

Peacecamp 2017 – feedback4peace Assessment

A few weeks after the peacecamp all the participants were asked to answer a feedback questionnaire. The assessment of peacecamp 2017 is based on 40 returned questionnaires by 35 youngsters and 5 adults/group leaders.

Group:	Adults	Austrian	Hungarian	Jewish	Arab	Total
Replies:	5	11	8	8	8	40

1. Please rate these 17 peacecamp-related elements/activities on a scale from 1 to 5.

The following items represent different activities and elements of the peacecamp. The participants were asked to rate each item on a scale from 1 (very satisfying) to 5 (very unsatisfying). We calculated the average mean for each item and each group as well as for the total group of participants. The results can be seen in the following table:

	Group					
	Adults	Austrian	Hungarian	Jewish	Arab	Overall
Expectations met	1,00	1,18	1,25	1,25	1,00	1,15
The Place / Lackenhof	1,00	1,45	1,38	1,13	1,38	1,30
The Youth Hostel	1,60	1,73	1,25	1,50	1,75	1,57
The Restaurant/Food	1,40	2,00	1,50	2,38	2,87	2,07
The Large Group	1,80	2,18	2,75	2,50	2,38	2,35
Morning sessions	1,20	1,27	1,13	1,13	1,13	1,18
Creating a Logo	1,40	1,50	2,00	1,88	1,88	1,74
Art sessions	1,20	1,18	1,13	1,38	1,00	1,18
Life Stories	2,00	1,82	1,50	1,63	1,63	1,69
Talks4Peace	1,40	1,36	1,63	2,25	1,50	1,63
Culture Evenings	1,20	1,00	1,13	1,00	1,00	1,05
Sight Seeing Vienna	2,00	1,64	1,63	2,00	1,00	1,63
Show4Peace Lackenhof	1,20	1,27	1,63	1,25	1,50	1,38
Show4Peace Vienna	1,00	1,18	1,25	1,38	1,00	1,18
Timetable/Structure	1,40	1,45	1,75	1,75	1,50	1,58
Free Time	2,20	1,45	2,13	1,25	1,75	1,70
Peacecamp Experience	1,00	1,09	1,00	1,13	1,13	1,08

Elements ranking:	Overall
	Mean
1. Culture Evenings	1,05
2. Peacecamp Experience	1,08
3. Expectations met	1,15
4. Morning sessions	1,18
4. Art sessions	1,18
4. Show4Peace Vienna	1,18
7. The Place / Lackenhof	1,30
8. Show4Peace Lackenhof	1,38
9. The Youth Hostel	1,57
10. Timetable/Structure	1,58
11. Talks4Peace	1,63
11. Sight Seeing Vienna	1,63
13. Life Stories	1,69
14. Free Time	1,70
15. Creating a Logo	1,74
16. The Restaurant/Food	2,07
17. The Large Group	2,35

This year's peacecamp delegation was overall very satisfied or at least satisfied with all the mentioned items and compared to last year the scores are slightly higher.

It is pleasant to see that the Peacecamp Experience as such scored a total of 1,08 with a straight 1,00 from the adult and Hungarian group. With a score of 1,15 the participants' expectations were very satisfyingly met.

Of all the activities they most enjoyed the Culture Evenings (1,05), with a straight 1,00 rating from the Austrian, Jewish and Arab group, followed by the Morning and Art Sessions with a score of 1,18.

The Show4Peace in Vienna (1,18) was most liked by the Arab and adult group (both 1,00) and scored a bit higher than the Show4Peace in Lackenhof (1,38). The participants – especially the adult (1,00) and Jewish group (1,13) – liked Lackenhof (1,30) and were overall satisfied with the Youth Hostel (1,57). Sight Seeing in Vienna scored 1,63 overall and was most enjoyed by the Arab group (1,00).

The Timetable/Structure (1,58) of the peacecamp and the Free Time (1,70) scored very similar to last year,

again showing in correspondency with the other answers that they did enjoy their free time together, criticizing only that they did not get enough time off.

