

***Summary of Side Event: Partnership: Successful Models and Critical Factors for Local/Global SDG Impact***

**31 January 2023, 6:00 - 7:30 PM (EST, New York time)**

**Background on the event (one paragraph)**

*Incorporated in 1983, Pathways to Peace (PTP) is an international organization dedicated to making Peace a lived reality in our world today. PTP is an UN-designated Peace Messenger Organization that holds consultative status with the UN Department of Global Communications (DGC) and the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). For over 40 years, PTP has been engaged in innovation, collaboration, and movement-building. Our Vision is for a World at Peace, and our work is about building a Culture of Peace. We work cross-culturally and intergenerationally. In all of our work, we demonstrate a steadfast commitment to partnership and collaboration. Given partnership is a Pathways To Peace core value, the ECOSOC Partnership Forum provided an opportunity to showcase some of our successful partnership initiatives, and present some “lessons learned”, to inspire others to work together to produce greater impacts on the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda.*

**Key Issues discussed (5- 8 bullet points)**

- Presentations of four successful partnership models that are advancing specific SDGs, including:
  - a. Ashland Culture of Peace Commission, presented by David Wick (local partnership)
  - b. Police2Peace, presented by Lisa Broderick (local/national partnership)
  - c. International Cities of Peace, presented by Fred Arment (local/international partnership)
  - d. Global Youth Mentorship Project (intergenerational and international partnership)
- Benefits, successes, and challenges of partnership and collaboration
- Lessons learned from each model
- Finding funds to support partnership and collaborative projects
- Key success factors in forming collaborations

**Key recommendations for action (5 - 6 bullet points)**

- Get involved! Each of the partnership models can be replicated and/or present opportunities for engagement
- Develop a strategic plan to help communities meet the SDGs more effectively by integrating the experience and strengths of Pathways To Peace, Ashland Culture of Peace Commission, Police2Peace, International Cities of Peace, Global Youth Mentorship Project, and the Rotary E-Club of World Peace.
- **Each model suggests the following recommendations for action:**
  - I. The Culture of Peace Commission** mission is to challenge and shift individual and community attitudes and beliefs to a Culture of Peace which in turn will lead to systemic change.

- Provide communities and cities engaged in the SDGs with a Culture of Peace Commission “road map”

**II. Police2Peace** recognizes there is a loss of public trust and confidence in the police and communities that are in partnership with the police are safer.

- In order for sustainable police reform to work, the police must be involved in reforming themselves
- Approach your local police department and ask to participate with them in the process of public safety
- Form or join a citizens advisory committee on policing in your community
- Encourage your police department to enter into the Peace Officer Promise

**III. International Cities of Peace** states that at the core of community transformation is **one essential concept** that is easy to understand but **difficult** to put into practice - **RESPECT.**

- Respect **local knowledge**
- Empower **local peace leaders**
- Provide **essential tools** to increase volunteers and impact
- Peacemakers gain **influence and authority** in their community
- Develops **actions plans** that outline a practical strategy to achieve the specific Goals

**IV. The Global Youth Mentorship Project** acknowledges the value, wisdom, and perspectives of youth.

- Get youth involved up front in the planning of the project, not as an afterthought
- Be willing to teach youth the skills they need to be successful but don’t mold them in adults, trust their inherent leadership qualities
- Provide a platform for their unique leadership voice and style to surface and grow
- Provide the support they need to be successful, celebrate individual and group successes, and treat mistakes or failures as opportunities to learn
- Trained youth are the best trainers and mentors for other youth

You will find the link to the video recording of our side event here:

<https://youtu.be/HZ776kMctmw>

Thank you for the opportunity to present at the 2023 ECOSOC Partnership Forum!