



“Leaders for Peace. Rondine youth appeal for human rights”

10 December 2018, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

ECOSOC Chamber

On the occasion of the **70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights**, the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations, the organization “Rondine, Citadel of Peace”, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the UN Department of Public Information organize a side-event on educating young leaders to foster peace and respect for human rights.

The event will feature the **Rondine method**. “Rondine, Cittadella della Pace” is an organization committed to reducing global armed conflicts and spreading knowledge of its own creative methods for conflict transformation. Rondine (a small village in Tuscany, Italy) receives young people coming from countries in armed conflict or from post conflict situations, and helps them discover “the person” within their enemies, through daily cohabitation. Rondine’s training programs guide students toward becoming leaders of peace in their own communities and actors of change in global civil society. Students who complete the two-year course at the Cittadella della Pace become members of Rondine’s International Peace Lab (IPL), an association with approximately 200 youth leaders worldwide, who are ready to intervene in any context of conflict by applying the Rondine Method.

“Rondine” has carried out activities in several Countries: Russia, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Serbia, Kosovo, Bosnia Herzegovina, Sierra Leone, Mali, Nigeria, Sudan, Colombia.

The event will be an opportunity to showcase methodologies and encourage discussion among experts, Member States and UN agencies on concrete ways to foster peace - also through education of young generations - and to ultimately fulfill the commitments made in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

During the event, students of the organization will launch the campaign, “**Leaders for Peace**”, as an appeal to Member States to make concrete and symbolic commitments to foster peace, i.e. by offering training for new global peace leaders, including education on human rights in national education systems, or donating scholarships to train new global leaders.

Member States wishing to join the appeal will be given priority in delivering a speech.

Please RSVP through this link

[SIDE EVENT - RONDINE CITTADELLA DELLA PACE](#)