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In this letter I want to address my learning process through the International Youth Conference for Peace in the Future 2019 in Hiroshima, Japan. Not only this but also the outcome and new ideas that we created, will be explained.

As youth ambassador of my city Ypres, Belgium I went to Hiroshima to be a part of the IYCPF 2019. I was one of the 42 young adults from all over the world, who participated. I've experienced big cultural differences. I noticed that we, youth had other interests and opinions about several theme's like school systems, political interest or knowledge. But we did agree on other things like: world peace, the environment, nuclear weapons. I thought this was very interesting to discover our differences and similarities. I learned more than ever that there's not only one right answer or way to approach topics like this. It is extremely hard for us to solve or get answers to worldwide peace problems.

Through this week, I wanted to take initiatives and really do something about world problems, maybe not even solve them but just organize activities to raise awareness by people.

I learned a lot about how events like this are organized, I can really use this for my own work in the future. I liked that there was enough time to let everyone speak about their home situation and experiences. This had such an added value for the whole program and to open everyone's mind!

For me this experience was very interesting and helpful for my future. It gave me interesting topics where I want to work on in my professional life. It was a special feeling to be with so many people who are caring about the same problems and who had very interesting and different points of view. This project has widened my perspective in a huge way. I've never met people from Asia or Russia before and this was very confronting. For some of us typical things, where normal. So, being around others where my typical things weren't normal was very odd but also very interesting.

By visiting a lot of cultural activities, being in little groups for group sessions and listening to others, I noticed how important it is to be a part of peace conferences as this one, working together and giving opinions.

I've learned that we, young people, are very concerned about our future, for us, for our children and grandchildren. It can't be normal that it's the youth who is fighting for a future, meanwhile there are scientists and world leaders who could show us and be the example of how things should be! It is not our task or responsibility, but actually how the world rules now, it almost is our only option.

So now I'm back home, I want to do some things with the information that I gathered. Through our process there where a lot of activities that we thought of, like for example creating online groups on social media to give people the right information, exchange knowledge and create good activities for working towards world peace.

In Ypres, we have a list of activities to remind people of how important world peace is. In the future it will be a challenge to reach more participants and make a bigger network in our city. As lead city for peace in Belgium, I think we should start with organizing activities that include more cities.

Also, we could give lectures about different types of 'saving our world'. I would like to talk about my experience in Japan and how it was to work together with citizens from all over the world. It would be amazing if we could arrange some meetings with same minded young people in my own city, so we could do exercises and challenge our politicians to make our city/country/world a better place. I would like to be a peace ambassador for my city/our country and help organizing conferences. This would be my goal in the future.

In my city, we made a big peace flag, that was unrolled on the 21st of September. As a sign that we want peace and we will take care of this!

I would like to thank everyone who made it possible for me to participate in this program. It was a lifetime experience that I will never forget.