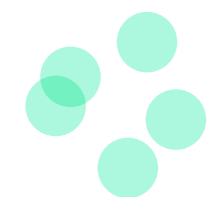


# Envisioning a More Peaceful Future with **Global Youth Leaders**





Peace is a shared responsibility. The City of Osnabrück collaborated with the global network of the Global Diplomacy Lab (GDL) to bring global and local partners together. The Federal Foreign Office's Division for Religion and Societal Networks was the main sponsor of the Youth Empowerment Lab.

# Empowering Youth through Intersectional Conflict Mediation

28 October to 4 November 2023 in Osnabrück, Germany



**cocreate**  
verb: to create (something) by working with one or more others

**"The Youth Empowerment Lab was the final highlight in a series of events celebrating the 375th anniversary of the Peace of Westphalia. The anniversary promoted regional and international cooperation between young people, thus, the City of Osnabrück actively strengthened youth networks—peace work that is of paramount importance in these times."**

– Wolfgang Beckermann (First Chair of the City Council) and Patricia Mersinger (Head of the Culture Department and Project Manager of the Peace Anniversary), City of Osnabrück

In 2023, the City of Osnabrück celebrated 375 Years of the Peace of Westphalia. This peace treaty is the reason why Osnabrück bears the title City of Peace. To mark the end of the anniversary year, the city hosted the Youth Empowerment Lab, bringing together young people from all over the world and experts from the fields of research, business, art, culture and religion. The goal from the very beginning was to empower youth and strengthen their perspectives and ideas for a more peaceful future.

With its unique expertise in bringing people together and its international network, the Global Diplomacy Lab was the ideal partner for the project.

**The Global Diplomacy Lab (GDL) is a vibrant platform for exploring creative and more inclusive approaches to diplomacy. By connecting unusual partners and fostering dialogue among different networks, the GDL experiments with new ideas to create inclusive policies and develop impact-oriented responses to global challenges.**

<https://www.global-diplomacy-lab.org/labs/youth-lab-2023/>



# Sharing Personal Tokens of Peace



**share**  
verb: to partake of, use, experience, occupy, or enjoy with others

The Youth Empowerment Lab started with a welcome speech by mayor Katharina Pötter in the historic Chamber of Peace in Osnabrück's Town Hall. Here, 375 years earlier the Peace of Westphalia was proclaimed.

The mayor and all of the participants brought a symbol of peace from their home country – a particular object that symbolises peace for them personally.

**"The Youth Empowerment Lab fits perfectly with the City of Peace. Over 30 young people from all over the world came together in Osnabrück; they came from Europe, but also from Brazil, Ghana, Haiti and India, for example. The young people exchanged ideas, gave insights into their lives and learnt from each other, and some even became friends. Supported by international experts, the Youth Empowerment Lab inspired and encouraged them to stand up for peace and courageously tackle the many challenges facing the world, such as religious conflicts, mass migration and the climate crisis. They will take this experience with them on their further journey, but also into their own networks. In this way, they will carry the idea of peace, which characterises this city so much, from Osnabrück into the world."**  
– Katharina Pötter, Mayor of the City of Osnabrück

# The City of Peace and 375 Years of the Peace of Westphalia



**peace**  
noun: a state of tranquility or quiet: such as freedom from civil disturbance, a state of security or order within a community provided for by law or custom

Osnabrück sees the idea of peace as a fundamental part of its identity. In 1648, the Peace of Westphalia was proclaimed here after 30 years of war. Today, numerous institutions and other stakeholders are committed to working for peace not only locally, but also globally. The city joined forces with over 100 local institutions and national and international partners to organise anniversary celebrations for 375 Years of the Peace of Westphalia.

**"I believe you came up with a great idea to complete this year's celebrations in Osnabrück. [...] The whole year's programme was a bridge from the past (the peace treaty) to the future (us, the youth)."**  
– Participant

Our world faces a myriad of challenges that demand innovative solutions: hybrid warfare, democratic deficiencies, religious conflicts, mass migration, territorial disputes, and the pressing climate crisis, among others. These issues have already profoundly affected countless individuals across the globe.

