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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

September 30, 2023

**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 CFA's project September 2023. 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 2023 GPGs was part funded by Star Lizard Integrity Services and mainly money raised from This Country All Stars Charity Football match against Cirencester Town Veterans, June 2023. Directed by The Children's Football Alliance (UK) and facilitated by The Peace Village (Belgium) the GPGs is a week-long peace education through play 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 and Northern Ireland, brought 47 participants (representing 21 different countries) to the GPGs. They participated, FREE, at the 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, 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 International Peace Field Project networks. • Delivery partners benefiting on experience – through multi-cultural identity. Project partners identify social return on investment.

### Conclusion

Participants volunteered to take part; once again The GPGs was over-subscribed and unfortunately there were not enough places to meet demand. The GPGs continues to reach-out to young people and aid their development through cross curricular activities. It is clear in the Sept 2023 GPGs report that social inclusion is truly the major social return on investment. The report maintains the energy, passion and focus from all involved, to create more Peace Makers for the Future, in a time where global misanthropy is growing.