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**Creating a Manifesto
for Mutual
Understanding:
Amplifying Youth
Voices in Kosovo and
Serbia**

In a region marked by historical complexities and political tensions, a unique opportunity exists for change and progress. The “How Do I See You” program, aimed at bringing together the youth of Kosovo and Serbia, always sought to harness the power of young voices to foster mutual understanding, bridge divides, and pave the way for a brighter future.

This notebook manifesto serves as a testament to us as young participants and our vitality and unwavering commitment to peace and cooperation.

Here's why we think it is essential:

Amplifying Youth Voices:

The youth are often marginalized in discussions about the Serbia-Kosovo situation.

Yet, we are the ones who will inherit the consequences of today's decisions.

This manifesto elevates our voices, providing us with a platform to

express our hopes, fears, and aspirations for a peaceful future.

Not-So-Known Narratives:

**Beyond
the headlines and political rhetoric,
there are countless untold stories
that shed light on the real
experiences of individuals
affected by the conflict.**

**This manifesto delves into these
narratives, offering a more nuanced
perspective that challenges
stereotypes and promotes
empathy.**

Building Mutual Understanding:

By encouraging dialogue and empathy, this manifesto contributes to the cultivation of mutual understanding between the youth of Kosovo and Serbia.

It recognizes that shared stories of struggle and dreams of a better future can transcend borders and historical grievances.

A Path Towards Peace:

Ultimately, this notebook manifesto isn't just a collection of words; it's a catalyst for change. It can serve as a roadmap for policymakers, civil society, and international actors to engage with the aspirations of the youth, leading to meaningful steps towards reconciliation and peace.

Through “How Do I See You,” we sincerely hope we journey towards a brighter and more harmonious future. This manifesto, born from the hearts and minds of the youth, will be a beacon of hope and a call to action for all those committed to a peaceful Serbia-Kosovo relationship.

**Let us listen, learn, and act together,
for it is in unity that we find strength
and the promise
of a better tomorrow.**

**We hope the statements from
all of us,
found on the following pages
of this manifesto,
can convince you of our resolve.**

Xhenis

**FUTURE MUST BE: innovative but
good old values must not be lost.**

**TOGETHERNESS MUST BE: valued
but it must never stop you from being
humane.**

EMPATHY MUST BE: within us all.
With no empathy we have no
humanity.

Radmilo

CRITICAL THINKING MUST BE:

Encouraged. Freedom of speech is an inherent right. Each and every one of us must be free and critical in their thinking and therefore open for constructive criticism, since we all strive for a common goal. Common goal = thinking together = everyone must freely express and discuss their thoughts and ideas.

FUTURE MUST BE:

Ours. We are the factor that is going to shape the future. No more waiting for the world to change. We are the change. Our grandchildren should think of our acts of coming together as something that's understood and common and they should wonder why were the generations before us so stupid as to not see what we have seen and to not achieve what we have achieved.

CULTURE MUST BE:

Based on togetherness. Only if we embrace the richness of our cultures can we rise above all conflicts and emerge as a collective culture that cherishes our differences and is therefore based on love and understanding.

Vullnet

FUTURE MUST BE:

You/Me

**ART MUST BE:
THE FREEDOM THAT
THE BIRD BORN IN THE CAGE
ASKED FOR SO
LONG**

**TOGETHERNESS MUST BE:
THE BRIDGE WE WILL HAVE
THE POWER
TO CREATE**

Stefan

**ART MUST BE :
FREE**

**FUTURE MUST BE:
UNEXPECTED**

**US MUST BE:
CLOSER**

Vanessa

**TOGETHERNESS MUST BE:
always striven for
and of course
depends on the activity.**

**FUTURE MUST BE:
advanced and exciting**

EMPATHY MUST BE:

**considered, especially when talking
about sensitive topics.**

Tamara

**FUTURE MUST BE:
reclaimed**

**TOGETHERNESS MUST BE:
restored**

**YOU/ME MUST BE:
trusting**

Trim

TOGETHERNESS MUST BE:

**a group of people
having fun while out
for a coffee.**

**FUTURE MUST BE: “a box of
chocolades, you don’t know what
you’re going to get” ;)**

**US MUST BE: Loving. Supporting
each other through life, to better
ourselves and the world around us.**

Hatixhe

CHANGE MUST BE: embraced as a positive force, representing a transformation that is rooted in the lessons of the past. It serves as a reminder of our capacity for growth and adaptation.

TOGETHERNESS MUST BE:

a form of liberation in which each individual's freedom does not infringe upon the freedom of others. It allows for a harmonious coexistence where personal expression and individuality are celebrated and respected.

ENCOURAGEMENT MUST BE:

a helpful tool, enabling individuals to enhance not only their personal surroundings but also those of others.

It should be a means to lift one another, creating a positive and supportive environment for growth and development.

Milica

**TOGETHERNESS MUST BE:
working together, believing in one
another**

FUTURE MUST BE: ours

**US MUST BE:
LOVE, LOVE AND LOVE**

Dua

**FUTURE MUST BE:
BRIGHT.**

**TOGETHERNESS MUST BE:
BELONGING.**

**PAST MUST BE:
ONLY FORGIVEN AND
NEVER FORGOTTEN.**

Marta

ENCOURAGEMENT MUST BE:

Encouragement must honor the fear. Encouragement must generously offer opportunities for regulating the mind and the body and it must offer the safety beyond what fear tried to promise. The encouragement must happily create an environment in which the courage could be generated easily, but it must not demand nor need that courage to exist at all.

PREJUDICE MUST BE:

Prejudice must be accepted as a function that human brain finds easy to use. It is easier for the brain to use prejudice to fulfill the needs for a sense of community, belonging, safety and worthiness – than it is to face the loneliness. It is easy for the brain to justify its hurtful thoughts, and it is easy for the brain to equate the removal of prejudices with the denial of basic needs. And because the human brain is so skilled in generating and defending new prejudices they must continuously be worked on and searched for within our own minds.

TOGETHERNESS MUST BE:

Together-ness must be a system of lending and borrowing trust in the power of kindness and friendship in face of every little struggle. Together-ness must be offering kindness even when it feels like we are wasting it, and it must be accepting kindness even when it feels like we don't deserve it.

Donat

TOGETHERNESS MUST BE:
a core virtue

**FUTURE MUST BE:
knocking on our door**

**EMPATHY MUST BE:
a fuel to ignite our
path towards peace**

Alketa

**FUTURE MUST BE: a safe world
where everyone has the opportunity
to live and be educated
without war or conflict.**

**TOGETHERNESS MUST BE:
the totality of people who
come together to
make a positive
difference for society.**

YOU/ME MUST BE: individual who does not prejudge people or places without knowing or visiting.



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