The Talks4Peace got a rating of 1,63, being liked most by the Austrian (1,36) and least by the Jewish (2,25) delegation. Life Stories scored 1,69 and Creating a Logo 1,74, with similar ratings throughout all groups.

The Restaurant/Food could improve its rating, with 2,07 compared to last year's 2,51. The Large Group scored 2,35 and is again a rather ambivalent topic, being liked most by the adult group (1,80) and least by the Hungarians (2,75).

Tables with the rankings of the 17 aforementioned elements for all the groups can be found at the end of the assessment.

2. Which three things did you like best in the peacecamp?

The participants were asked to nominate up to three things which they particularly liked during the peacecamp. Because of the fact that their answers were all phrased differently we classified them in categories. The category “others” consist of items nominated only twice or less. The following table shows how often each category was mentioned by the participating groups:

What did you like best?	Group					
	Adult	Austrian	Hungarian	Jewish	Arab	Total
	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count
Participants	1	8	4	4	5	22
Annphe/Lukas Sessions	1	1	3	4	4	13
Culture Evening	1	4	1	4	2	12
Outdoors	2	2	2	3	1	10
Show4Peace	2	0	1	2	4	9
Teamwork	2	4	1	1	1	9
Identity workshops	2	3	2	0	0	7
Activities in general	0	1	1	1	3	6
New cultures	0	2	1	0	2	5
Talks4Peace	1	1	1	1	0	4
Large Group	1	2	0	1	0	4
Theater, Music	0	4	0	0	0	4
New perspectives	0	1	3	0	0	4
Atmosphere	0	0	2	2	0	4
Others	2	1	1	2	2	8
Respondants	5	11	8	8	8	40

With 22 mentions the peacampers most enjoyed each other’s company and making new friends, working together as a team (9 mentions) towards a better future and getting to know more about different cultures (5), gaining new perspectives (4). They very much liked the sessions with Annphe and Lukas (13) as well as the Cultures Evenings (12) and the Show4Peace (9) in Vienna and Lackenhof. They enjoyed the place, the nature and outdoor activities (10) as well as the unique atmosphere (4) that makes out the peacecamp. The participants took pleasure in the various activities in general (6), while a part of the Austrian delegation especially liked everything involving theatre and music (4). The Identity Workshops (7) and Large Group (4) were mentioned as well, showing that even though the Large Group got the lowest score of the previously mentioned 17 elements, it was still liked most by four of the participants.

3. Which three things did you dislike?

The participants were asked to nominate up to three things which they did not like in the peacecamp. The different mentioned elements were put in categories again, while “others” consists of items nominated only once. The results can be seen in the table below:

What did you dislike?	Group					
	Adult	Austrian	Hungarian	Jewish	Arab	Total
	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count
Large Group	1	4	5	3	2	15
Food	2	3	1	4	4	14
Little Free Time	1	1	4	2	3	11
Sleeping Time	0	1	4	0	3	8
Hostel	1	1	0	1	4	7
Vienna	0	3	0	2	0	5
Talks4Peace	0	1	1	1	0	3
Poor Wifi connection	0	0	0	0	3	3
Preparations	0	2	0	0	0	2
Too short	0	0	2	0	0	2
Not open up enough	0	0	1	1	0	2
Others	5	0	1	3	0	9
Respondants	5	11	8	8	8	40

This ranking very much corresponds with the element scores of point 1. The Large Group got mentioned the most (15 times), the participants especially disliked the (lack of) structure within the sessions and the adult interventions. 14 peacecampers did not particularly like the food or some of the dishes, most notably members of the two groups from Israel as well as African participants within the Austrian group. The participants disliked the lack of free time (11) between the sessions and thought it was too short (2). They also were not fond of having to go to bed and getting up early (8). When it comes to the hostel (7) some participants did not like the bathrooms or that there were no locks in the rooms, three members of the Arab group complained about the poor WiFi connection. Five peacecampers mentioned that they did not like the way the Vienna Sight Seeing was planned and two of the Austrian participants would have liked better group-preparations before the camp. Talks4Peace was disliked by three participants and two mentioned that they did not like the fact that some people were not really able to open up.

