

Implementation Plan: UNFICYP Youth Champions – Environment & Peace

UNFICYP Youth Champions – Environment & Peace, is a key project within UNFICYP’s Environmental Peacebuilding programme, aiming to leverage young peoples’ strong interest in the environment and sustainable living for trust-building across the divide in Cyprus. 20 Youth Champions, 10 from each side, will be selected through a competitive application process and undergo a series of joint trainings, study visits and campaigns that culminate in an award ceremony on UN day on 24 October 2020.

Phase 1: Recruiting the Champions (Annexes A,B,C)

22 May	Launch of ‘Call to Action’ (Annex A)
7 June	Deadline for applicants, applications sent to: unficyp-youthchampions@un.org
8-10 June	Selection process (Annex B)
10 June	Youth Champions notified by project manager
12 June, morning	Intro session with UNFICYP, SRSG, UN Youth Envoy, Nicolas Jarraud, Iris Charalambidou and Salih Gucel, to give welcome remarks (Annex C)

Phase 2A: Online trainings: Biodiversity and Ecology of Cyprus with local NGOs (Annex D)

15 June	Session 1: Biodiversity and Ecology in Cyprus
17 June	Session 2: Turtles, Birds and their respective habitats
19 June	Session 3: Bioblitz presentations and wrap-up

Phase 2B: Online trainings: Cyprus’ Society and Environment with local experts (Annex D)

22 June	Session 1: Sustainable and Unsustainable Development
24 June	Session 2: Climate Change and Desertification
26 June	Session 3: Oceans and Coastal Protection
29 June	Session 4: Waste Management
1 July	Session 5: Abandoned Mines and Quarries

Phase 4: Global outlook (Annex E)

3 July	UNEP to present Environmental Peacebuilding –Mapping environmental success cases (TBC)
6 July	EcoPeace to present case study of Middle East (TBC)
8 July	US Environmental Protection Agency on Eco-Browser, other tools and a presentation on the Unintended consequences of intervention in Victoria Lake (one possibly a second session, TBC)
10 July	Prof. Craig Martin (TU Delft / UCLan) on sustainable cities and their work on Nicosia

Phase 5: Developing and implementing joint Campaigns (Annexes F,G,H)

13 July	Crewhouse session 1: What makes a great campaign? (Annex F)
17 July	Crewhouse session 2: Storytelling using words and images (Annex F)

20 July -21 Aug	Communication and brainstorming through an online forum to explore ideas, facilitated by the project manager and/or PIO
TBC	MAYBE: Online meeting with a prominent environmental activist
24 Aug	Crewhouse mentoring campaigns 1: Champions to present and obtain feedback on the campaigning ideas they have come up with over the summer (Annex F)
31 Aug	Crewhouse mentoring campaigns 2: Champions to get feedback on concrete campaign proposals (as above, Annex F)
5 September	First physical meeting of Champions in Pyla and /or Dereniya, theme intercommunal activism (Annex G)
19 Sep	Champions and UNFICYP jointly clean the buffer zone on World Cleanup Day (Annex H)

Plus in August, September and October, additional mentoring will be provided by Crewhouse.

Phase 6: Further Trust-building (Annex I)

29 Sep	Meeting the Technical committee on the Environment at UNPA, plus tour of UNPA
5 Oct	LPH Meeting with NGO Networking Group
10 Oct	Study trip to the north (e.g. a national park) with TCE and representatives of the Cyprus Youth Council's Pool of trainers
17 Oct	Study trip to the south (e.g. a sustainable farm) with TCE and representatives of the Cyprus Youth Council's Pool of trainers

Phase 7: End of Project (Annex J)

23 Oct	Award ceremony on UN Day celebrations with hand-out of certificates and message from the Youth Envoy
26-30 Oct	Stock-taking and evaluation with participants
2-27 Nov	UNFICYP internal stock-taking, evaluation and reporting