



Wind of Peace

A Message from the Children of UNESCO Associated Schools and Others Participating Schools to the World Leaders and Other Adults

Dear Leaders,

We, children from UNESCO Associated Schools and others in thirty-five countries across five continents have come together over the past months to tell you what we expect from you for our shared future. Please listen and reflect upon our voices, as the future belongs to us. We ask you to do everything within your power.

The Voice of UNESCO's Children for Our Safe and Peaceful Future

Today, children from UNESCO ASPnet and other schools are speaking up – because we are desperate and afraid. UNESCO and the United Nations promised us that we would be safe and supported as we grow. Yet today, we do not feel safe.

Many countries are at war. Even where there is no war, the feeling of safety is fading. That is why we are calling on you, adults, to stop all wars as natural disasters alone already threaten our planet. We also demand security and trust among all people across the globe. We, the children of the world, are warning you: this cannot go on. We see what's happening. We know things are heading in the wrong direction. It has gone too far. We fear for our lives and our future.

How many people die in wars driven by greed and hatred at the same moment a child is born? How many children will never be born because of war? You must give us a chance to live – as you did. We want to see the world and travel, like our parents did. In fact, we want a better world than you had. But we don't need your wealth. We only need the chance to live and grow into our future.

As parents, you fear for us. You want only one thing: to keep us safe and help us become independent. But the greatest enemies of children are war and disease. That is why we demand that – for once – you truly listen to us. Parents and all those shaping today's world, listen to your daughters and sons!

We are not speaking about one war – we are speaking about all wars, climate change, disasters, illness, hunger, and everything caused by human greed and hate – and about the peace we demand. Maybe even about a world without war and hunger.

Your daughters and sons

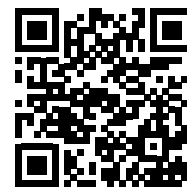


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Wind of Peace Project: Introduction

The *Wind of Peace* is a pilot project launched in April 2025 by the National Coordination of the UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet) in Slovenia under the auspices of the Slovenian National Commission for UNESCO.

In a world increasingly marked by conflicts and climate change, the mission of ASPnet – to build peace in the minds of children and young people – has never been more relevant. Therefore, this project seeks to give voice to all children across the world, empowering them to speak up to adults for their future as they observe what is happening around them and recognize that things are heading in the wrong direction.



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Description

The core symbol of the project is the set of seven travelling *Wind of Peace Notebooks*, which were physically passed from one participating country to another across borders and continents. As the project unfolded, three more notebooks joined the journey: two set off to new countries, while the third became a home for messages that arrived online.

The project officially began on June 2nd, 2025, with a press conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia. On the same day, four international handover ceremonies took place, and seven notebooks began their journey to connect schools across Europe, Asia, the Middle East, North America, South America, and Africa.

Each country contributed 2–6 pages of written or visual messages created by students to adults, decision-makers and world leaders for their future in peace. The *Wind of Peace* excluded no country, as it is a call from children – not a political action. Children are not responsible for wars, yet they are the ones who suffer the most from them. Only children were allowed to speak; adults could offer support but were not allowed to speak on their behalf. No political representatives of any country, city, etc. were involved in these activities. In their messages, children were asking for a future and calling on adults to listen and to respond, which is precisely what is expected of everyone: to actively respond to their voices and do everything within their power.

Children's voices carry a clarity and honesty that cut through the noise of our world. They remind us of the future we are shaping with every decision we make. "In every drop that runs through the veins of the Tigris and in every breeze along the Euphrates, life whispers to us: Create peace... and plant hope." (from children's messages)

Interest from schools around the world was far greater than anticipated. Within just a few months – despite the summer holidays – more than 30 countries joined the initiative. They wrote that they felt they were part of something truly exceptional. We heard from children in forgotten corners of the world who, perhaps for the first time, felt connected with their peers globally – and through this, we were giving them hope. Remarkable collaboration took place despite some difficulties in communication due to limited English proficiency. This is also why the concept for participation must remain simple and clear – so that it is accessible to schools

in developing countries as well. The project has a particularly profound meaning for children living in difficult conditions, isolated from the rest of the world and with few opportunities to participate.

