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PROFEST: PROSPECTIVE MEMORY



Watch the webinar on YouTube

On May 10th in cooperation with YMCA Netherlands and within the **Roots Profest** set-up, we have organized the a webinar dedicated to a specific bit of history from WWII period which is a vivid proof of shared past and responsibility to keep the memory alive.

 [→ Learn more](#)



ROOTS GOES EUROPE
#RootsGoesEurope

#RootsGoesEurope is a recollection of the long and exciting journey that we have traveled together with YMCAs and partner organizations from all parts of Europe and far beyond.

It's an endeavour to revisit best practices and to revive the memories of our signature programs that touched the lives of so many young people...

And it's a tribute to those hundreds of Rooters that were and are still with us and continue shaping the course Roots goes along!

#RootsGoesEurope

Peace Work Institute



The most academic of all Roots project components, the major aim of **Peace Work Institute** has been the capacity building of engaged young leaders in conflict transformation work.

Implemented during two (2012 - 2015 & 2016 - 2019) project phases, more than **50 Alumni** completed the scheme and the outreach of subsequent initiatives carried out by the graduates involving hundreds of beneficiaries across the European continent.

 [See more](#)



#RootsGoesEurope
ProFest



Originally devised as an ad hoc activity in response to Russian - Georgian military conflict in 2008, the **ProFest (Program Festival)** has evolved as one of the main program delivery elements of the Roots.

With the participant geography spanning from Artsakh to the United States and bringing young people together around the topics that are relevant and empowering for them.



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**YMCA
BIRTHDAY
CAMPAIGN**

Rooters have been very active celebrating the birthday of YMCA on June 6th....

With global pandemic darkening the mood all over the world, they did their best to cheer up the viewers of our digital outlets with positive vibes and the rhyme that has become such a big part of our identity!

 **Watch more**



GENERATION NEXT: WITH ROOTS IN ROOTS

Let us all give a heartily welcome to the new member of the family - the **Generation Next!** Having its roots in Roots for Peace best practices, it will be yet another endeavor of YMCA Europe towards making the difference in the lives of young people!

 **Learn more**



**PROFEST:
BE A VOICE,
NOT AN ECHO!**

Preparations for "Be a Voice not an Echo" **Roots ProFest** to be held in European Youth Center Budapest on November 29 - December 05, 2020 are in full swing.

The event planning team had its first online meeting on June 30th to discuss and agree upon various pending issues and program components. The plan is to engage around 40 young people from all over Europe and train them to "be a voice".

 **Learn more**



**ROOTS PEACE AWARD
AT YMCA EUROPE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

On June 26th, Roots has definitely been one of the highlights of YMCA Europe's General Assembly, acknowledged as the most resilient and robust project of the organisation.

The selection results of **Roots Peace Award 2020** were presented, with European Union and YMCA Georgia as inaugural laureates.



**ROOTS FOR PEACE
& GENERATION NEXT
BRANDING**

Having its roots in Roots for Peace best practices, Generation Next project will be another great opportunity for us to positively affect the lives of those young people that desperately require attention and support.

And now it's time to showcase the new looks that both of our large-scale and long-term projects will wear from the moment on - we proudly unveil the aligned logos of YMCA Europe Roots for Peace and Generation Next!



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IN CONCLUSION

Our management remains in constant consultations with the Roots' partners and stakeholders on pursuing the project relevance while this extraordinary context of Covid-19; and on devising strategies matching the "Newnormal".

Various by-lateral or multilateral initiatives are in process of elaboration, from grassroots to international levels of involvement.





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4th implementation phase... 15,000 direct beneficiaries... 3 campsites built... 52 projects in 12 countries with participants from all over Europe and beyond... This is Roots! But it's not the moment to rest on laurels... There's a lot more to come from us, so stay tuned!