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## Collaborating for Peaceniks

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Dear Anjuman

Greetings from Kolkata ! Hope this email finds you well.

Writing to you to explore possibility of having your institute as a partner in our Peaceniks initiative. We launched this program in February 2018 in collaboration with the US Consulate General Kolkata. Peaceniks aims at creating a regional network for regular exchange, dialogue, collaboration and concerted action by youth to build peace. 44 young people from India, Bangladesh and Nepal have participated so far. In India the youth are from West Bengal, Assam, Bihar and Jharkhand. Information on activities in 2018 are available in Peaceniks [YouTube](#) channel and [Facebook](#) channels.

In 2019 we will continue the work with the Peaceniks champions. They will be using digital tools, art, music and theatre in building peace and countering the growing violent extremism. Our plan is to partner with media institutes/colleges and encourage the students to use tools like internet TV/radio, social media and art for building safe communities. We will partner with Radio Bongonet as internet radio channel. We plan partnerships with Community Radios in college campus. We will be using blog and youtube channel.

We request participation of students of C4D Department in this initiative to encourage students to act as changemakers leading action for building safe and peaceful communities. This entails

- Encouraging students led action in promoting peace by organizing awareness programs using cultural and digital media, conducting research on identifying good practices and sharing via digital media.
- Facilitating participation of 2 students in capacity building workshops in March and May/June. The workshop in March will be held on 28-29 March 2019. Mr. Raymond Caldwell, an artistic director in the field of theatre from U.S.A., will train the students in performative storytelling skills. In May/June the workshop will focus on enhancing knowledge on effective use of digital media and art and theatre in digital space.
- The participating students will work with their peers to stop violence and build safe communities using digital and cultural media. These may be awareness programs, round tables, debates, sharing of content via the Peaceniks [YouTube](#) channel, social media, Community Radio and Internet Radio/TV for wider use.
- Mentoring and guidance will be provided to media students and young journalists through virtual conferences/webinars.
- Students participating in the workshops will also have the opportunity to participate in cross border collaboration with youth in Nepal and Bangladesh.
- The students will showcase their innovations and work in Youth for Peace Summit at the American Center in Kolkata in August 2019.

Looking forward to hearing from you

Warmly  
Ananya

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