For many countries, participation in the project was challenging for various reasons, yet these challenges strengthened our cooperation. Each step of each notebook required close coordination with colleagues across borders, creating many new connections. While online communication is simpler, it cannot replace the human contact that is so often lacking today. Many national coordinators worked during national holidays and alongside other pressing obligations to ensure that their students had the opportunity to participate and have their voices heard.

When in-person handovers were not possible, one coordinator proposed organising virtual handovers via Zoom. The idea was quickly adopted, and several international meetings have already taken place, with others still being arranged. These meetings were warm and engaging, and they allowed children to connect with one another in a meaningful way.

Regarding logistics, it was clear from the outset that sending notebooks between countries would be demanding and costly. We therefore contacted numerous organisations – including major airlines, railway companies, international and European pilot associations, private pilot groups, and postal and courier services – but were unable to secure support. As a result, many participants relied on courier services, which are expensive, and even then, transport between continents often took two weeks to a month.

The notebooks travelled from June to November, the last one arriving on 26 November 2025, on the exact date when the final meeting of all participating schools took place. The global final meeting of the *Wind of Peace* project brought together representatives from participating countries in a virtual event coordinated by the ASPnet Slovenia. The meeting was marked by moments of emotion, cultural sharing, and it highlighted the contributions of each participating nation. Participants emphasised unity and the important role of children, capable of making a difference through their voices. The session concluded with shared reflections on global cooperation and gratitude for the collective efforts that enabled the successful implementation of the project across continents.

Final Goal of the Project

At the conclusion of the project, all collected messages were published online, and they will be presented in a digital exhibition and in a book in April 2026.

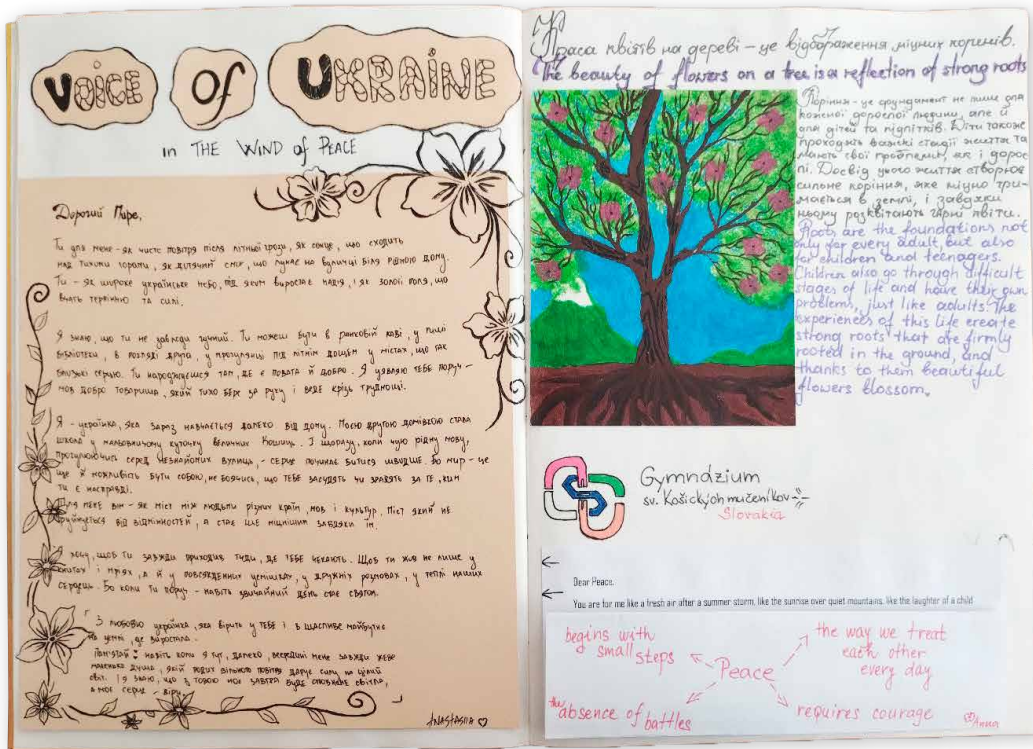


**Wind of Peace
Notebooks –
All Messages**

“The aim of the Wind of Peace project is to ensure that the voices of children are not only heard but also recognized as an ethical call to action — that inner voice reminding us of what is right. And when we deepen that voice, turn it into clear principles and let it guide our decisions even when the path is difficult, it becomes an ethical call to action. A call that urges leaders to take responsibility, to act with integrity and courage, and to build a more peaceful and sustainable future worthy of every child.”

