



## Realizing the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda



There is a growing recognition that young people can play a meaningful role in preventing and resolving conflict and building sustainable peace. Young people have the undeniable right to participate in the maintenance of peace and security – from political, electoral or peace processes, to informal participation at the community level and in digital spaces. Young peoples’ meaningful participation and influence improve the relevance, effectiveness and impact of peace and security initiatives, policies and decisions. This course – developed jointly by UNSSC and the Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA) – will provide practitioners with the skills and knowledge to effectively implement the youth, peace and security agenda – while working with and for young people in peace and security.

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### Introduction

The growing recognition of young women and men as a positive force in preventing and resolving conflict and building sustainable peace has gained momentum with the adoption of the UN Security Council (SC) resolutions 2250 (2015), 2419 (2018) and 2535 (2020) on youth, peace and security (YPS). YPS has developed into a comprehensive agenda that aims to enable, support and increase young people’s agency on peace and security matters and meaningful participation at all levels of decision-making. Young peoples’ meaningful participation and influence in peace building processes is a right as much as an asset that can improve the relevance, effectiveness and impact of peace and security initiatives, policies and decisions.

Although there has been progress and recognition of young people’s essential role in peace and security, a more systematic approach to implementing the resolutions on YPS is urgently needed. The international community needs to support young women and men in fulfilling their full potential as a positive force for building peaceful and just societies, and action is needed to ensure that expertise on youth and peace and security within the multilateral system is adequately positioned at the local, country, regional and global levels.



**Where** ONLINE



**When** 08 Nov - 09 Dec 2021



**Fee** 1000 USD



**Duration** 5 weeks



**Enrollment deadline** 09 Nov 2021



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**Language** English

## Objectives

This course will enable you to:

- Argue the rationale for the youth, peace and security agenda to internal and external stakeholders,
- Facilitate youth participation, engagement and influence in peace and security initiatives,
- Apply a youth lens on context and conflict analyses,
- Coordinate, advise, strategically plan and report on YPS issues as well as use capacity development strategies, and
- Formulate youth sensitive theories of change and outcome statements, and analyse YPS programmes for results.

## Course Contents

- Foundational skills module 1: Introduction to the youth, peace and security agenda
- Foundational skills module 2: Enabling meaningful youth participation
- Foundational skills module 3: Conducting youth-sensitive conflict analysis
- Applied skills module 4: Serving as a YPS adviser/focal point
- Applied skills module 5 [PILOT]: Programming for youth, peace and security

## Course Methodology

This course is delivered entirely online. It combines self-paced modules with live sessions as well as interactive spaces for experience sharing, joint reflection and peer exchange. UNSSC and FBA facilitators will guide and interact with you throughout the course.

The course is hosted on the UNSSC online learning platform, which allows you a high degree of flexibility to access content at your own pace, from anywhere and at any time.

The course requires approximately 2-3 hours of self-study per week. In addition to the self-study, the course will feature four live webinars, happening on: November 11, 18, 29 and December 7 at 13:00-15:30 CET.

## Target Audience

Training round 1 (November-December 2021)

Target group: UN staff / personnel

If not selected for this first edition of the course, interested applicants will be considered for the next round of training in 2022.

Training round 2 (Spring 2022)

UN staff serving as YPS advisers and focal points as well as practitioners and representatives from international and regional security organizations, non-governmental organizations and civil society working with the youth, peace and security agenda.

More information about the second training round will be made available shortly.

Training round 3 (Fall 2022)

Global training round targeting practitioners and representatives from international and regional security organizations, non-governmental organizations and civil society working with the youth, peace and security agenda.

More information about the third training round will be made available during spring 2022.

## Cost of participation

The course fee is \$1000. The fee includes access to all training and learning materials as well as participation in live online sessions and one-to-one support from a UNSSC facilitator.

Thanks to a generous contribution from the Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA), the course fee may be waived for selected YPS advisers and focal points from UN YPS Programming Handbook taskforce member organizations.

All applicants are requested to send a PHP/CV to [peacesecurity@unssc.org](mailto:peacesecurity@unssc.org). In addition to this, applicants are required to provide a supervisor's endorsement. UN applicants provide this directly in the online application. Non-UN applicants are asked to confirm their endorsement via email to [peacesecurity@unssc.org](mailto:peacesecurity@unssc.org). The PHP/CV together with the supervisor's endorsement will serve as a basis for the selection process.