4. Please list what you have learned / taken home from the peacecamp

The participants were asked to nominate up to three things they have learned at or taken home from the peacecamp. The answers were again put into groups, the category “others” consists of items mentioned only once. Results are shown in the table below:

What did you learn/take home?	Group					
	Adult	Austrian	Hungarian	Jewish	Arab	Total
	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count
Personal, Social Skills	1	5	7	6	5	24
Friends	2	7	1	4	5	19
New Knowledge	1	2	3	3	3	12
Different Points of Views	0	2	4	4	1	11
Avoid Prejudice	0	3	2	2	2	9
New Cultures	0	2	2	1	4	9
Dialogue	1	3	0	1	1	6
Believe in Peace	1	2	1	0	1	5
All equal	2	1	0	1	1	5
Art	0	2	0	2	1	5
Teamwork	2	1	1	0	0	4
Memories, Experiences	0	1	1	1	1	4
Language Skills	0	1	1	0	1	3
Others	2	1	1	0	0	4
Respondants	5	11	8	8	8	40

24 peacecampers mentioned that they were able to gain and develop various personal and social skills, such as being more confident and believing in themselves, to open up as well as being more positive and empathetic. They were happy to make new friends (19) and took with them lots of good memories and experiences (4). With new knowledge (12) acquired about various topics (for example about conflicts in the Middle East and Europe) and contact to new cultures (9) they also learned to accept different points of views (11) and how to tackle prejudice (9). They realized the importance of dialogue (6) and teamwork (4) and that art (5) is a powerful tool in work for peace. That way they also started to believe in the possibility of peace (5). Five participants noted that despite their different cultural backgrounds, they are all equal and “just teenagers”. Peacecampers could improve their language skills (3), especially in English and were happy to learn new words in various languages.

5. What would you improve in the next peacecamps?

The participants were asked to give a short statement about what they would improve in the next peacecamp. The answers were again put in categories, while “others” consists of items mentioned only once. The table below shows the categories that the participants would like to improve:

What would you like to improve?	Group					
	Adult	Austrian	Hungarian	Jewish	Arab	Total
	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count
Large Group	1	4	2	2	1	10
Timetable	1	0	2	2	1	6
Sight Seeing	0	1	1	2	2	6
Food	0	0	0	2	3	5
Concluding Session	1	0	0	1	0	2
Prepared Materials	2	0	0	0	0	2
Longer	0	1	0	0	1	2
Feedback earlier	0	2	0	0	0	2
Practice Show4Peace	0	1	1	0	0	2
Open up more	0	0	0	2	0	2
Cultures	0	1	0	1	0	2
WiFi	0	0	0	0	2	2
Others	2	2	0	0	0	4
Respondants	5	11	8	8	8	40

A lot of the participants mentioned nothing at all or that there wasn't anything that needed improvement. Some peacecampers would like to improve the Large Group (10), especially its structure, and the timetable (6) in general (shorter sessions, more free time, less strict bedtime) as well as adding some kind of concluding session (2) or make peacecamp longer (2). Six participants mentioned that the Vienna Sight Seeing should be better planned beforehand. Some Jewish and Arab participants would like other food (5). Two of the teachers mentioned that prepared materials should get more prominent use; two members of the Austrian delegation would like to give feedback earlier. Also two participants would have liked to prepare better for the Shows4Peace and learn more about different cultures. Two members of the Jewish group said that there should be more focus on helping others to open up and two of the Arab group would have liked a better internet connection.

6. Please make a final statement about peacecamp

At the end of the feedback questionnaire the participants were asked to make a final statement about the peacecamp. In their replies they state that the peacecamp was an amazing, unforgettable and absolutely unique experience, with its very special atmosphere, all the different people coming together and making friends over such a short but very intense (and also exhausting) period of time. The participants learned a lot about a variety of topics but also about themselves, how to open up and express themselves and live together like a family with people from many different backgrounds. They would advise everyone who gets the chance to participate, hoping that the peacecamp project will continue for many more years. They want to thank all the participants and the whole crew, especially Evelyn and Ronny, for the great time and the opportunity to take part in this life changing experience.