“Parents and all those shaping today’s world, listen to your daughters and sons!”

Wind of Peace: A Selection of Contributions



Dear Peace,

you are for me like fresh air after a summer storm, like a sunrise over quiet mountains, like the laughter of a child echoing down the street of my hometown. You are like the white Ukrainian sky beneath which hope is born, and like the golden fields that teach patience and strength. I know you're not always loud. You can be in the morning cup of coffee, in the silence of a library, in a friend's glance, or in a walk under a summer rain in the cities so close to the heart. You are born wherever respect and kindness dwell.

I imagine you beside me like a good companion who quietly takes my hand and leads me through hardships. I am a Ukrainian girl now studying far from home. My second home has become a school in the picturesque corner of majestic Košice. And every time I hear my native language while walking down the street, my heart beats faster. Because peace is also the chance to be myself without fear of judgment or betrayal for who I truly am.

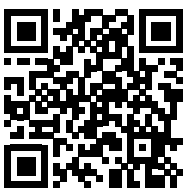
For me, you are like a bridge between people of different nations, languages, and cultures.

I wish that you would always arrive where you are awaited, that you would live not only in books and dreams, but in everyday smiles, in friendly conversations, and in the warmth of hearts. For when you are near, even an ordinary day becomes a celebration.

With love,

a Ukrainian who believes in you, peace, and in the happy future of the land where I grew up.

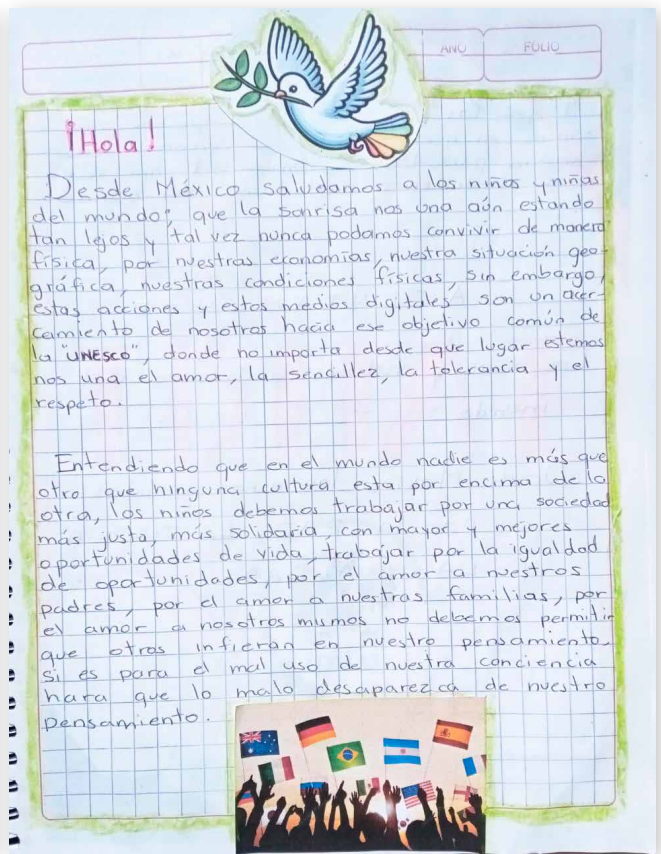
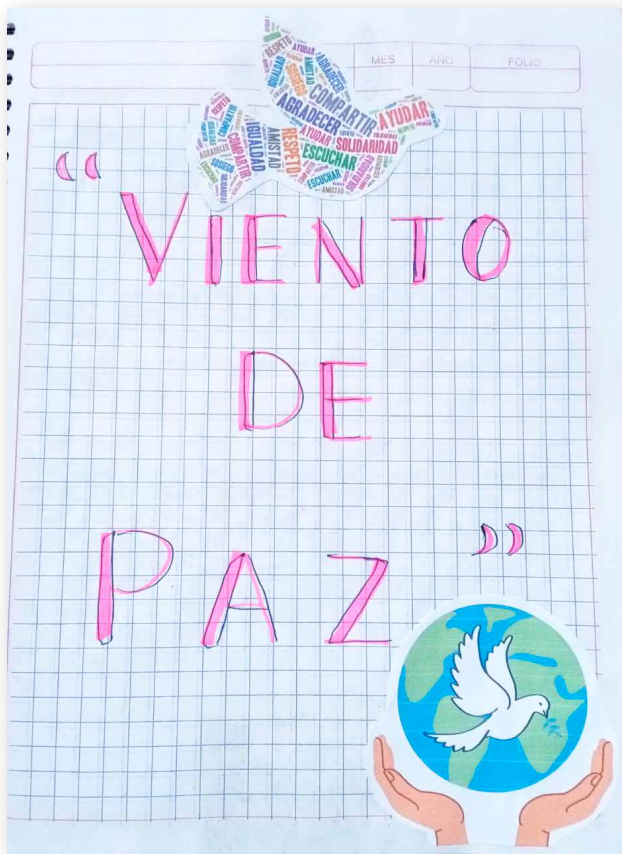
Remember, even though I am far away, within me always lives a small soul to whom the breath of free air gives strength for the whole world. And I know that with you my tomorrow will be filled with light and my heart with faith.