The Osnabrück anniversary addressed these challenges with a comprehensive programme, delving into current issues relating to peace across seven thematic chapters over the course of seven months. A common thread ran through all of the topics: What lessons can we draw from the historic peace treaty of 1648 that are relevant for the present and, ultimately, the future?

The anniversary programme created spaces for encounters and provided inspiration for a more peaceful future. In particular, the perspectives of young people played a special role. The programme centred their opinions and ideas concerning a number of questions: How might young people tackle present-day conflicts? What innovative strategies can they produce? How can a more peaceful future be collectively shaped?



# MAPPING the Youth Lab

The City of Osnabrück hosted the 2023 Youth Empowerment Lab in collaboration with the GDL Members Theresa Carrington, Elsa Marie D'Silva, Nurana Mammadova, Fabrice Muchiga and Ghada Zribi. Other GDL Members and the GDL Secretariat helped with implementing the project.

34 participants  
from 27 different  
countries

between 17  
and 27 years old

travelled  
between 10 minutes  
and 32 hours  
to Osnabrück



4 projects for  
a more peaceful  
future

50 hours of  
co-creation



Participants are coming from these countries: Austria, Azerbaijan (member), Belgium, Brazil, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo (member), France, Germany, Ghana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Morocco, Portugal, Slovakia, Sudan (member), South Africa, Turkey, Tunisia (member), United States (member), Uruguay, Zambia, Zimbabwe



# Telling Stories from the Youth Lab

Gideon



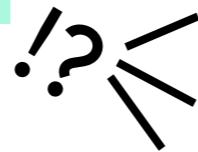
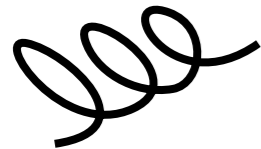
The experience of Osnabrück's Youth Empowerment Lab has challenged me to grow and deeply enriched my life. Even before the Lab started, the journey itself presented me with unexpected challenges, as my 10-hour trip amusingly extended to 24 hours.

Together with my companion from Ghana, I arrived at Schiphol airport early in the morning. We waited at our gate, chatting away about our expectations for the Lab. At about 30 minutes to take-off, we proceeded to the check-in agents. They alerted us that the gate had changed! We took to our heels, but to no avail: we arrived two minutes after the gate had closed. Not only did we miss our connecting flight, but the transfer agent refused to replace our tickets and also didn't want to give us our luggage so we could catch a train instead.

Then, a small miracle happened: another transfer agent resumed his shift and, upon hearing our story, he negotiated with the airline to give us free tickets to Düsseldorf. Although exasperating, the situation felt rather comical in retrospect and served as an unanticipated prelude to the transformative week ahead.

As we arrived late at night at our accommodation, the Bergmann Boardinghouse, a wave of relief washed over me. The Osnabrück team surprised me with a bag of food that was waiting for me outside my room, a gesture that instantly lifted my spirits. I knew at that moment that the week was going to become one full of pleasant memories.

➔ Read the full blog post: <https://www.global-diplomacy-lab.org/blog/embracing-peace-my-unforgettable-experience-at-osnabrucks-youth-empowerment-lab/>



Nkosie



Stepping out into the cold streets of the city of Osnabrück, I was touched by the kindness of the people. An extraordinary moment occurred on my first morning in the city when a beautiful elderly lady approached me while I was getting coffee with my roommate. She asked if I spoke English and, upon my excited confirmation, she handed me a book and requested that I read it. The book was called *Where Are You Now?* and she insisted I keep it. Her heartfelt words about feeling at home in a foreign land struck a chord with me. I realised then that I was exactly where I was meant to be – chosen and predestined to be part of the Youth Empowerment Lab.

This interaction with the woman instantly transformed my perspective on the people and culture of Germany. The simple act of kindness and connection had a profound and lasting impact on me, affirming that I belonged at the Youth Empowerment Lab and in the work I was doing.

