

zivik Funding Programme

ziviktalks - Young Voices for Peace

The Role of Young People in Civil Conflict Resolution

 **7 October 2025**  **14:30-19:00**  **Nicolaihaus, Brüderstraße 13, 10178 Berlin**

Young people are among the first affected by conflict, yet also key to building peace. **"Young Voices for Peace"** amplifies their voices, fosters the exchange of experiences, and drives inclusive solutions for sustainable conflict transformation.

Programme

14:30-14:50

Welcome & Opening

Anne-Sophie Beckedorf - Deputy Head of Department Civil Crisis Prevention, Federal Foreign Office
Gitte Zschoch - Secretary General, ifa (Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen)

14:50-15:50

Panel 1: Youth Navigating Digital Media, Disinformation, and Hate Speech

Panelists:

Anne-Sophie Beckedorf (PhD) - Deputy Head of Department Civil Crisis Prevention, Federal Foreign Office
Fatima Al Ansar - Director, Tilwate Peace Network, Mali
Aya Sammani - Scholarship-holder, Martin Roth-Initiative (ifa), Sudan (TBC)
Usahma Felix Darrah (PhD) - Managing Director, Friends of the Syrian People, Germany

Moderation: Beatrix Austin - Head of Department, Conflict Transformation Research, Berghof Foundation, Germany

15:50-16:20

Coffee Break

16:20-17:20

Panel 2: Youth Participation Models in Fragile Contexts – Insights from Projects funded by the zivik Funding Programme

Opening Statement:

Gitte Zschoch - Secretary General, ifa (Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen)

Panelists:

Elizabeth Odondi - Chairperson, Social Justice League, Kenya
Theresa Kuschka - Senior Project Manager, Collective Leadership Institute, Germany
Sadibou Marong - Director, Reporters Without Borders West Africa, Senegal
Selma Zulić Šiljak - Project Coordinator, Foundation Mediacentar, Bosnia & Herzegovina

Moderation: Björn Müller-Bohlen, reflexionsinstanz, Germany

17:20-17:30

Closing Remarks

17:30-19:00

Get Together & Networking

Please register [here](#) by 30.09.2025.