousness the obvious benefits of peace in our region. This is a difficult task that can work if we take slow steps within non intrusive segments of our cultural and political societies.

Over the years, unfruitful bi-communal programs, as well as the recurring breakdown of political negotiations again and again have created intensified animosity, despair and anger among the people of our region. The lack of trust in any interaction is the evident outcome of these repeated failures. There have been many cases in which participants of joint programs for example thought before entering the program: “I think I can not trust the other” and after a non successful program stated “If before I *thought* I can not trust him, Now *I know* I can’t”.

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In order to create cadres of people with the tools to carry out successful bi-communal cross cultural programs it is clear to us today that people initiating such programs need to be trained and qualified. All the partnering NGOs proposing to lead the Kinetics of Peace CD Project have the knowledge and experience to carry out such training. Furthermore, the close ties of the partner NGOs to an international network of like minded organizations, their support and expertise, will allow this program to integrate the latest global best practices with knowledge already gained. Specifically the Palestinian and Israeli NGO's have over the last decade have implemented a range of successful initiatives even during the most volatile of times.

### ***Detailed Description:***

The scope of this proposal is 12 months after which we will carry out an evaluation and readjustment of the program and reapply for a second grant because in order to create a significant impact on the community a long term intervention is needed, a one year program is a curiosity, three years of activity becomes a local tradition.

### ***Music seminar***

Music knows no boundaries and enters all people's hearts and soul. Three representatives from each community will come to Spain to record the CD. This CD will be a collection of songs from each community song by all the participants in the original language. These songs will be songs of peace and friendship selected by the participants. After the CD is completed a songbook with sheet music will also be produced in all the appropriate languages. A performance will take place for public benefit.

The goals of creating the CD are:

1. The process of collecting the pieces for the choir will encourage the participants to *reflect about their own culture.*
2. The need to present the pieces to the others will demand of the singers to articulate their own *attitudes towards the political situation* that they come from.
3. The sharing of the lyrics will emphasize to all the *common aspiration for peace.*
4. The process of creating a joint CD will be help *overcome stereotypes and prejudices.*
5. The Music Seminar shall be used by all the participating organizations in their *future educational work.*

The participants shall all be amateurs with some experience. They shall come to Spain for two weeks. The musicians accompanying the singers shall be local people who originate from the countries included.

The process of the preparation of the CD shall include:

1. Workshops about the songs and their histories.



2. Presentations about the traditional musical instruments.
3. Learning the songs in the original language.
4. Recording the songs.
5. Preparing the songbooks.
6. A performance under the sponsorship of the local Spanish municipality.

## Budget

<b>Kinetics of Peace CD Project</b>				
<b>Budget 12 months</b>				
<b>Items</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>PROGRAMS</b>				
<b>Music seminar (1 seminar 8 communities 10 days)</b>				
Coordinators	€ 600	seminar	8	€ 4,800
Recording equipment	€ 600	days	2	€ 1,200
Recording technician	€ 200	day	2	€ 400
Local musicians	€ 200	musician	4	€ 800
Transportation				
Flights	€ 550	flight	26	€ 14,300
Local bus seminars abroad	€ 300	day	2	€ 600
Hosting				
Food	€ 20	day	400	€ 8,000
Hotel	€ 45	day	400	€ 18,000
Communication	€ 100	community	8	€ 800
Materials	€ 150	seminar	1	€ 150
Translation	€ 500	seminar	1	€ 500
Venue	€ 250	day	14	€ 3,500
Songbook production	€ 25	book	400	€ 10,000
CD production	€ 7	CD	800	€ 5,600
<b>Subtotal Music seminar</b>				<b>€ 68,650</b>
<b>Organizational</b>				
	€			
Audit	1,000	year	1	€ 1,000
Insurance per participant per day	€ 2	day	560	€ 840
International Management	€ 750	month	6	€ 4,500
	€			
Overhead	4,806	~ 7%	1	€ 4,806
<b>Subtotal Organizational</b>				<b>€ 11,146</b>
<b>Subtotal programs</b>				<b>€ 68,650</b>
<b>Subtotal Organizational</b>				<b>€ 11,146</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>€ 79,796</b>

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### ***Partner organizations:***

#### **PDC**

The **P**alestine **D**ialogue **C**enter – **PDC** - was founded as a non profit NGO in 1996 by a group of young people from Gaza, graduates of the first Intifada. They felt that only through dialogue can the problems between Palestinians and Israeli's be solved. The goal of the Palestinian Dialogue Center is to bring together organizations and community groups concerned with the development of the civil society in Palestine and with the promotion of peace in our region. Its activities concern youth and young leadership, women, community service, health, education, culture and other aspects of Palestinian national development. To this end the PDC engages in active dialogue with Israeli and foreign NGOs, organizations and individuals with similar aims for their people. The Palestine Dialogue Center has conducted training programs for leaders of people-centered organizations in Palestine, including youth, women and community groups. In the past decade the PDC has trained roughly some 4000 Palestinian young leaders in workshops, seminars, meetings and discussions groups. These programs were held in various venues in Gaza, Israel, France, Greece, Belgium, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Spain and the USA. Since the takeover of Gaza by the Hamas, the staff of PDC that was on the Hamas hit list have relocated to Ramallah while some have remained in self imposed house arrest in Gaza. In consequence of the Hamas takeover, the PDC had to destroy all of its documentation, computer hard drives and burn all of its photo albums of activities. The activities in Gaza have ceased and the PDC wishes to reestablish itself in the west bank.