The experience profoundly shaped my perspective and made me feel at home in a foreign land. In the following days, I aimed to extend the same kindness to all the other participants.

➔ Read the full blog post: <https://www.global-diplomacy-lab.org/blog/creating-unity-my-memories-from-the-youth-empowerment-lab-in-osnabruck/>



Aurora



Powerful. This is the word that I associate with the experience.

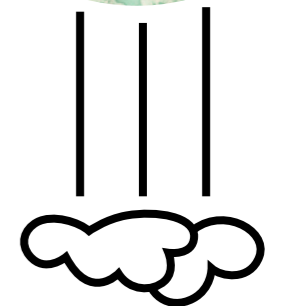
Why powerful?

Before starting this project, I was really frustrated and overwhelmed, since I had the feeling as an individual of not being able to help or bring about any changes in this present that will be my future and the future of the young generations.

I feel bad when I think that in 2023 we still have wars.

I feel bad every day knowing that I have a warm room and three or more meals in a day while there are people and innocent kids who are dying because of wars, in the sea on their way to find a better future, or suffering from poverty. I often complain and don't realise how lucky I am. We live in a world that pushes us to "win as much as we can", which was the name of one of the games we played during the Lab, forgetting the importance of inclusion and the meaning of peace. Before this project I also felt "foreign" with its negative connotations as an Italian who has been living in Germany for five years.

➔ Read the full blog post: <https://www.global-diplomacy-lab.org/blog/the-power-of-being-different-but-together-highlights-from-my-youth-empowerment-lab-experience/>



# Understanding the Drivers of Peace and Conflict

At the very beginning, participants learnt about the drivers of peace and conflict, delving into social, economic and political factors that contribute to conflict and violence as well as examining the conditions that foster the emergence of peace.

The participants localised conflicts and tensions in their respective countries, assuming the role of agents of change and reflecting on actions that are within their means to address these issues. Additionally, they were equipped with key models and tools for peace and conflict education.

The participants then engaged in interactive exercises and simulations that underscored the importance of inclusion and highlighted the detrimental effects of stereotypes on peacebuilding processes. Subsequent sessions provided an exploration of practical communication tools, including non-violent communication and effective questioning techniques. These skills were brought to life in an exercise with real-world case studies.

**"Communication is the key to creating a peaceful world."**  
- Participant



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To start the youth lab the participants are developing a netiquette together. How can we treat each other peacefully during our week together? What do we need from each other?



**"I learned a lot without the pressure or the feeling of being in a classroom or a course."**  
- Participant



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Together the participants are re-thinking the concept of conflict and peace. What are drivers of peace?

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Let's get practical! The participants are learning tools for building peace. How can we overcome prejudices and how does non-violent and peaceful communication look like?



**"I had the chance to learn, get inspired and grow in a context that was informal and pressure-free, as I said, so this gave me the chance to have proper fun."**  
- Participant



# Methodologies



## Peace Circles

The daily Peace Circles provided a structured and collaborative platform for reflective discussions centred around various prompts related to the daily focus. These sessions aimed to create a space for open dialogue, where participants could actively listen to diverse viewpoints, learn from one another, and collectively brainstorm ideas to contribute to the overarching goal of peacebuilding.

**circle**  
*noun:* a group of persons sharing a common interest or revolving about a common center

**“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”**  
–Participant

## Daily Breathwork

Nicolas Bauer, a music and breath therapist from Osnabrück, led a transformative 15-minute breathwork session to close each day of the Lab. These brief yet impactful sessions emphasised the connection between conscious breathing and emotional well-being. They served as a valuable component of the peacebuilding programme, offering a powerful and accessible tool to promote relaxation, mindfulness, and unity among the participants and help them to cultivate inner peace and a shared sense of tranquillity.



