GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Research informs our practice.
- Peace is a holistic concept.
- Peace needs to be inclusive.
- Transparency & accountability are paramount.
- Change over credit.
- We learn from humility.
- Ethical standards guide us.

STRATEGIC GOALS

- Redefine peace based on local perspectives
- Inform peace policies through research
- Empower recipients of peace projects

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An independent, non-profit organization committed to the promotion of inclusive and lasting peace
## What does peace mean to you?

### Why we need a new exploration of the meaning of peace?

International organizations and government agencies pour large-scale human and financial resources to assist societies in building and sustaining peace. Experts and policymakers regularly convene to tackle challenges that come with peacebuilding. Despite these efforts, peace remains elusive in many societies. We believe that this shortcoming is due to the absence of local voices. People who are subjected to conflict and aspire for peace are presented with an understanding of peace that is outside their experience. They are often considered mere recipients of peace programmes that are lacking of their inputs. Who defines peace and by what standards? External or non-local actors define peace based on standards that are detached from local contexts. It is time to ask the people we are building peace for what peace means to them.

### How are we redefining peace?

Our principal project explores the definition of peace coming from everyday people. We understand that peace means differently for each of us. However, those who aspire for peace often do not have a voice in shaping the kind of peace being built for them. This is the objective of this project—to echo the peace aspirations of those who are at the receiving end of peace projects and discourses.

To achieve this we are talking with people to record their definitions of peace. We are finding patterns from these definitions to eventually inform international and national peace policies and projects. Our first stop is Nepal. Since January 2017 we have been visiting local communities and remote villages around the country. We will continue collecting Nepalese peace perspectives for the next several months. Our aim is to expand this project to other countries, starting in the Asia-Pacific region. We strive to contribute in building peace one perspective and one society at a time.

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### Mission & Vision

Our mission is to explore local perspectives and to re-conceptualize peace based on people’s aspirations and everyday contexts.

Our vision is to establish a “peace perspectives component” that will inform policy formulation and implementation.

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### Research and Community Outreach

Research informs our community outreach activities.

Community outreach activities aim to fulfill local peace aspirations brought about by research.

### Join our peace conversation.

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