

Feedback on the Bangalore Event

Recently we, the children from Swayam Foundation visited United World Academy, Bangalore for a football match/workshop. We had an opportunity to engage with players from United World Academy in a friendly yet competitive environment. The event was designed to not only showcase our skills but also to foster a better relationship and exchange knowledge with other football enthusiasts.

Purpose of the visit

The event was a collaboration between United World Academy and Children Football Alliance. Children Football Alliance aims to use football to protect childhood and empower young people. They connect different locations to Peace Pitch Field which was a site of First World War Christmas truce.

This provided us with an opportunity to experience different playing style, improve our team work and learn new techniques in real match setting. We met the friendly students from Greenfields School.

In United World Academy we met Mr. Ernie and Mr. Prithvi, who run the CFA. They were very kind and we respected them a lot. In United World Academy, Mr. Ernie's speech taught us many things like communication skill and we also got motivated from his speech. Ernie sir also told us the history of Peace Peach Field which is in Belgium.

We would like to express our gratitude to Swayam Foundation and Geeta ma'am for giving us this opportunity.

Experience of Children

Akash :

On the last day we played a friendly match with each other. The three schools - Swayam Foundation, UWA and GFS where shuffled to play the matches. The coach also played with us and this was the best moment for me. I will never forget this.

Yash :

I went to soccer school there and got to play a friendly match. It was such an amazing experience. I really liked the coaching, the team spirit, the field and the atmosphere. I want to go back.

Aman :

In UWA my best moment was to swim and play volleyball in the pool. The food was also tasty.

Ayush :

I loved the football match and I really enjoyed It. The food was so delicious and I really loved it.

Arjun :

The camp was well-organized and packed with learning opportunities. I trained with skilled coaches who taught us new techniques, helped us improve our stamina, and worked on our teamwork. The facilities were top-notch, and the environment was very professional yet fun. It was an amazing experience.

Jayant :

In United World Academy an incredible experience—combining my love for the sport with a meaningful cause. I played some intense and exciting matches, met passionate players from different places, and bonded over a shared goal to make a difference. The energy, the teamwork, and the purpose behind it all made the trip truly memorable.

Shivani : I really loved meeting Ernie sir and Devika ma'am again after Belgium Peace games. I am thankful to Geeta ma'am and Shakun ma'am who gave me this opportunity. I had lots of fun in the campus. Best part was the variety of food provided by UWA. One thing I learnt from Bangalore Peace games was that being a player is not enough – one must first become a good human being.

Bhawani : It was my first time visiting Bangalore for this football alliance and it was a truly wonderful moment for me. The 3-day camp was an incredible experience where I interacted with many people. I had the opportunity to meet Ernie Sir, the host of the CFA alliance, and Devika Ma'am, who joined us for the event. On the last day, we played a friendly match, which left me with unforgettable memories.

Vivaan : I recently attended the Peace Field Project at United World Academy (UWA) in Bangalore, representing the Swayam foundation. The camp focused on the message of peace inspired by the Christmas Truces of World War I, showing how football became a symbol of unity even during conflict.

Through sessions with Mr. Ernie, I learned to think with empathy and understand the emotional impact of war. Ernie Sir's sessions helped me reflect on how peace starts with our everyday actions and how important it is to listen and understand others. My skills in teamwork, leadership, responsibility, cultural diversity, personal development, and mindfulness improved with the help of the peace field project. I really enjoyed bonding with new people, learning through meaningful discussions, and seeing how small actions can build peace. It was an unforgettable experience that helped me grow and see the world differently.

Thank You

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