**mindfulness**  
*noun:* the practice of maintaining a nonjudgmental state of heightened or complete awareness of one's thoughts, emotions, or experiences on a moment-to-moment basis



**laugh**  
*verb:* to show emotion (such as mirth, joy, or scorn) with a chuckle or explosive vocal sound; to be of a kind that inspires joy

## Theatre Workshop

On the premise that peace is something you can experience and express with your whole body, it's important to go beyond just discussing it. What does a power struggle as a potential cause of conflict feel like? How do my expressions convey openness to a peaceful solution? What does a peaceful situation feel like in my feet, stomach and heart?

Bianca Dahle, Marie Mangold, Kaira Strecker and Jojo Mousset from the theaterpädagogische werkstatt invited the participants to an educational theatre workshop where they learnt how to use movement and expressions to convey their message. It was a fun, interactive and deeply moving experience.

Exercises that explore the embodiment of big concepts such as peace and conflict lead to valuable and sometimes surprising realisations. They are also something the participants often remember even years later.

**“There were many tears of emotion, joy and shared pain. And there was hope. These people will return to their countries with a unique experience, namely that peace, respect and responsibility are possible. And they will pass on this experience.”**  
–Bianca Dahle, freelance theatre teacher





prompt  
verb: to move  
to action

Prof. Dr. Tim Kietzmann gave an introduction to AI and its many creative uses.

## AI for Peace

Artificial intelligence has inserted itself into our everyday lives quickly over the last few years. It is also a common topic of discussion, whether you are looking at misinformation and disinformation or the use and risks of AI in international security or in education. But how about simply using this technology to explore a topic from a new point of view?

Prof. Tim Kietzmann from the University of Osnabrück's Institute of Cognitive Science introduced the theoretical principles of AI and various ways it is being used, before the group got creative using tools like ChatGPT and Midjourney.

Both of these AI tools can be fed with well-designed "prompts"—texts that describe what tasks they should perform. GDL Member Khaldun Al Saadi explained how to best "talk" to AI and tasked participants with developing stories and images that captured how they felt about their time in Osnabrück and what it had taught them.

The process consisted of two steps: First, the groups fed Chat GPT a prompt for text generation, it could be a story, prose, or poetry. Then, based on the results from Chat GPT, a prompt was put into Midjourney to generate images visualising the stories. See for yourself:



### Genesis of Peacebuilding

In a distant corner of the universe, five playful aliens named Zara, Xander, Astra, Nova, and Orion were traversing the cosmic expanse aboard the starship Stellaris. Their journey, however, took an unexpected turn when their vessel encountered a turbulent spacestorm, causing the ship to crash-land on an unknown planet.

As they ventured out onto the unexplored terrain, the aliens were bewildered and anxious. Their diverse appearances and languages created initial barriers, making communication challenging. Feeling a sense of urgency to find a way back home, the aliens knew they had to put their differences aside and work together if they were to survive and create peace on this foreign planet.

Eager to establish a peaceful existence, Zara, the diplomatic alien, proposed a plan. She emphasized the importance of effective communication and understanding for their collective well-being. Using their extraordinary talents and resources, they constructed a universal translator device capable of bridging the language gap between species. [...]

<https://www.global-diplomacy-lab.org/blog/visions-for-peaceful-futures-with-artificial-intelligence/>



### A City Switches off for Peace

In the town of Osnabrück, where the people loved to vibe, There came a mighty horror from the electronic tribe. High up in the sky, a DHL plane flew, Dropping electronic junk that everyone would rue.

With a crash and a bang, the city shook with fear, As gadgets and gizmos fell from the atmosphere. The screens and the wires, the circuits and more, Landing with a thud, spreading terror to the core.

The city's population, a hundred and sixty thousand strong, Were now faced with dangers, something so wrong. For the electronic junk brought with it disease, Infecting the people, causing them to wheeze.

The young and the old, the entire generation Z, Were affected by this horror, something they couldn't see. The city that once thrived with high-tech flair, Was now consumed by sickness and despair.

The smartphones became villains, spreading the plight, Health diseases crept in with every byte. From constant scrolling to endless screen time, The people of Osnabrück were caught in a bind. [...]

