

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:

OSCE YOUNG WOMEN 4 PEACE INITIATIVE:

Empowering Central Asian Young Women Programme



Duration: **April 2024 to November 2025**

The OSCE Gender Issues Programme in the Office of the Secretary General under the [WIN project](#) is delighted to announce the call for applications for the Young Women 4 Peace Initiative: Empowering Central Asian Young Women Programme.

This comprehensive capacity-building programme is part of the OSCE's Networking Platform for Women Leaders including Peacebuilders and Mediators launched by the OSCE Secretary General Helga Maria Schmid in December 2021. The programme aims to support and empower 18 young women, aged 18 to 30, from Central Asian countries (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan) and Afghanistan (residing in Central Asia). The programme targets those actively engaged in women's empowerment, youth engagement, peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and related fields, with the goal of enhancing the influence of young women change-makers in Central Asia in the field of development, peacebuilding, mediation and other processes in areas of comprehensive security. This OSCE programme is implemented with support from the European Union.

WHO CAN APPLY?

The OSCE invites applications from young women who are active in local and national-level initiatives in the area of conflict resolution, peacebuilding and gender equality. Do you meet the criteria? Then we look forward to receiving your application!

- ✓ 18 - 30 years of age at the start of the programme on 1 April 2024
- ✓ Citizen of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan or Uzbekistan, residing in the region, OR from Afghanistan: living in Central Asian countries
- ✓ Demonstrated experience working at the community or national level. We encourage in particular members of local or national networks, representing women from rural areas, conflict-affected regions, and disadvantaged groups to apply.
- ✓ Passion for promoting gender equality, peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and/or conflict prevention
- ✓ Good working professional knowledge of English (oral and written)
- ✓ Clear motivation and availability to commit to participating in the entire programme, likely including the following components:
- ✓ Monthly online workshops (2 hours/monthly)
- ✓ Participation in in-person events under the programme

What does the programme offer?

- Tailored comprehensive capacity-building and career coaching sessions
- Peer-to-peer exchanges on relevant gender equality, youth engagement, peace, and security topics
- Opportunities to engage with decision-makers and influential actors in peace processes and conflict resolution
- Training on topics such as funding management, mediation, negotiations, communication strategies, policy development, grant management/donor relations, project management, psychological and mental health, and confidence building (exact topics will be decided based on the needs assessment of the selected participants)
- Networking events with peers and mentors
- Support for the development and implementation of cross-border projects/small-scale initiatives on women's empowerment and inclusion in peacebuilding and dialogue

HOW TO APPLY:

If you meet the criteria and are interested in participating in this programme, please apply [here](#)

The deadline for applications is **23:59 CET, 29 February 2024**

For any other information please send an email to WIN@osce.org

Information on launch of Young Women for Peace Initiative and motivating stories of young peacebuilders on [OSCE website](#)