



## ***Invitation to discussion event on Young peacebuilders working against violent extremism - Voices from the field***

**Venue: Think Corner, Yliopistonkatu 4, Helsinki  
Think Lounge, 2. floor**

**Date&time: Wednesday, 6.3.2019, 18:30-20.00**

Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers, Finn Church Aid and Changemaker-network co-host *Young peacebuilders working against violent extremism -Voices from the field* – event, and we hope you can join us!

This event brings together young people to share experiences and insights to the role and experiences young people have in matters of peace and security, especially in the field of preventing violent extremism. There are many ongoing efforts to address these issues and find practical solutions to them, that are emerging in both in Finnish and global context. During discussion, we will have an opportunity to hear about the work and efforts that youth are leading in Finland, Nigeria and Northern Ireland. Furthermore, we will have a chance to hear insights and experiences from the policy-making perspective on how and why youth should be supported and included in this work. In 2015, United Nations (UN) Security Council passed a resolution 2250 that calls for UN Member States to ensure inclusion and recognition of young people in Peace and Security related matters. Finland is the first country to launch a National Action Plan that will define measures and actions to advance this.

This event takes place in the sidelines of the [First International Symposium on Youth Participation in Peace Processes](#), and will allow young people in Finland to discuss with international participants that are arriving to this Symposium.

### **Programme**

#### **Welcome and opening words**

Milla Perukangas, Senior Specialist for Peace and security; Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers, FCA

#### **Reflections from the UNSCR 2250 Progress Study**

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#### **Panel with young leaders working on preventing violent extremism and peacebuilding**

Ms. Claire Louise McBride, Beyond Skin, Northern Ireland

Ms. Ramatu Jaji, NEEM Foundation, Nigeria

Mr. Yassine Yousfi, Young Muslims Forum, Finland

Reflections from the Ministry of Interior, Finland and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland

Moderated discussion with Finnish youth

Moderator: Joel Linnainmäki, Specialist on International advocacy, Allianssi ry

#### **Concluding remarks and thank you!**