PREVENTION OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM

GOOD PRACTICES

UKSSD

Country: Syria

Organisation responsible: UKSSD

Period: Since 2012

international students who

Activity: UKSSD is an independent assembly consisting of both Syrian and international students who work together to support students and civilians in conflict areas in the Middle East. The UKSSD is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization; thus, UKSSD is not affiliated with the government or with any other political parties.

Objectives

Creating a place within Syria where students and civilians can continue to interact with the community and work towards a peaceful and democratic Syrian society for the future.

Description

UKSSD volunteer teams in Syria run projects, activities and civic campaigns on a regular basis to attain this goal and prevent violence and achieve stability to improve the lives of many Syrians. They work to attain a peaceful and tolerant civil society through campaigns, workshops seminars and public events in order to achieve peaceful co-existence among all Syrian community members and groups. One of the biggest awareness campaigns is Peace One Day, an annual event on the 21st of September. Peace One Day consists of a one-week program full of campaigns, seminars, workshops, raising awareness by the distribution of brochures and flyers, poetry evenings, sports, a peace walk and a final social gathering where all political leaders, civil organizations and the local community are invited.

Beneficiaries

Syrian civil society actors and citizens.

GOAL 7: Promote democratic values and protect civil society space

(108) Promote the political space for nonviolent dialogue among all essentials take holders and for the prevention of violent extremism. This dialogue should be based on the respect for the rights to freedom of expression and assembly. Also, recognize and protect nonviolent civil society groups as essential partners in creating democratic and plural societies.