[Video in English]



[Video in Ukrainian]



Hello!

From Mexico we greet the children of the world, may our smiles unite us even though we are so far away and perhaps we can never live together physically due to our economies, our geographical location, our physical conditions. However, these actions and these digital media are a step closer to that common goal of UNESCO, where no matter where we are from we are united by love, simplicity, tolerance and respect.

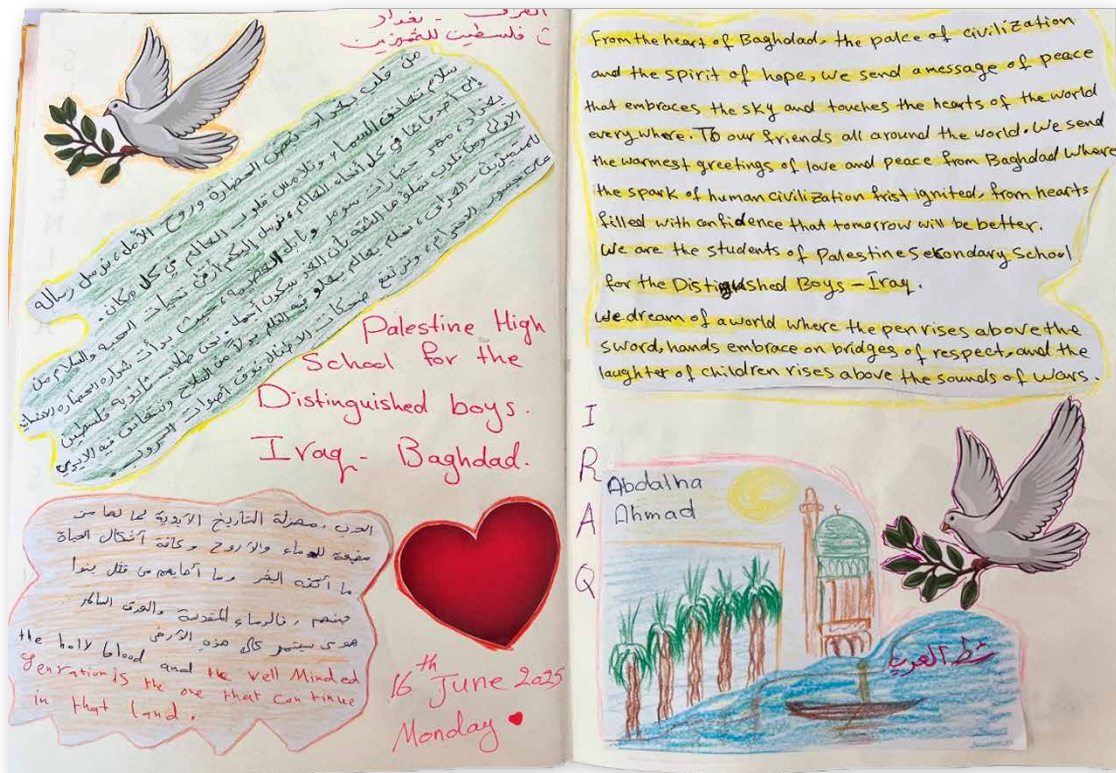
Understanding that in the world no one is more than another, that no culture is above another. We, like children, must work for a more just, more supportive society, with greater and better opportunities in life. Work for equal opportunities for the love of our parents, for the love of our families, for the love of ourselves. We must not allow others to influence our thinking if it is for evil.