#### Prompt:

Create a science fiction poem in the style of Dr. Seuss with horror elements to describe the impact of electronic junk dropped by the DHL plane into the middle of a metropolitan city with a population of 160,000. The story should centre around health diseases it will cause to the city's people. This poem should use Gen Z slang and the name of the town of Osnabrück.

### A Tale of Water Diplomacy in Medieval Munster

#### Prompt:

Create a short 200 words story in the style of the brothers Grim. The story should be about religious leaders coming up together in Munster in order to solve a water crisis. Use a natural tone and contemporary English.

In the peaceful village of Munster, nestled among lush meadows and meandering streams, a devastating water crisis hit. The once abundant wells mysteriously ran dry, leaving the villagers in great distress. Their dry throats and withering crops painted a bleak picture of the hardship they faced. The village elder, recognizing the gravity of the situation, called upon religious leaders from far and wide for help. Among them was Sister Maria, a remarkable woman known for her wisdom and compassion. Sister Maria joined forces with Bishop Wilhelm, Rabbi Isaac, Reverend Thomas, and Sheikh Abdul, forming an alliance to confront this water crisis together. With unwavering determination, Sister Maria took charge, rallying the villagers and urging them to conserve every precious drop of water. She provided guidance on finding alternative water sources, inspiring both women and men to come together in their efforts. [...]



### Beyond Borders: Seven Souls, One Peaceful City

#### Prompt:

Hello, can you write a story about seven people from different continents, visiting a city in Germany, which is usually referred to as the City of Peace. They came to discuss peace and inclusion. Please write this in a light and simple language. Make it concise.

Once upon a time, seven people from different continents gathered in a charming city in Germany, often called the City of Peace. For a week, they shared stories, laughter, and dreams under the bright sky of unity.

In this city, they came together to discuss peace and inclusion, embracing the diversity that bound them. There was Fabio from Africa, Aurora from Asia, Nkosinomusa from South America, Fiamma from Europe, Sanjana from Oceania, Giovana from North America, and Tavares from Antarctica.

They explored the city's cobblestone streets, marveled at historic landmarks, and tasted the local delicacies, savoring the flavors of friendship [...]



## Safari: Connecting to the Local Context

The context in which the Youth Empowerment Lab was held was very much intentional. The idea of peace is deeply rooted in the identity of the city of Osnabrück and the people and institutions who work there. As part of a field trip and case studies, the participants visited 11 local entrepreneurs and foundations who are working in partnerships and coalitions to achieve peace and sustainable development.



At the "Pitchfork for Peace" installation set up by local peace artist Volker Johannes Trieb on Osnabrück's market square to mark the Peace Jubilee.



Behind the scenes of the Osnabrück puppet theater. Together with the international performance collective "Punch Agathe", they opened the Peace Jubilee in Osnabrück.

"Learning while moving around was a flexible learning experience. I really loved it and enjoyed it to the fullest. The partners and people we met were so welcoming. Great city."  
- Participant



In the exhibition "Package ready for pickup" by Aram Bartholl at the Kunsthalle Osnabrück. With this exhibition, the Kunsthalle not only celebrated the city's peace jubilee, but also its 30th anniversary.

"I found the atmosphere among the participants open, lively and very curious. The group dynamic cannot be influenced in advance, but it was really wonderful."  
- Kathrin Scheerschmidt, German Foundation for Peace Research



At "#nichtmuedewerden: Felix Nussbaum and artistic resistance today", an exhibition at the Museumsquartier Osnabrück. With the exhibition, the Museumsquartier not only celebrated the city's peace anniversary, but also the 25th anniversary of the Felix Nussbaum House.



At hase29, an art space for contemporary art in the heart of Osnabrück's old town.



Exhibition “#nichtmuedewerden: Felix Nussbaum and artistic resistance today” at the Museumsquartier Osnabrück, Felix Nussbaum House. With the exhibition, the Museum celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Parastou Forouhar, “The Eyes”, since 2018. Exhibition view of Felix-Nussbaum-Haus in the Museumsquartier Osnabrück, Photo © Angela von Brill, 2023



# How to Empower: A Conversation with Four Inspiring Personalities



**empower**  
verb: to promote the self-actualisation or influence of

It is one thing to talk about peace. It is another to actively create it. The City of Osnabrück invited the gynaecologist Dr Monika Hauser – one of seven “peace sponsors” for the anniversary year – to take part in the Youth Empowerment Lab. She is known for founding the women’s and human rights organisation *medica mondiale* and shared her experiences as a founder and activist with the participants.

