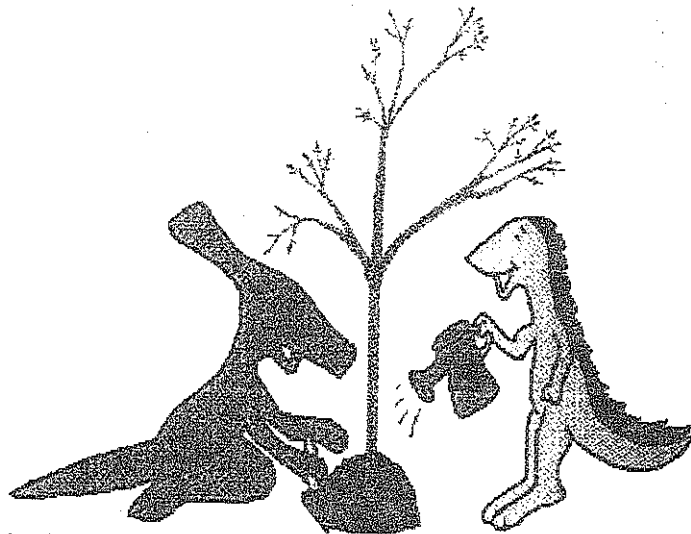


Life is very short And there's no time for fighting and fussing my friends.

Have as your goal to do your best and to make a difference. We are in the world to make a difference, and everything we do changes the world

God admires us not for what we do but for how much love we put into what we do. Together let us build a chain of love around CYPRUS

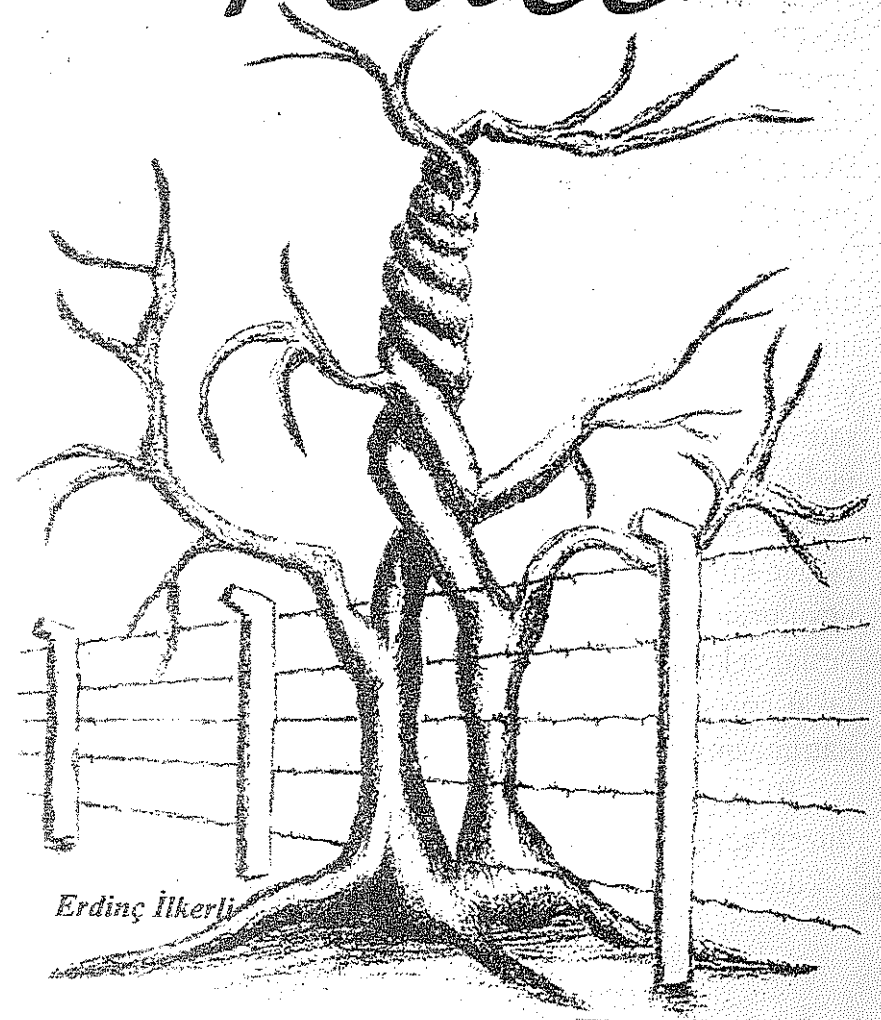


The idea is that you have to WIN and be nonviolent.. You've got to be nonviolent - and you've got to win with nonviolence

