

Welcome Peacebuilders

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Objectives:

To understand the paradigm shift by Rotary regarding our thinking about peace and how sustainable peace—Positive Peace—can be achieved through the process of peacebuilding.

1921 Rotary Convention Edinburgh, Scotland

At the **1921** convention in Edinburgh, Scotland, Rotarians agreed to incorporate **peacemaking** into Rotary's constitution and bylaws.

Rotary's history of peace building



1921

- Rotary convention Edinburgh – 4th Object of Rotary “Peace & World Understanding”

1942

- UNESCO conference organized in London by Rotary Clubs of 21 countries.

1949

- 45 Rotarians at UN Charter in San Francisco + Rotary one of 42 observer organizations

1999

- Rotary Peace Centers – 1st graduate – 2004

2017

- Partnership – Institute for Economics & Peace

2020

- NEW Peace Center - Uganda

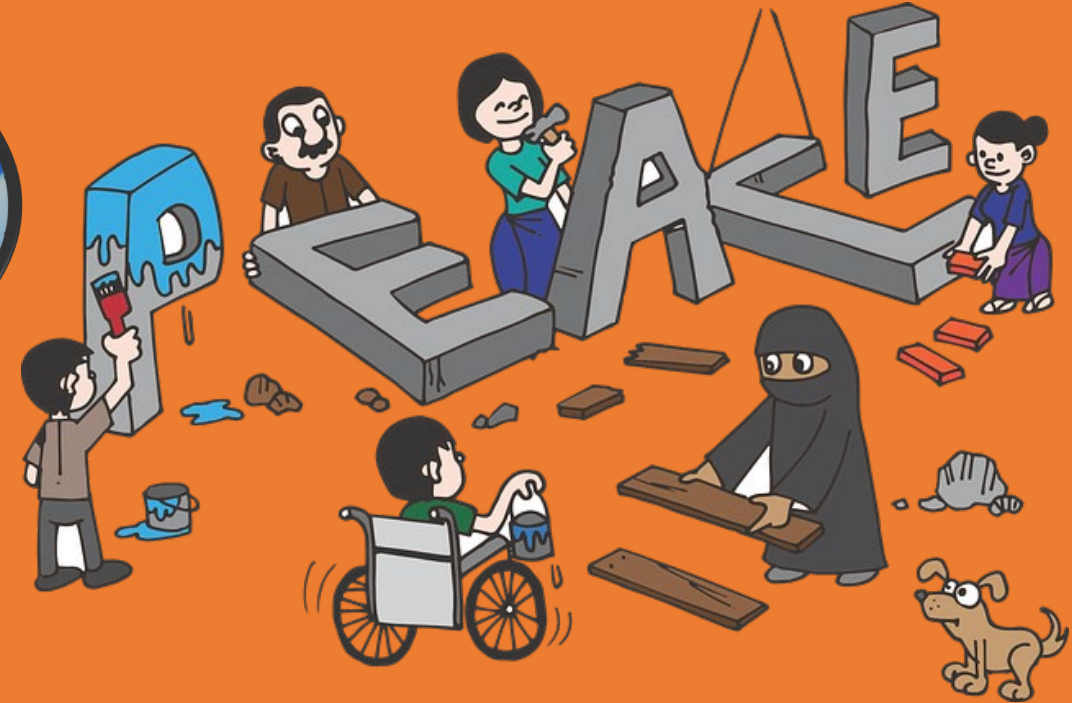
Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul, Turkey, the next Rotary Peace Center with the program starting in early 2025.



2022 Council on Legislation adds Positive Peace to the 3rd Avenue of club service.

A Change in Thinking about Peace

Peace



Peacebuilding

“Peace agreements don’t make peace. They buy time, slowing down the conflict, which makes peace possible.”

