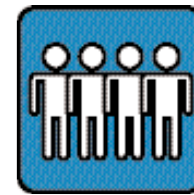


The Challenge of the Future



Taking place in the town of Galati in Romania, the Olympic Truce - The Challenge of the future project was about promoting peace by building a culture of peace based on what sportive actions offer us - fair-play, happiness and team work. The project further aimed to create better inter-generational relationships amongst young people and adults.

Originally planned to be implemented in one school, the project was able to increase its capacity due to support from the local mayor. Consequently 1200 young people from 4 high school participated in activities including 5 seminars for promoting peace via sport, an open forum and an Olympic Truce Day involving the whole town.

The Olympic Truce Day involved the centre of town being closed to all traffic as young people took part in sporting activities with support from families and the local community.

The project managed to get media attention from national print and news media and also included a debate with some local and national journalists having the aim to seek ways to publish more articles about peacemakers and peace promoters and about the actions themselves.

The project will be sustained through a weekly course based on Peace Ideals and Olympic Truce Initiative for 7th and 8th grades in the 4 participating schools. The event organizers are also attempting to expand this into a nation-wide project.