We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

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Youngs For Peace



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Merhaba Arkadaşlar;

Biz "Barış İçin Gençlik" sloganını benimseyen; barışçı ve çevreci bir grup genciz. Bu organizayonda ada çapında tüm gençlere hitap etmekteyiz. Bizler, gençler ile sadece barış ve kardeşlik için birşeyler yaratmak istedik. Eğer biz gençler isek, eğer yetişkin birer birey olmaya aday isek, ve biz bu ülkenin geleceği isek böyle bir işi yalnız başımıza başarabilmeli ve dıştan hiçbir parti veya organizasyona bağlı olmadan yapmalıyız. Kendi ayaklarımız üstünde durmalıyız. Bunu ilke edinerek, ilerde de gençlerin organize ettiği ve gençliğe yönelik projeler yapmak hedefimiz olmalıdır.

Nerden nereye? Birgün birkaç arkadaşın bir projesini duyduk, buna katkı koyduk, yardım ettik ve Rum-Türk ortak bir proje yarattık. Bunun önemi ise her işi, her sorumluluğu ve fikri gençlerin yapabileceğini kanıtlamak ve tabii ki bu sadece gençlere yönelik olan ilk geniş kitlelere hitap edebilen faaliyettir.

Daha önce böyle etkinlikler olmuştur. Fakat küçük çapta. Neden küçük çapta diye soracaksınız? Çünkü, belli bir parti veya organizasyon başlığı altında olan işlere halktan belirli kesimler katılır. Bizim bu limitimiz yok. Biz her fikri savunan, fakat barışçı, humanist, çevreci ve anti-şoven her kesimin katılmasını istiyoruz.

Bu organizasyonu; "Barış İçin Gençlik Komitesi" düzenlemiştir. Bu projemizin hiçkimse tarafından ve hiçbir şekilde saptırılmasını istemiyoruz. Özellikle siyasilerin bunu

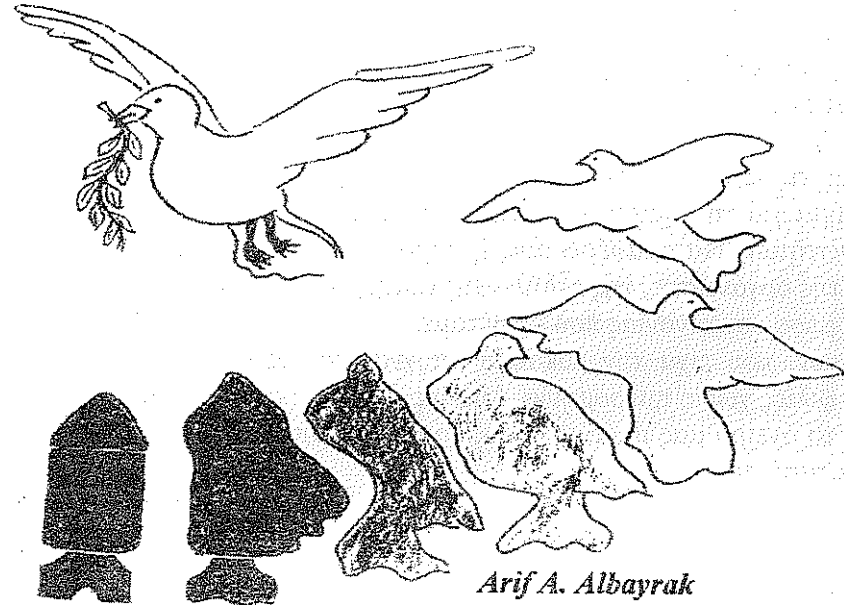
kendilerine malzeme olarak kullanmalarına karşıyız. Çünkü biz sadece bu ülkenin gençliğinin ortak sesi olmak istiyoruz.

Bu projedeki amacımız: Ortak Fidan dikerek, adımıza sahip çıktığımızı göstermek istiyoruz. Ortak etkinlik yaparak da Rum-Türk kardeşliğinin iyi olabileceğini ve tabii ki takım işi yapılabileceğini kanıtlamak istiyoruz. Dileğimiz bu tip olaylar örnek olur ve her zaman özgürce, önyargıdan uzak ikili etkinlikler olur ve barışa giden yolu buluruz.