## medica mondiale

*medica mondiale* is a feminist women’s rights organisation. We support women and girls in war and crisis zones who have experienced sexualised violence – irrespective of their political stance, ethnic origin or religious affiliation. Together with our partner organisations, we work to uphold women’s rights and enhance women’s and girls’ autonomy.

In the evening, the City of Osnabrück held a panel discussion entitled *How to Empower: A Conversation with Four Inspiring Personalities*. The panellists were Dr Monika Hauser, John McGurk, Tuana Sahin and Ghada Zribi. They talked about their individual work and provided inspiration on how to campaign for peace. NDR presenter Kathrin Kampmann chaired the discussion.

“With all the evil in the world, I would like to give you one thing: don’t forget to dance.”  
– Dr Monika Hauser, *medica mondiale*



Dr Monika Hauser

Dr Monika Hauser is a specialist in gynaecology. In the 1990s, she founded the women’s rights organisation *medica mondiale* with the aim of providing medical and psychological help to women traumatised by war. She has received numerous awards for this initiative, including the 2008 Right Livelihood Award, known as the Alternative Nobel Prize.



John McGurk

John McGurk is an extreme athlete and is known for his commitment to peace. He organises international sports runs to raise money for charitable causes and is chairman of the organisation *Sportler 4 a childrens world e.V.*



Ghada Zribi

Ghada Zribi is a member of the Global Diplomacy Lab and was one of five hosts of the Youth Empowerment Lab. She is an expert in peace and civic education as well as the founder of *iBuild Africa*, a peer-to-peer support system for African youth.



Tuana Sahin

Tuana Sahin is a law student and former chairwoman of the Osnabrück Youth Parliament. She was a peace sponsor for the Osnabrück anniversary year, actively participating in many different projects. She was also a jury member for the Youth Empowerment Lab.



# Projects for Peace

The last day was all about visions and projects for peace. In four groups, the participants developed concrete ideas for peace projects and presented them to important representatives from politics, business and civil society. Among those present was the former President of the European Parliament Prof. Hans-Gert Pöttering.



Yusra Assabban, Guilherme Martins de Araújo Santos, Clarence Mwangala, Bismark Sedinam Wordui, Aneta Janůšková, Hannah Marx

## Ubuntu

This group produced a remarkable initiative to establish a network of opportunities for youth engagement for the climate. It takes the shape of a social media platform, which they aim to develop as a standalone application in the future. It will serve as a hub for young individuals to share their expertise, fostering a collaborative approach to combating the challenges posed by climate change globally. The group's presentation started with a short play illustrating how their diverse backgrounds and geographical roots unite them in the collective pursuit of an inclusive fight for the climate.

## What is Democracy without People?

This group emphasised that democracy extends beyond merely voting, highlighting the essential elements of active civic engagement and participation to create a peaceful future. The team drew attention to significant historical contexts, such as the end of apartheid in 1994, to illustrate the crucial link between democracy and peace, emphasising that without a democratic voice, people may resort to violence. They referred to international examples, such as the Israel/Palestine conflict, to underscore the global importance of democratic participation in various geopolitical contexts. A critical component of their project is a strategic plan consisting of four key actions: mapping, mobilising, acting and educating, each of which will help to enhance democratic participation.



