The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) – a specialized training agency of the United Nations – supports the (re-)establishment of peaceful, just and inclusive societies (SDG 16) by enabling individuals and organizations to contribute meaningfully to sustainable peace.

With almost 60 years of experience in capacity building, we provide customized, creative and results-based learning solutions, carefully crafted for countries and communities emerging from conflict and facing specific development needs. At the core of our success is our specific methodology that allows for the creation of powerful and inspiring spaces, products and services (online and face-to-face) for high-quality learning and collaboration.

Our training programmes have mentoring and coaching as their key ingredients and promote participation, dialogue, local ownership and multiplication of knowledge for sustainable impact and behavioural change.

Over the recent years, UNITAR has consolidated its offer in the thematic area of Youth Empowerment. Recognising the synergies between the SDGs (in particular 4, 5, 7, 10, 16 and 17) and in support of the implementation of the Youth, Peace and Security agenda (UNSCR 2250, UNSCR 2419 and UNSCR 2535), UNITAR aims to empower young people to meaningfully take part in peace processes, at all levels and in all capacities, including through engagement with youth counterparts. Through this dedicated thematic working area, UNITAR is thus contributing to the international communities’ efforts to invest in the capacities, agency and leadership of young people for the purpose of sustaining peace.
**FLAGSHIP PROJECTS**

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**Impl!act for peace**

“Impl!act for peace” is an experience-based training for young people as well as their counterparts. “Impl!act for peace” brings together youth with representatives of the public and private sectors. During the training, young people develop entrepreneurial projects that contribute to peacebuilding efforts by tackling their communities’ most pressing social, political, economic and environmental challenges. Initially launched in 2015 in Rwanda, UNITAR relaunched the project in Monrovia, Liberia, in December 2019.

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**Youth and Peacebuilding – Open Online Course**

This online course enables learners from around the globe to better understand the current situation of youth in complex contexts, their needs, challenges and potential, and to explore possible entry points for young people’s involvement in peacebuilding activities and strategies. The course has two parallel tracks for young people and relevant youth partners in fragile contexts, and is available in English and French.

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**Youth-led Peace and Reconciliation in Colombia: A Transformational Approach**

The project Youth-led Peace and Reconciliation in Colombia: A Transformational Approach aims to enhance the capacity of youth to be peacemakers in their own lives and communities. The project includes three interrelated components: “Painting the Future” focuses on preventing the recruitment and re-recruitment of at-risk youth and supporting the reintegration of former child soldiers through the use of visual storytelling; “The Superhero’s Journey” strengthens the capacity and agency of young people in marginalised communities; and “Perspectives of Peace” supports the reconciliation process in Colombian society through storytelling and historical memory building.

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