



A Network of People
Building Peace

GPPAC PEACE EDUCATION WORKING GROUP STATEMENT

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The Peace Education Working Group of the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict has been working in the field of peacebuilding and conflict prevention since 2007 through education initiatives in schools, colleges, and the community. The Working Group held a meeting on December 4th in Gyumri, Armenia, and discussed the role of peace education for the of prevention gender based violence.

Does Peace Education (PE) help reduce Gender Based Violence (GBV)? Yes! PE, when done well, helps people build the knowledge, skills, and abilities to better understand and work between and among people of diverse backgrounds using mutual respect. When we learn about the suicide of a raped schoolgirl in Kyrgyzstan, we know more work needs to be done, to change the culture, and how we raise young boys, who become men. When we learn about a newly established girls' football team in Australia that gains a lot of support, not only from the state, but also from many community members cheering for the young ladies during each competition. We know that it is a result, not only of a well-developed gender policy, but also of a long tradition of multicultural peace education in Australian schools.

Recently, peacebuilding activists and women's organizations have been working together in the field of conflict prevention within communities implementing [UN Security Council Resolution 1325](#) at the grass root level, while policymakers consider how it can be integrated at the larger state levels. Now is the time to meet each other in the classrooms to combine efforts of educators to prevent, intervene, and address GBV by using PE and collaborating with key stakeholders around the globe! Want to learn more about gender and conflict prevention and what you can do in your own communities to address this?

Read more here www.peaceportal.org/web/taking-women-beyond-1325 and for free peace and conflict management education resources, please visit www.CREducation.net.