Erin Lin Slater, Daniel Brodsky, Alessia Ruta, Georgia Hejdukova, Muazzez Deniz Barut, Gideon Agyapong

**"I have fond memories of the closing event. I was very impressed by the committed contributions and the internationality as well as the palpable humanity and empathy. I hope the Youth Empowerment Lab continues to be just as committed in the future and hope that all participants will always be guided by solidarity at home and in their countries, Europe and the world. We are ONE human family."**  
 – Prof. Hans-Gert Pöttering, former President of the European Parliament



Paulina Alcalá, Dardia Garcelle Joseph, Akbota Tasmagambetova, Maximilian Klekamp, Mega Kusuma Wardani, Vitória Aparecida Fernandes Braz (not in the picture)

## Reducing Prejudice through a Pen-Pal Project

This group built on their collective experiences and identified prejudice and intergroup conflict as common issues in their lives, as well as persistent issues in today's world more generally. They decided to address these issues with their project. Inspired by Allport's Contact Hypothesis, they recognised the transformative power of regular interaction and proposed the initiative Global Pen Pals for Youth Harmony. By fostering positive intergroup interactions, they hope that this initiative will reduce discriminatory acts, dismantle stereotypes and promote intercultural understanding among young people. Their ultimate goal is to create a more empathetic and culturally aware generation and contribute to a harmonious global society.

## Making the Invisible Visible

This group focused on raising awareness of invisible disabilities, in particular through a social media campaign and change.org petition. One of the participants, Fiamma, used her personal story to highlight how people with invisible disabilities face systemic exclusion because of a lack of understanding, knowledge and infrastructure. The participants put together a list of demands that they would like their governments to meet, such as a disability card, increased funding, an education curriculum and better infrastructure. They plan to garner support for the campaign through online and offline events in their communities, including local schools and faith-based groups.



Giovana Ferreira Koch Buttelli, Catarina Ferreira Tavares, Aurora Partelli, Nkosinomusa Linda Sibanda, Fiamma Ailen Da Costa Nuñez Silva, Sanjana Pandey, Fabio Lietzke



Posing with Prof. Hans-Gert Pöttering, former President of the European Parliament. Mr Pöttering attended the final presentation and encouraged the young people in their peace projects.

**selfie**  
 noun: an image that includes oneself (often with another person or as part of a group) and is taken by oneself using a digital camera especially for posting on social networks



The participants in the council meeting room in Osnabrück City Hall. This is where the Osnabrück council and all political committees meet.



# Sponsors and Supporters

The project was also supported by 13 companies from the Osnabrück region as youth sponsors.



**"The future development of our environment and society is heavily dependent on whether we manage to give young people the opportunity to develop their potential and actively shape change."**  
 – Thomas Ganter, COO of L&T GmbH & Co. KG, youth sponsor

**"Discussing with young people from different regions of the world, learning about their needs and living conditions, opens our eyes and enriches our lives."**  
 – Prof. Dr. Michael Böckelmann, Managing Director of Schüchtermann Klinik, youth sponsor



**"Young people are the future, and we firmly believe that initiatives such as the Youth Empowerment Lab can bring about positive change."**  
 – André Schüller, Executive Director at Sparkasse Osnabrück, youth sponsor



**"It is more important than ever to bring people together, forge transnational relationships and develop shared visions for peace."**  
 – Martin Eberle, Chief Financial Officer of Hellmann Worldwide Logistics, youth sponsor



**"By giving young people a space and listening to them, we can benefit from their knowledge and creativity."**  
 – Dr. Corinna Otto, Director of Draiflessen Collection gGmbH, youth sponsor



**"The ideas and projects presented at the Youth Empowerment Lab could contribute in the long term not only to preserving Osnabrück as a historic city of peace, but also to further developing it as a model city for peace and cooperation."**  
 – Dr. Johannes-Peter Glasmeyer, Managing Director of Akademie Überlingen Holding GmbH & Co. KG, youth sponsor

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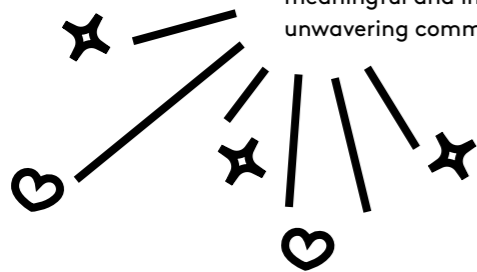
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