

**Nour Diab:**

Good morning all. My name is Nour Diab and I come from Lebanon with Initiatives of Change. First I would like to thank all of the organisers of this event, and I would like to share how honoured I felt to be part of, first the Youth Seminar that was done prior to this conference, and then being part of this Forum was really an added value to my skills and abilities; I learnt a lot from all the experiences and stories that were shared.

So, actually I learnt this morning that I had to present so, I had to summarize what we talked about yesterday. We had many ideas. First of all, I was in the first working group, with Mr. Nicolas Borsinger and Mr Imad Karam, we were about 32 attendees from 21 countries. It was really a fruitful discussion. Mr. Nicolas started by throwing a very thoughtful question, going back to the day before, the experience of Mr. Assaad Chaftari, the Lebanese man who had experienced war and his forgiveness story. So, he asked a really deep question: is forgiveness necessary to have peace? Is it an essential part of getting peace all over the world?

The discussions were deep, we had many sharing stories from different parts of the world, regarding forgiveness, and history, and regret, and if history is really needed to reconcile and to have peace all over the world. After that, we listed many topics that we hoped we could discuss in the coming conferences or at the panel. We listed about 8 topics, and they were going either according to our competences, like the competences of the attendees of this working group, or the relevance. We had to vote for three topics to come to the panel and talk about. The three topic that we voted for were intergenerational dialogue, celebrating diversity in local communities, and reaching the disfranchising and addressing in equalities. So, these three topics we discussed them thoroughly yesterday and we also hoped that we could sometime in the future have a conference or a deep discussion about these three topics specifically.

Thank you so much

**Nicolas Borsinger:**

Thank you. I am addressing you on instruction of Imad. Nour, I want to congratulate you. What you have just done, to synthesize in such a clear way our discussion of yesterday, I am absolutely flabbergasted. Really, congratulations to you because you have conveyed the essential.

Yesterday, when I was moderating the session, it came to me, I thought about youth and the importance..., I mean, we all have to make choices at one point in life, everything is important but then we have to prioritize.

And this is the idea between, this is why we invited people while we were discussing to put on the flipchart what individuals felt strongly about, and then it was subjected to the votes, to see, in the one hand, in this assembly, because when we did the first round table, I saw that there were lot of expectations of most participants to listen to other people's experiences, more than to share theirs, which as interesting and perfectly legitimate. And therefore, on that basis, I thought we have two questions: competence, what are the competences in this room? And on the other hand, what are very hot issues which may be in the convivance dialogue in different institutions but are not highlighted enough, are not identified enough as having very strong potential? This was the idea behind inviting people to put things and the selection, because at the end of the day we always have to select, we cannot always do what we want.

What was interesting in the process was that the two votes, one more axed towards the future as a recommendation to this assembly, to this plenary, what are the topics which are not sufficiently addressed in convivence forums and need to be developed because they have a very strong leverage effect. What we are looking for is leverage effect. Funny enough, what was voted as needing to be discussed yesterday and what needs to be discussed further are the same three topics that you have just heard about. I don't know whether this methodology, this approach... it wasn't the most orthodox approach, if I dare to say so, but at least I think it helped us keep in mind that, at the end of the day, we always have to streamline.

Thank you.