Bu etkinliğin gerçekleşmesinde maddi ve manevi katkısı olan tüm kurum ve kişilere teşekkür ederiz.

Varolan Rum-Türk ortak komitemizi gelecekte yeni nesillere bırakarak bu tip etkinliklerin artması dileğiyle....

Barış İçin Gençlik Komitesi



Κύπρος. Ένα πανέμορφο νησι με άτομα με χρυσή καρδιά. Ένα νησι, δυστυχώς μοιρασμένο στα δυο. Ο χωρισμός της Κύπρου σε δύο κομμάτια, έχει επηρεάσει την στάση της μίας κοινότητας προς την άλλη. Τελευταίως όμως, έχουμε αντιληφθεί πως πολλές απ' τις ιδέες μας, ήταν αδικαιολόγητες.

Μαζί με τις εποχές, αλλάζουν και οι ίδιοι οι άνθρωποι αλλά και η στάση τους, δίχως όμως μία σταθερή και δυνατή φιλία να εδρεώνεται, η οποία να υποστηρίζει την καλή θέληση. Προσωπικά, χρειάστηκε ένα ταξίδι στην Χαβάη, για να συνειδητοποιήσω, ότι μία τέτοια σχέση είναι εφικτή. Στο Παγκόσμιο Συνέδριο Νεολέας στη Χαβάη, είχα την τύχη να γνωρίσω ένα υπέροχο άτομο. Την Δάφνη.

Η Δάφνη, που είναι Τουρκοκύπρια, είναι μία απ' τις καλύτερες μου φίλες. Μαζί, καταφέραμε να γκρεμίσουμε το τείχος που μας χωρίζει ιδεοντολογικά-τουλάχιστον για τις δυο μας. Αντιληφθήκαμε ότι η ιδέα του διαχωρισμού Τουρκοκυπρίων-Ελληνοκυπρίων αντικατοπτρίζει τις σκέψεις μας, αλλά τουναντίων επιζητούμε την επαφή των δύο κοινοτήτων.

Η υποσχесή που δώσαμε, ήταν να οργανώσουμε ομάδα της νεολέας των δύο κοινοτήτων, να εκφράσουν την άποψη τους σε κοινά θέματα, όπως το περιβάλλον και το νησί μας, με στόχο να καθιερωθούν φιλίες, υπερπηδώντας τα εμπόδια που στέκουν εικοσιπέντε και πλέον χρόνια. Έχουμε δημιουργήσει μία ομάδα εφήβων, το Y2P(Youth Promoting Peace- Νέοι προωθούν την ειρήνη) και είμαι ευτυχής που κι'άλλα άτομα συμμερίζονται τις απόψεις μου. Η δεντροφύτευση αυτή, είναι μόλις το πρώτο μας βήμα για τη δημιουργία φιλικών σχέσεων, μεταξύ της νεολέας των δύο κοινοτήτων. Να αναφέρω πως η συμβολή του Ίντερνετ, καθ'όλη την διάρκεια της οργάνωσης, της εκδήλωσης αυτής, ήταν καταλυτική, αφού ήταν το μόνο μέσο επικοινωνίας που διαθέταμε.

Είμε ευγνώμων, που είχα την ευκαιρία να γνωρίσω νέα άτομα και να δημιουργίσω φιλίες χωρίς ημερομηνία λήξεως. Είμαστε αποφασισμένοι να μοιραστούμε το όνειρο μας μαζί με όλους τους Κύπριους, γι' αυτό ζητούμε την συμπαράστασή σας.

