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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY; The Executive Summary presents an overview of the main findings from our transnational analysis of surveys with project participants and project partners / team members involved in the ERASMUS+ funded project MAY 2022. The Evaluation has been designed and implemented by The Children's Football Alliance (CFA).

Project Background and Description

Inspired by The United Nations' International Day of Peace and The First World War's 1914 Christmas Truces. The CFA's Global Peace Games (GPGs) began 2014. The 2022 GPGs was part funded by UEFA Foundation for Children. Directed by The Children's Football Alliance (UK) and facilitated by The Peace Village (Belgium) the GPGs is a week-long event engaging young people from diverse backgrounds and different cultures, in football / sports games and non-formal peace education.

Achieved Aims

Project partners from Belgium, England and Czech Republic, brought 60 participants (who originated from 19 different countries) to the GPGs. They participated, FREE, in the week-long peace education event of all-inclusive activities, games and excursions. Through a diverse programme, participants learnt about: The First World War, the role of sport in conflict resolution, cultural awareness, civic awareness, EU citizenship, tolerance, mindfulness and humanitarianism. They became competent in sportsmanship and enhanced communication skills, and intercultural awareness.

Outcomes Achieved

The outcomes achieved are as follows

- Competent in self-learning. Taking ownership to commemorate, celebrate and protect peace, in all societies.
- Improved interpersonal, intercultural, and social skills and a heightened civic awareness.
- Ability to express ideas through inter-cultural communication and build community cohesion.
- Increased understanding of the value of tolerance and humanitarianism.
- Increased confidence in team building and leadership whilst collaborating with different cultures.

Impact

The outcomes achieved are as follows:

Participants dissemination; ongoing influence: sharing experiences, at home, at school and in their community • Health and well-being; activities providing strong mental health benefits. • Multi-agency benefits: sharing best practice and identifying areas for further development. • Stronger GPGs and Peace Field Project networks. • Delivery partners capitalizing on experience – through multi-cultural identity.

Conclusion

A major factor to the success of the GPGs was that it was not mandatory. The participants volunteered to take part; once again The GPGs was over-subscribed and unfortunately there were not enough places to meet demand. In essence, The GPGs reached out to a generation and offered them the unique opportunity to discover the power of football / sport and multi-cultural peace education whilst making friends for life – Peace Makers for the Future.