

P4P NEWSLETTER

VOICES OF YOUTHS, STRENGTH OF CULTURE, PATHWAYS TO PEACE

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Dear peacebuilders,
Welcome to the August edition of the P4P Newsletter!

We are delighted to bring you another inspiring edition of the P4P Newsletter, which highlights the voices, actions, and impact of peacebuilders across the Niger Delta.

This month's edition shines a spotlight on remarkable stories of collaboration, dialogue, and youth engagement. From Bayelsa State, we feature the chapter's active contributions to the PIND-EU project, driving grassroots impact and strengthening peacebuilding in communities. This edition also takes you inside the energetic Peace Camp for secondary school students, an annual initiative of the Centre for Social Transformation and Human Development in partnership with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, where young minds are nurtured as ambassadors of peace.



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In addition, we are excited to share our participation in a thought-provoking podcast hosted by Renaissance Africa Energy Company Limited, where P4P contributed to conversations on the challenges and opportunities in the Niger Delta in commemoration of International Youth Day.

As always, this edition reflects our shared commitment to promoting peace, amplifying community voices, and inspiring action for a better, more inclusive future.

Welcome once again, and happy reading!

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Programs Team Lead



Celebrating 20 Years of Peacebuilding! P4P Team Joins Young Peace Leaders at the 20th Peace Camp – Inspiring the Next Generation.

On Wednesday, August 13, 2025, the Partners for Peace in the Niger Delta joined stakeholders, educators, and young peace advocates at the 20th Peace Camp for Secondary School Students, organised by the Centre for Social Transformation and Human Development in partnership with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

The annual camp, now in its twentieth year, has become an illuminant for nurturing a culture of peace, leadership, and social responsibility among young people. This milestone edition drew students and peacebuilders from across the country to reflect on two decades of promoting peaceful coexistence.

P4P proudly participated through the **Kalabari National College Peace Club, Buguma, Rivers State**. The club, coordinated by Chief Dagogo Chima Wokoma, was represented by over nine enthusiastic students who actively engaged in the camp's activities. Their presence emphasised our ongoing commitment to building a new generation of peace ambassadors through our network of Peace Clubs across the nine states of the Niger Delta.

One of the highpoints of the event was the participation of **Mr. Austin Ogunleye, P4P Programs Officer**, who served as a panelist in one of the camp's key discussions. He provided valuable insights into the unique peacebuilding approaches of P4P, emphasizing the importance of grassroots engagement and youth empowerment in strengthening peace across the region.



As we celebrate with our partners on this 20th anniversary, P4P remains steadfast in its mission to cultivate peace leaders, support community-driven initiatives, and ensure the Niger Delta continues to move towards a future of stability and harmony.

Culture as a Bridge to Peace: P4P Brass Sub-Chapter in Odioma

The power of culture to heal divisions and build lasting peace was on full display in **Odioma community, Brass Local Government Area, Bayelsa State**, where the Community Peace Architecture (CPA) under Search for Common Ground hosted a vibrant cultural event. The program, supported by the Partners for Peace (P4P) Brass Sub-Chapter, brought together community members, peacebuilders, and stakeholders in an atmosphere of dialogue, unity, and celebration.

Through traditional performances, storytelling, and cultural displays, the event demonstrated how local heritage can serve as a vital tool for peacebuilding, encouraging understanding and building trust across ethnic and social divides. P4P's involvement went beyond participation: the **Brass Sub-Chapter** actively supported conflict-resolution workshops and created pathways to connect grassroots initiatives with wider peacebuilding programs.

Representing P4P and civil society, **Doris Ateierio Ayibaekipreye** played a key facilitation role, ensuring that community voices were not only heard but also meaningfully shaped the peace process. By linking grassroots efforts with the broader CPA strategies and working alongside the EU team and the Peacebuilding Committee, P4P helped strengthen collaboration between communities and peace organisations.



This event call attention to the enduring truth that peace is not imposed but built through dialogue, culture, and community ownership. For P4P, it was another reminder that cultural identity, when harnessed positively, can be a unifying force that nurtures reconciliation and trust in the Niger Delta.

P4P Lends Its Voice on International Youth Day Podcast

To commemorate this year's **International Youth Day**, the Partners for Peace (P4P) Network joined a thought-provoking conversation on **Canvas: The Niger Delta Roundtable**, a podcast sponsored by **Renaissance Africa Energy Company Limited**. The episode, themed "**Local Voices, Global Goals**," provided a platform for youth leaders and changemakers to reflect on the vital role of young people in shaping the future of the Niger Delta.

Representing P4P on the show was **Austine Ogunleye, Program Officer**, who shared powerful insights on the challenges and opportunities facing young people in the region. Speaking on the day's theme, Austine highlighted how youth are already transforming their communities, from climate advocacy to entrepreneurship and peacebuilding initiatives, turning global goals into local realities



The discussion also examined barriers faced by young people in driving change, including limited access to mentorship, funding, and training, while emphasizing the importance of collaboration between youth, government, and private institutions to achieve sustainable development



Austine's contributions is an exposition of P4P's ongoing commitment to amplifying youth voices, strengthening peace initiatives, and ensuring that the Niger Delta's future is shaped by the creativity, resilience, and leadership of its young people.

This engagement reflects P4P's dedication to creating spaces where the voices of young people are not only heard but also drive meaningful action for peace and progress.