Λένα Αναστασιάδη

Εγώ απλα κουβεντιάζα στο ιντερνετ ως συνιθως. Εν διαρκια αυτου,ελαβα ενα e-mail απο την Δαφνη.Στην αρχη,η ιδεα για αυτο το γεγονος δεν μουπολιαρεσε.Τα περιβαλλοντικα θεματα δεν με ενθουσιαζουν ιδιαιτερα.Τοτε ομως καταλαβα πως ο σκοπος αυτης της συναντισης δεν ειναι μονο περιβαλλοντικη!!! Φυτευουμε για να αποδιξουμε οτι οι εφηβοι αυτου του νησιου μπορουν να προστατευσουν το δικο τους νησι.Επισης θελουμε να αποδιξουμε πως οι νεοιαυτου του τοπου μπορουν να διοργανοσουν δικες τους συναντισεις χωρις τηνβοηθεια κανενος και πως οι δυο κοινοτητες μπορουν να ζησουν και να δουλεψουνμαζι.Αυτο το μνημα θα διαδοθει σε ολοκληρο το νησι και σε ολους τους νεους.Πρεπει να γινει ενα πρωτο βημα προς την ειρηνη και αυτο ειναικατορθοτο μεσω των νεων ευκολα!Με αυτο το σκεπτικο μπορουμε να αγγιξουμεκαθε ατομο. Πιστευω πως η νεολαια εχει πληροφοριθει λανθασμενα για την σχεση τωνδυοκοινοτητων.Ετσι ελπιζουμε να ανατρεψουμε καθε προκαταληψεις με τετοιεςδικοινοτικες ενεργιες.Οι δυο ομιλοι ανυπομονουν για μια σταθερη πορειακαι θα υπαρξουν πολλες τετοιες διοργανωσεις στο συντομο μελλον. Στην πορεια αυτη της ειρηνης καταφερα και εκανα πολλες και καλεςφιλίεςοι οποιες με επεισαν πως μια τετοια αγαπη ειναι κατορθωτη!Το μελλον μαςανηκει και το νησι βρισκεται στα χερια μας.Ξεχαστε πολιτικα κομματα καιπαρεμβολες και ενωθειτε μαζι μας για ενα κοινο σκοπο!!Μαζι μπορουμε νακατεδαφισουμε αυτο το φανταστικο τειχος και ενωμενοι να βοηθειςουμε τονησιμας να προοδευσει!!

ΕΡΟΛ

I was with sheer excitement trying to discover Hawaii when I first met Lena. We both had come (among the 2000 others) to this little island in the Pacific for a Youth Conference orga-



nized by MYPC. I was real busy meeting new and interesting people from all over this planet and I think so was she for we didn't notice each other for a long time.

Than one day we divided into regional groups to discuss how we would make the change and Turkey (where I live right now) miraculously(!) got into the European region. When the names of the countries to be represented appeared on the board I saw to my surprise the name of this little island where I had been born, Cyprus. So I glided down to the front where I met

up with the representatives of the Greek side, that sounds too formal with Lena and Louis, and announced I would join them in the representation. The request was a bit too sudden, but then hey who can resist my charm?! So up we went and squeezed ourselves on 2 chairs. The organizers obviously had not expected the appearance of a third representative.

Now, this act, all in its own, is revolutionary. For in which international conference have these two inhabitants of the island (Turkish and Greek Cypriots) sat together and not slit each others' throats over it's ownership? (Yeah, I know I can't think of any). But there we sat and talked about it to people some of whom hadn't even realized it existed. And it was OK, there was no massacre or anything. With respect we listened to each other's views and though some were real different from each other we could discuss and make them better.

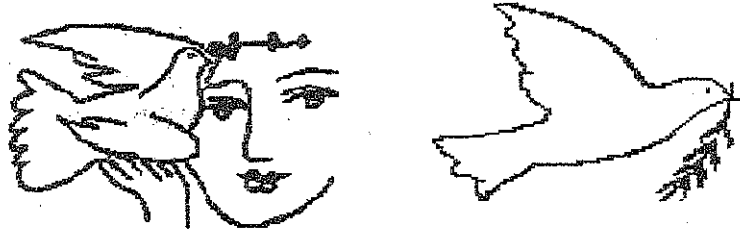
And we realized that we both had been filled up with meaningless prejudices. What is the point of teaching the younger generation of how barbaric the Turks are and how unfair the Greeks? Come on, Turks don't go around with swords and "sariks" (turban), killing people and Enosis is not popular any longer. Times have changed and it will be very sad if we can't make things work.

So this peace project is just a small step towards our goal. I do believe we can live together in friendship and equality on this island, who knows, without the green line maybe....one day. SOON!!!!

With Hope and Love;
Defne

I was just chatting on net, as usual. During this, I got an e-mail from Defne. At first, the idea of this project did not sound good to me. I am not very interested in environment personally but then I realized that the aim of this project is not only environment!!! It is great....