The use of our conscience will make the bad disappear from our thoughts and that the small seeds that we sow today in our immediate surroundings will transcend for all humanity to become true citizens of the world.

Sincerely

The children and future citizens in the world.

From Mexico, children united for peace, justice and equality.



From the heart of Baghdad, the palace of civilization and the spirit of hope, we send a message of peace that embraces the sky and touches the hearts of the world everywhere. To our friends all around the world. We send the warmest greetings of love and peace from Baghdad where the spark of human civilization first ignited, from hearts filled with confidence that tomorrow will be better. We are the students of Palestine Secondary School for the Distinguished Boys - Iraq.

We dream of a world where the pen rises above the sword, hands embrace on bridges of respect, and the laughter of children rises above the sounds of wars.

Our land has taught us to love despite the wounds, to rise after every fall, and to dream through the dust and smoke. In every drop that runs through the veins of the Tigris and in every breeze along the Euphrates, life whispers to us: "Create peace... and plant hope."

To you in Lebanon - the homeland where the sea sings like a poem and the mountains echo the tales of poets - we, the students of Iraq, send you a peace that flies on the wings of jasmine and embraces your spirits like light embracing the dawn.

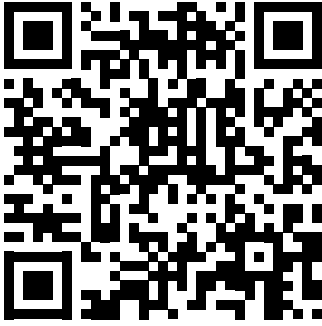
For us, peace is not simply the absence of war - it is the presence of life: It is seeing a light at the end of the tunnel, not the barrel of a gun. It is choosing humanity for its own sake, not for its similarity. It is planting love instead of hatred, and lifting words instead of bullets. The generation that writes a new history, titled »Humanity First«, the generation that sees strength in diversity, richness in differences and salvation in unity.

Let our motto be « We want peace... and we will build it with our own hands, from the banks of the Tigris and Euphrates to every corner of this planet.

With the love of Iraq... and the warmth of hearts that beat on banks of the rivers.

Students of Palestine High Schol for the Distinguished Boys - Iraq

Wind of Peace: Video Messages



Iraq



Mexico



Moldova



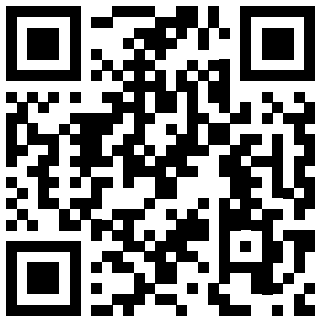
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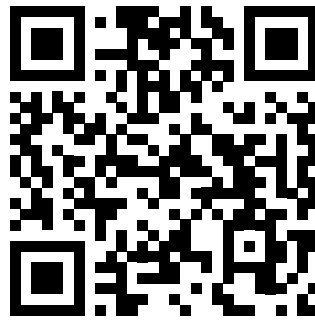
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Germany



