



Schools joining up for Communities of Peace

A European Project on Peace and Discord

Dear Students,

Six Protestant schools from Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Poland and the United Kingdom, the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the Berghof Foundation/Peace Education and Global Learning and we, the Church Office of the Protestant Church in Germany/GPENreformation, have joined forces to promote peaceful coexistence in Europe.

That is why we have developed the project "Schools joining up for Communities of Peace". In this project we would like to work together with you and other students from the different European countries on a digital map of peace and conflict: you will visit places that represent peace or conflict, photograph them, research more about their history and meaning and make them digitally "visitable". For this we will use an app called "Actionbound".



You will also learn more about peace and Peace Education and why peace is so important for Protestant schools.

A large part of the project will be digital: in January or February 2020, for example, we will start with a video conference in which the involved students from all partner schools will take part. Then you work with your classmates and exchange your results with the other schools via a learning platform.

But there will also be joint meetings: in May 2020 in Hungary, in December 2020 in Ireland and in April/May 2021 in Poland (the exact dates will be agreed with your schools so that no examination dates etc. are affected). Each meeting will last three days (plus travel). There will be five students per meeting per school, so with six schools there will always be 30 students. The costs for the trips are financed by the programme.

What do you get out of it? You get to know students from completely different countries and work together with them – digitally and personally. You can apply and improve your English skills in a concrete project and develop your skills as a "peacemaker". In addition, all those who take part in one of the meetings will receive the Europass Mobility!

If you have any further questions about the project, please feel free to contact your teachers or us at Team@GPENreformation.net.

Best regards

Your Project Team
of the Protestant Church in Germany