Amanda Ripley, High Conflict: Why We Get Trapped and How We Get Out



Columbia



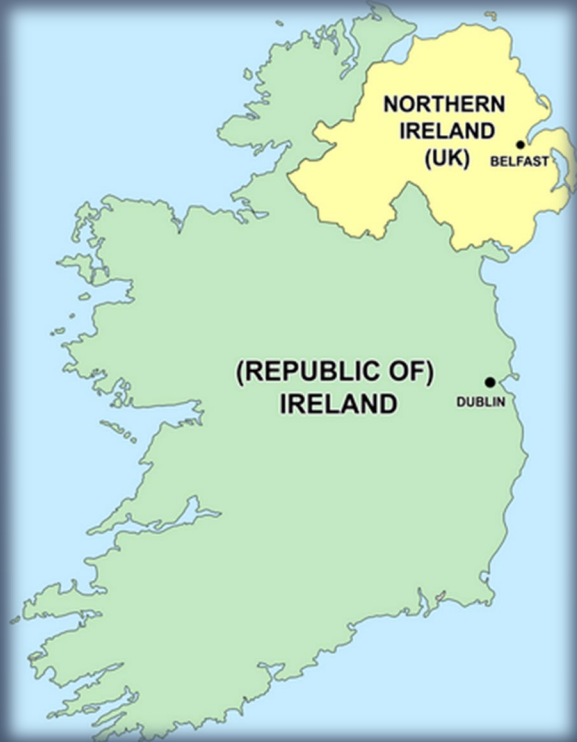
"The Violence" Its cause was mainly mounting tensions between the two leading political parties, which subsequently ignited after the assassination of the Liberal presidential candidate on April 9, 1948. The ensuing riots in Bogotá, spread throughout the country and claimed the lives of at least 180,000 Colombians.

President Santos and the FARC announced a final agreement to end the conflict. However, a referendum to ratify the deal was unsuccessful in October, 2016.

Forgiveness is an essential component of creating environments of peace.



https://learn.rotary.org/learn/learning_plan/view/571/forgiveness-societal-healing-and-rotary



Northern Ireland



Important Dates:

- Created 1921 by partition
- The Troubles (late 1960s-1998)
- The Good Friday Accords (April 10, 1998)
- Michelle O'Neill 1st Minister (February 2024)

“There was no alternative, but now thankfully we have an alternative to conflict, and that is the Good Friday Agreement – that is why it's so precious to us all.”

Tiocfaid Ár Lá
26 + 6 = 1

“I wanted to be here. We live in changing times, and it was the respectful thing to do, to show respect and to be here for all those people at home, who I had said I would be a first minister for all. Attendance here is about honouring that and fulfilling my promise.”

GPI ranks Ireland 3rd & Great Britain 37th

Building peace is the essence of Rotary. Peace isn't a dream, and it's not passive. It's the result of working hard, earning trust, and having open conversations that may be difficult. Peace must be waged persistently — and bravely. Everything we do across our areas of focus has the potential to foster the hope that can make peace possible.



RI President 2023-2024 Gordon McNally

POSITIVE PEACE

*... is the attitudes,
institutions & structures
that create and sustain
peaceful societies.*

NEGATIVE PEACE

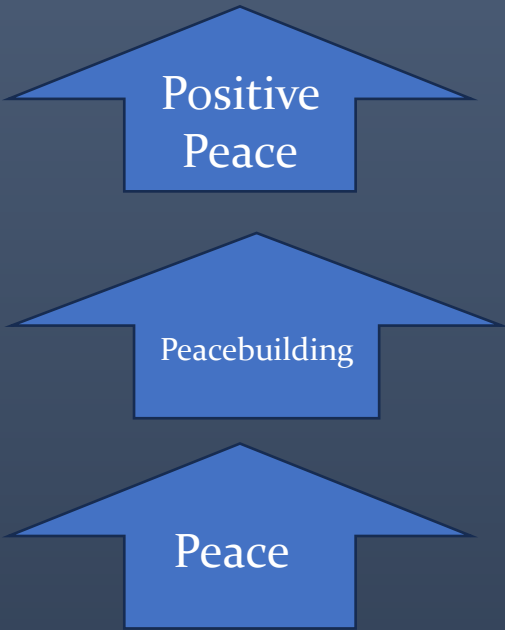
*... is the absence of
violence or fear of
violence.*

The Positive Peace Model

Positive Peace creates the optimum environment (attitudes, institutions, & structures) for human potential to flourish.



