

Kulluna Muwatinun (We are All Citizens)

Countries: Iraq and Syria

Organisation responsible: PAX (Dutch Peacebuilding Organization)

Period: Since 2012

Activity: Program supporting awareness raising among and action by local groups of activists and young people with international support stressing a human rights approach and conflict prevention with the goal to combat sectarianism in Iraq and Syria.

Objectives

Developing the capacities of local partners and of young civil activists with the potential of becoming community leaders advocating for the respect for rights, diversity, and civic responsibility.

Involving young people in monitoring and defending human rights, minority rights, and, in particular, freedom of religion.

Establishing an early warning mechanism to prevent conflict and to resolve incidents.

Monitoring and improving the legal framework in order to contribute to better compliance with legislation and to counter impunity.

Description

The Program is carried out through out a wide range of activities involving young people organised by PAX's partners such as al-Mesalla, al-Tahrir an Nuzumujyya, Free Press Unlimited, and Independent Media Center Kurdistan (IMCK). All of them work from different disciplines for the common goal of depoliticising ethnic and religious identities and building alternatives for sectarianism in Iraq.

Beneficiaries

Iraqi and Syrian youth

GOAL 6: Reinforce the role of youth as actors for change

(97) Enhance the participation of youth population on designing and disseminating alternative narratives to prevent violent extremism. Bring new evidence on the contribution of young people as role models in preventing violence, conflict and violent extremism and support and promote new positive narratives on young people's role in the prevention of violent extremism.