7. Attachment ad 1.: Elements group rankings

	Overall
	Mean
1. Culture Evenings	1,05
2. Peacecamp Experience	1,08
3. Expectations met	1,15
4. Morning sessions	1,18
4. Art sessions	1,18
4. Show4Peace Vienna	1,18
7. The Place / Lackenhof	1,30
8. Show4Peace Lackenhof	1,38
9. The Youth Hostel	1,57
10. Timetable/Structure	1,58
11. Talks4Peace	1,63
11. Sight Seeing Vienna	1,63
13. Life Stories	1,69
14. Free Time	1,70
15. Creating a Logo	1,74
16. The Restaurant/Food	2,07
17. The Large Group	2,35

	Adult
	Mean
1. Expectations met	1,00
1. The Place / Lackenhof	1,00
1. Show4Peace Vienna	1,00
1. Peacecamp Experience	1,00
5. Morning sessions	1,20
5. Art sessions	1,20
5. Culture Evenings	1,20
5. Show4Peace Lackenhof	1,20
9. The Restaurant/Food	1,40
9. Creating a Logo	1,40
9. Talks4Peace	1,40
9. Timetable/Structure	1,40
13. The Youth Hostel	1,60
14. The Large Group	1,80
15. Life Stories	2,00
15. Sight Seeing Vienna	2,00
17. Free Time	2,20

	Austrian
	Mean
1. Culture Evenings	1,00
2. Peacecamp Experience	1,09
3. Expectations met	1,18
3. Art sessions	1,18
3. Show4Peace Vienna	1,18
6. Morning sessions	1,27
6. Show4Peace Lackenhof	1,27
8. Talks4Peace	1,36
9. Timetable/Structure	1,45
9. Free Time	1,45
9. The Place / Lackenhof	1,45
12. Creating a Logo	1,50
13. Sight Seeing Vienna	1,64
14. The Youth Hostel	1,73
15. Life Stories	1,82
16. The Restaurant/Food	2,00
17. The Large Group	2,18

	Hungarian
	Mean
1. Peacecamp Experience	1,00
2. Morning sessions	1,13
2. Art sessions	1,13
2. Culture Evenings	1,13
5. Expectations met	1,25
5. The Youth Hostel	1,25
5. Show4Peace Vienna	1,25
8. The Place / Lackenhof	1,38
9. The Restaurant/Food	1,50
9. Life Stories	1,50
11. Talks4Peace	1,63
11. Sight Seeing Vienna	1,63
11. Show4Peace Lackenhof	1,63
14. Timetable/Structure	1,75
15. Creating a Logo	2,00
16. Free Time	2,13
17. The Large Group	2,75

	Jewish
	Mean
1. Culture Evenings	1,00
2. The Place / Lackenhof	1,13
2. Morning sessions	1,13
2. Peacecamp Experience	1,13
5. Expectations met	1,25
5. Show4Peace Lackenhof	1,25
5. Free Time	1,25
8. Art sessions	1,38
8. Show4Peace Vienna	1,38
10. The Youth Hostel	1,50
11. Life Stories	1,63
12. Timetable/Structure	1,75
13. Creating a Logo	1,88
14. Sight Seeing Vienna	2,00
15. Talks4Peace	2,25
16. The Restaurant/Food	2,38
17. The Large Group	2,50

	Arab
	Mean
1. Expectations met	1,00
1. Art sessions	1,00
1. Culture Evenings	1,00
1. Sight Seeing Vienna	1,00
1. Show4Peace Vienna	1,00
6. Morning sessions	1,13
6. Peacecamp Experience	1,13
8. The Place / Lackenhof	1,38
9. Talks4Peace	1,50
9. Show4Peace Lackenhof	1,50
9. Timetable/Structure	1,50
12. Life Stories	1,63
13. The Youth Hostel	1,75
13. Free Time	1,75
15. Creating a Logo	1,88
16. The Large Group	2,38
17. The Restaurant/Food	2,88