

FRIENDS FOREVER INTERNATIONAL

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FFI Mission and Vision

Friends Forever International empowers youth leaders to connect, strengthen, and serve communities around the globe by combining their passion to make the world a better place with the skills, experiences, and resources required to do so.

FFI's vision is that youth are recognized and supported as the catalysts for building a better world.

FFI Goal

Every young person who desires, regardless of ethnicity, religion, socio-economic status, and ability, will have the opportunity to build their leadership skills beyond what they imagined possible before participating in the program. These young leaders will transform the way that they see the world and realize that they can change the world for the better. Now.

FFI Programs

FFI's signature program is a year-long, focuses on youth leadership and empowerment, and brings teams of 10 young people from different backgrounds together.

The program starts with the Team Building Phase in their home country after our partner organizations choose their participants. These young people meet each other and begin to become a cohesive team through team-building, a seminar with other regional teams and fundraising.

Then comes the Skill Building Phase. This intense, 2-week phase happens outside the team's home country, either in the U.S. for Middle East and Europe/UK teams or in Northern Ireland for teams from the U.S. program, and includes workshops, service learning, team-building, public presentations, and skill building opportunities.

The Community Building Phase covers the remainder of the program in the team's home country. During this time they put what they've learned into practice by identifying and addressing a need in their community through a Social Action Project.

Once they've completed the first year program, the youth can join the FFI Alumni Movement by participating in peer-led seminars and workshops, hosting other alumni, and becoming engaged in subsequent FFI Programs as alumni trainers and Fellows.

Important Stats

- FFI currently works in Northern Ireland, Israel, and the United States and is developing programs in Cyprus, Ukraine, and Belize.
- 1,600+ Alumni
- 25+ Cultural Identities
- 100+ Companies and Organizations involved annually
- 12,190 combined hours of volunteering in 2017 alone
- FFI does not accept any funding from the government

Remaining Neutral

FFI does not take any official stances on the political, economic, cultural, or religious conflicts our participants face and thus does not partake in any events, speaking engagements, or sponsorships that present as taking a position on these conflicts. This is because we strive to remain a neutral space for our youth to explore conflicts without fear.

Logo Usage

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Useful Links

- 2018 FFI Video: <https://youtu.be/oO1hdX5xJ88>
- Starting a Program: <https://www.ff.international/start-a-program>
- Volunteering with FFI: <https://www.ff.international/volunteer>
- Suggest a Program Activity: <https://www.ff.international/activity-suggestions>



Caption: Several alumni (bottom) and a site manager (center) take a photo with a 2018 team from the Middle East Program during their Skill Building Phase.

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