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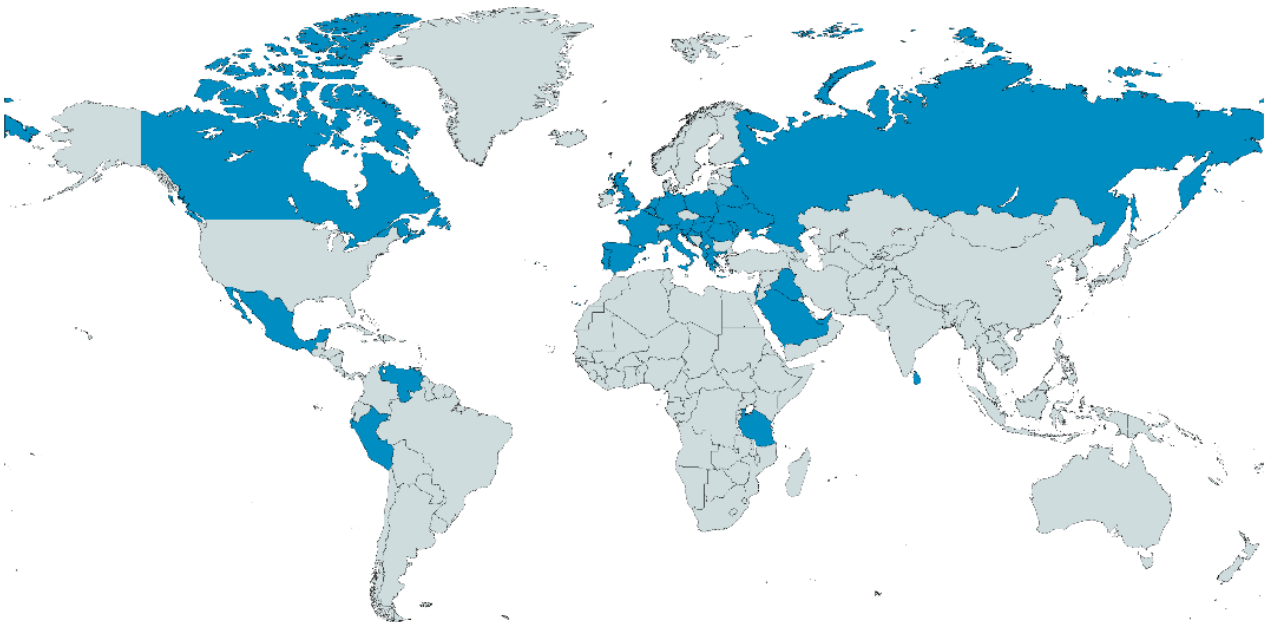


Yours and My Peace - Song

Wind of Peace 2025: Map of the Notebooks' Journeys



Wind of Peace 2025: Map of Participating Countries



Wind of Peace Notebooks - All Messages



Wind of Peace 2025: List of Participating Countries (35)

Albania	Italy	Saudi Arabia
Austria	Japan	Serbia
Belarus	Mexico	Slovakia
Belgium	Moldova	Slovenia
Canada	Montenegro	Spain
Croatia	Netherlands	Sri Lanka
France	North Macedonia	Tanzania
Germany	Peru	Ukraine
Greece	Poland	United Arab Emirates
Hungary	Portugal	United Kingdom
Iraq	Romania	Venezuela
Israel	Russia	

Wind of Peace 2025: List of Notebooks

NOTEBOOK 1:	SLOVENIA – AUSTRIA – GERMANY – BELGIUM – NETHERLANDS
NOTEBOOK 2:	SLOVENIA – AUSTRIA – SLOVAKIA – BELARUS – RUSSIA
NOTEBOOK 3:	SLOVENIA – ITALY – FRANCE – UNITED KINGDOM – CANADA – MEXICO – VENEZUELA
NOTEBOOK 4:	SLOVENIA – ITALY – FRANCE – SPAIN – PORTUGAL – TANZANIA
NOTEBOOK 5:	SLOVENIA – CROATIA – MONTENEGRO – ALBANIA – GREECE
NOTEBOOK 6:	SLOVENIA – CROATIA – ROMANIA – MOLDOVA – UKRAINE
NOTEBOOK 7:	SLOVENIA – IRAQ – SRI LANKA – JAPAN
NOTEBOOK 8:	SLOVENIA – POLAND
NOTEBOOK 9:	SLOVENIA – ISRAEL
NOTEBOOK 10:	PERU – UNITED ARAB EMIRATES – SAUDI ARABIA – HUNGARY – SERBIA – NORTH MACEDONIA



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THE VOICE OF YOU