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### **The Association for Progressive Education in honor of Meir Yaari**

The Association for Progressive Education in honor of Meir Yaari – Yaari Association is an NGO and NPO that develops and implements educational programs in Israel and abroad. These include: Educational programs, Conflict Resolution programs, Environmental programs, Peace programs, SM&E programs, Youth Exchanges, and Cultural programs. This is done through seminars, conferences, symposia and research, conducting training activities and providing relevant information and skills, providing advanced training for community activists and young leaders, and maintaining working relations with organizations, institutions and private individuals for the promotion and advancement of the foundation's goals

The goals of the Association within Israel and internationally are to promote intercultural tolerance and dialogue, democratic attitudes, civil rights and equality within Israel, combat poverty and strive to advance social justice. Within Israel the association works on issues regarding the equal integration of Arab citizens into Israeli society mainly through youth work and on the absorption of new immigrants into Israeli society. The Yaari Association has been active in long term educational programs with organizations in the PNA. The Youth Institute program was exhibited in EXPO 2000 as an outstanding example of international cooperation. The AllinPeace program was awarded a prize by the UN and had two photo exhibits in the UN lobby. These programs have been multinational involving twelve communities and lasting five to six years long with budgets of hundred of thousands of dollars.

The Association cooperates with similar organization in the Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, France, Italy, Jordan, Germany, Greece, Great Britain, Japan, Kosovo, Northern Ireland, PNA, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Sri Lanka , Turkey and the USA.

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### **Other partners**

Because of the tight timetable set before us to present the proposal we have not yet finalized the list of participating organizations. We have experience working with the NGO's in Northern Ireland and Cyprus and have discussed partnership with them. We have yet to get a response from the Spanish NGO's. The program will encompass a network of NGO's and individuals with extensive experience.

### ***Spain***

As the sending of this proposal we have approached several Spanish NGO's but have not yet received a positive answer. We are in contact with Solidaridad Internacional, MPDL and OSPAAAL.

### ***Northern Ireland***

We are working with the Foyle Youth Institute which has years of international and local experience and awaiting their final approval.

### ***Cyprus***

We are in discussions with the PEO and the CTP and awaiting final approval.



## Organization Agreement Document

### PDC Organization agreement

A. Details of the partner organisation / group			
Name	Palestine Dialouge Center		
Street address	El Sabra 285/47		
Postcode	_____	City	_____
Region	Ramallah / Gaza	Country	PNA
Email	esam31@hotmail.com	Website	_____
Telephone	972-59-412901	Telefax	_____

Person in charge of the project (contact person)			
Family name (Mr/Ms)	Sad	First name	Issam
Position/function	Public Relation		
Email	esam31@hotmail.com		
Telephone	972-59-412901	Telefax	_____

B. Profile of the partner organisation / group	
Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> organisation or <input type="checkbox"/> group association
Status	<input type="checkbox"/> governmental / public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non-governmental <input type="checkbox"/> other
Activity level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local <input type="checkbox"/> regional <input type="checkbox"/> national <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> international
Please give a short description of the organisation/group (regular activities, member of, etc.):	
<p>The Palestinian Dialogue Center brings together organizations and community groups concerned with the development of the civil society in Palestine and with the promotion of peace in our region. Its activities concern youth and young leadership, women, community service, health, education, culture and other aspects of Palestinian national development. Since the takeover of Gaza by Hamas, the PDC staff has split half in Gaza and half in RamAllah.</p>	

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**C. Preliminary agreement of the partner organisation / group**

*I, the undersigned, on behalf of (repeat the name of the partner organisation / group)*

Palestine Dialouge Center

*confirm our willingness to participate in the preparation, implementation and evaluation of the youth exchange project*

The Kinetics of Peace Youth Institute

*as well as our commitment to ensure visibility of the Spanish Cooperation support for the activities and/or the production of materials.*

Name in capital letters : I.S.

Place, date : Ramallah 25  
March 2008

Signature :





### Association for Progressive Education Organization Agreement

A. Details of the partner organisation / group			
Name	The Association for Progressive Education – In Honor of Meir Yaari		
Street address	13 Leonardo Davinci St. Tel Aviv		
Postcode	61400	City	Tel Aviv
Region		Country	Israel
Email	amos@gezer.org.il	Website	
Telephone	Cell 972-54-7932469	Telefax	972-8-9270686

Person in charge of the project (contact person)			
Family name (Mr/Ms)	Mr. DAVIDOWITZ	First name	Amos
Position/function	Educational Coordinator		
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Telephone	Cell 972-54-7932469	Telefax	972-8-9270736

B. Profile of the partner organisation / group			
Type	<input type="checkbox"/> organisation or association	<input type="checkbox"/> group	
Status	<input type="checkbox"/> governmental / public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non-governmental	<input type="checkbox"/> other
Activity level	<input type="checkbox"/> local	<input type="checkbox"/> regional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> national <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> international
<p>Please give a short description of your organisation/group (regular activities, member of, etc.) : The association coordinates national and international youth programs. It does not have a permanent membership but works with established youth groups and institutions. An example of our activities have been The Youth Institute funded by the EC (P2P/04/99 B-7 4100) which was exhibited at the EXPO 2000. All in Peace, which was awarded a UN award for excellence</p>			

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**C. Preliminary agreement of the partner organisation / group**

*I, the undersigned, on behalf of (repeat the name of the partner organisation / group)*

Amos Davidowitz

*confirm our willingness to participate in the preparation, implementation and evaluation of the project*

The Kinetics of Peace Youth Institute

*as well as our commitment to ensure visibility of the Spanish Cooperation support for the activities and/or the production of materials.*

*Name in capital letters :*  
AMOS DAVIDOWITZ

*Place, date : Gezer, Israel,*  
25 March 2008

**ASSOCIATION FOR  
PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION  
IN HONOR OF MEIR YAARI**  
*Signature*

*Amos Davidowitz*