

Peace in the grassroots

We are a grassroots network of volunteers dedicated to training and mentoring youth who are working for peace in the Great Lakes region of Africa—an area that suffers from years of conflict and extreme poverty.

We aspire to build common ground and encourage creative, critical thinking and expression through peace education, arts and multimedia.

Peace starts within - an inner transformation that changes the way we deal with conflict and evil in the world. We promote the dignity and development of each person - body, mind and spirit.

We believe in the power of story to unite and inspire.

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**Youth at risk in Rwanda
learn how to share their
story through photography.**



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A peace of our story in the making



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***A youth peace media
initiative in Africa***

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A Peace of Life supports youth working for peace and development in Africa

of Africa, a region that's suffered years of conflict and extreme poverty.

We've launched a youth peace media project in Rwanda, where there are high levels of trauma and poverty. Over 30% of all Rwandans suffer trauma and it is spreading into the next generation as those with no experience of the 1994 Tutsi Genocide are being impacted by what they hear and see at home and in the community.

The Genocide left large numbers of children living on their own, growing up on the streets or in child/youth-headed households. Well over 20% of all of Rwanda's children today are orphans.

Rwanda has one of the world's highest population densities. Land scarcity and a very young population—nearly 60% are under age 25—greatly increases the potential for conflict. In spite of incredible progress, Rwanda is still one of the poorest countries, ranked 165th of 179 countries ('08 UN Human Development Index).

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The power of story

We believe that creative communication plays a significant role in peace and reconciliation and in community development. We aspire to open up difficult dialogue and create a common ground with understanding and empathy—a climate where stories and perspectives can be shared and creative solutions worked on, together.



A Peace of Life photo exhibit

In 2009, we launched the first phase, a photography workshop among orphans.

In 2010, we launched the second phase - a peace camp to provide youth

with training in conflict transformation, trauma counseling and media—which also resulted in the creation of a youth peace newspaper and a short film.

How you can help

Please support us in our work with youth in Africa. Provide training and mentoring in peace-building and entrepreneurship through our annual peace camp and other skills development opportunities.

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A Peace of Life's first youth peace camp in Rwanda.

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We look forward to confirmation of our own charitable registration in Canada in the next few months. Thanks so much for your support at this critical time in the development of this initiative!

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