We plant, since we want to prove that the teenagers of this island can protect their own island. We organize a such thing as we try to prove that the youngs can also do such festivals and do teamwork without any



help of anywhere and also prove that both sides can live or work together. Above all, this will spread to whole island and reach to the all youngs. There should be a first step to the peace, and this can be managed among youngs easily. Under this idea, we all try to do something that we can reach to every young individually.

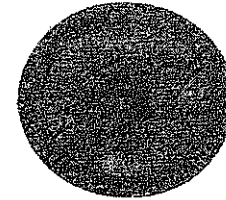
I think young people are generally wrongly informed against each other. So we hope to destroy this prejudices from every people by doing such facilities. In some cases, this may be an example to everyone for a step towards peace. I liked the idea of Defne and Lena, since I just want such bicomunal facilities to spread all over the island.

In addition to this, I try to create a permanent committee, so that we can last it longer by another projects. Above all, I want this committee to be the "Sound of Every Young People All Over The Island".

I hope all this will be memorised in the future. Above all, I got some new friends and excellent ones!!! I think I am very lucky. So why aren't you? Let's join such bicomunal projects, gain new friends, do teamwork, do something helping peace and your own island.

I think this island is ours. So we should do something for our own island and for our own future. In my opinion, young people should be met in masses, not individuals. We also should not need any political party or organization of other countries.

For this project, I got some financial support from trade unions for the committee. But they do not govern us, just help financially. Since our aim is to do something ourselves.



While I am organising such thing in the north, we just got had some problems or difficulties. We also managed to overcome all these.

I want to give some simple examples. Young people of both sides know each other only from sayings, television and from some wrong informations. I think the "imaginary" boundary of Cyprus would not prevent the youngs to break this limits to know each other better, since the best way in communication is talking in person.

In my opinion, if we get chance to meet and talk, we should get some real information, ideas and common feelings for our own future. At first, Let's break boundaries found in our minds!!! And then break the real boundary that divides the island into two parts.

I just want to prove that we should start from a point towards peace. These facilities should be the first step and then we can find the shortest and the best way to peace.

Let's give another example. Imagine two different small children. One is brought up in a small country and the other is brought up in another country. They learn life and their history only from sayings,

since they don't live through it. So that, they have prejudices against each other. So, at this point let's adapt this to Cyprus. If these two guys were brought up in the same country, they would play together. When they are brought up by sharing feelings of peace, they can talk about their ideas freely and become good friends.

So, why don't we meet continuously and become friends and break the imaginary boundary in the informed young? Why don't we try to do something for our own future, for our own island and for our own friendship???!!!

By this project we started the first step and create a permanent committee. Don't forget that we are the future of this island!!!

Imagine every individual as a tree in the forest.
Live in friendship like a forest, Live with freedom like a single tree in the forest !!

Erol

A SEASON FOR NON VIOLENCE

Nationalism is an infantile sickness. It is the measles of the human race.

(Albert Einstein)



carry the vision

Y2P

Any intelligent fool can make things bigger, more complex and more violent. It takes a touch of genius --and a lot of courage-- to move in the opposite direction.

(Albert Einstein)

Cyprus is a beautiful island with beautiful people. However, it is divided. This division has effected the attitudes people have towards each other and the two different sides for the worst. Peoples' opinions change like the seasons and rarely is trust maintained. It took a trip to Hawaii to make me realise that a mere friendship was and is the most important step in developing such a trust and one that will last a lifetime. I was fortunate enough to meet a very beautiful person named Defne, in Hawaii. She is a Turkish Cypriot and one of the best friends I have ever had. Together we realised that so many people were mistaken when they said that Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots cannot live together. Defne and I decided in Hawaii that when we went back to Cyprus we would do everything we could to get people (mainly youth) to concentrate on what we have in common instead of our differences.

Issues such as our environment and most importantly to establish friendships between teenagers in the the North and the South of Cyprus. With the aid of the internet that helps us meet and speak with each other on a daily basis, we have established and are establishing friendships that defy a barrier that has existed for 25 years. The tree-planting project is just the first step towards our goal and there will be many other projects to come. Here in the South we have formed a youth society called Y2P (youth promoting peace) which is organising the project from this end. I was pleasantly surprised to find that there were other teenagers looking for the same things as I was.....just to make friends. I am thankful that I have had the opportunity to meet new people and make friends for life. With the help of these friends, I am determined to get as many people as possible to feel the same. Only then can we find peace in Cyprus.

Lena Anastasiades