Build strengths systemically



The eight Pillars of Positive Peace

Well-Functioning Government

A well-functioning government delivers high-quality public and civil services, engenders trust and participation, demonstrates political stability and upholds the rule of law.

Sound Business Environment

The strength of economic conditions as well as the formal institutions that support the operation of the private sector. Business competitiveness and economic productivity are both associated with the most peaceful countries.

Low Levels of Corruption

In societies with high levels of corruption, resources are inefficiently allocated, often leading to a lack of funding for essential services and civil unrest. Low corruption can enhance confidence and trust in institutions.

Acceptance of the Rights of Others

Formal laws that guarantee basic human rights and freedoms and the informal social and cultural norms that relate to behaviors of citizens.

High Levels of Human Capital

A skilled human capital base reflects the extent to which societies educate citizens and promote the development of knowledge, thereby improving economic productivity, care for the young, enabling political participation and increasing social capital.

Equitable Distribution of Resources

Peaceful countries tend to ensure equity in access to resources such as education and health, as well as, although to a lesser extent, equity in income distribution.

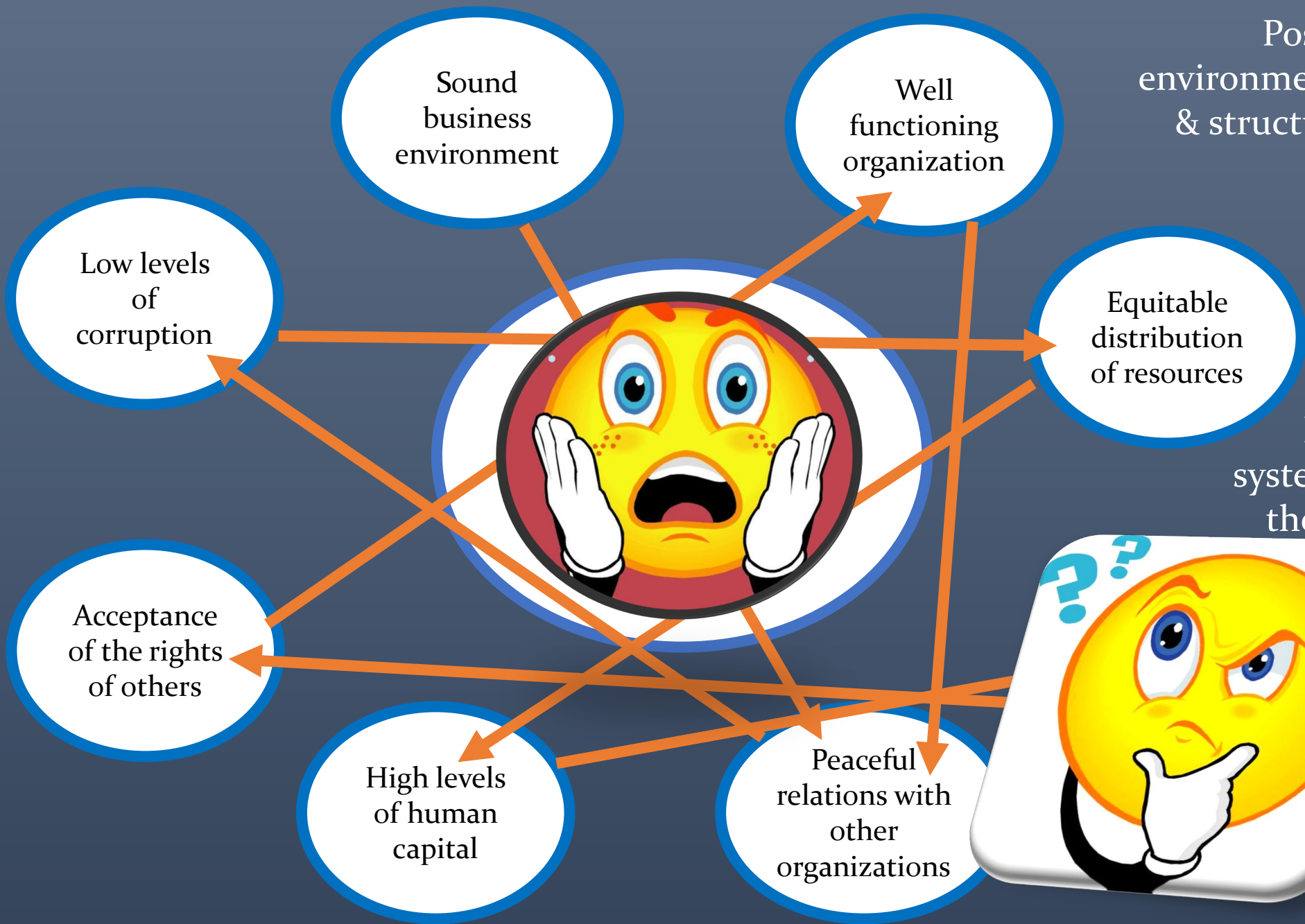
Free Flow of Information

Free and independent media disseminates information in a way that leads to greater openness and helps individuals and civil society work together. This leads to better decision-making and more rational responses in times of crisis.

Good Relations with Neighbors

Peaceful relations between communities or nations are important to maintaining and improving peace. Good relations facilitate trade and reduce the need for military and policing.





Positive Peace: the optimum environment (attitudes, institutions, & structures) for human potential to flourish.

Positive Peace requires a systemic interrelationship of the eight Pillars of Positive Peace.

The more Pillars that are successfully connected, the more resilient the organization.



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Peacebuilder chair for all the information you need to get started.

All documentation must be submitted by June 1, 2024

Are you ready to become a Peacebuilder Club?

Here s WHY you should:

- **IMPLEMENT** Rotary's Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Area of Focus more powerfully in your club.
- **ADDRESS** the growing problem and danger of polarization and divisiveness that fractionalizes and stagnates societies, disrupts peaceful relations, and increases the potential for violence.
- **BUILD** stronger, more harmonious communities and a more peaceful world.
- **MAXIMIZE** the peacebuilding impact of every Rotary project in all seven Areas of Focus.
- **LEARN** and become proficient in advocating for sustainable societal peace through Positive Peace, the goal of Peacebuilding.

Criteria for Qualifying as a Rotary D7610 Peacebuilder Club 2023-2024



PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION

A. ACOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING

1. Form a club Peacebuilder committee of two or more members.
2. Make an annual club financial contribution to the Endowment Fund – Rotary Peace Centers.

B. PEACEBUILDING ACTIVITIES

1. Choose one (1) of the following in section B, part 1 to complete.
2. Choose one (1) of the following from section B part 2 to complete.

C. SUPPORT EFFORTS FOR THE ROTARY PEACE CENTERS

Required. Learn and become proficient in knowledge about the Rotary Peace Centers program.

Complete at least one (1) additional support effort.

“Once the great Russian writer Leo Tolstoy described the structure of power in Russia: ‘the villains who robbed their own people got together, recruited soldiers and judges to guard their orgy, and now they're having a feast’. This brilliant phrase precisely describes what is happening in our country.”

Alexei Navalny
Peacebuilder



June 4, 1976
February 16, 2024

In Memory

"If they decide to kill me then it means we are incredibly strong and we need to use that power and not give up," he once told CNN. "We don't realize how strong we actually are."