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About Us

The Home for Cooperation is first and foremost a space that enables and supports civil society in efforts towards positive conflict transformation. It emerges from a paradox, it sits at the edges of the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities, yet it is also in the middle of the Ledra Palace crossing point, in the UN controlled buffer zone of Nicosia. It sits in between police checks, and divisive narratives. Yet it emerges as a threshold, a bridge, and for many a safe meeting space.

The Home was established in 2011 by the Association for Historical Dialogue and Research, an NGO with long history on history education and peace education. The Association, or AHDR, undertakes much-needed and innovative research and production of supplementary educational in Greek, Turkish and English, while also implementing ground breaking workshops addressed to students, educators and head teachers across the divide.





Vision

The Home for Cooperation aspires for positive societal change. It envisions a better Cyprus, characterized by peace, built upon the values of diversity, respect, equality, and human dignity.

Mission

- to empower civil society and the people of Cyprus in their efforts towards positive conflict transformation
- to facilitate and offer a space for initiatives that contribute to promoting communication and interaction between people from different ethnic, religious, or linguistic backgrounds
- to inspire and promote creativity among local and international artists
- to become a platform for cultural expression through diverse mediums
- to offer its resources to support cultural and educational activities that promote interaction, dialogue and freedom of thinking and expression.

PILLARS OF OUR WORK

1

Empowering civil society through sustained presence in the buffer zone

2

Contribute to community and capacity building through cultural and artistic projects



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

1.21K
Events hosted

42
Events
organized

30
New
collaborations

2K
Welcomed at
the Home

30.5K
Engaged
online



ONGOING PROJECTS

Buffer Fringe Performing Arts Festival, since 2014

- 10 Festival Editions
- 120+ live performances hosted
- 500+ supported local and international artists
- participating artists from 30+ different countries
- 10,000+ live and digital audiences across divide reached
- 25+ venues/unconventional locations across Nicosia and other cities
- 40+ interdisciplinary exchanges and learning events
- 2024, the Festival adopted a biennial format



ONGOING PROJECTS

United by Sound, since 2015

- 100+ musicians have engaged with the project
- 70+ have engaged in the production of original work, attended creative workshop sessions or performed at the Home for Cooperation
- 2022: Recognition from the Lonely Planet traveling guide under the 'Community' category, putting Nicosia on the guide as top city to visit
- 2020: Released an original trilingual song under COVID-19 conditions, called The Time is Ripe, performed by 37 musicians
- Initiated and supported the formation of the cross-community ensemble Island Seeds
- Released an original album called Beginnings, under the H4C Label
- United by Sound demonstrates how music can bridge divides and promote social cohesion.



SOME EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

12 Educational Walks & Rides in Nicosia

in collaboration with AHDR, based on different themes focusing on cultural, historical and social life of past and contemporary Nicosia



Weekly language classes in Greek and Turkish

for adult learners, with a total of 25 participants across different learning levels



The Home cafe book club meetings

organized every 6 weeks, giving the opportunity to people not affiliated with specific projects and organizations, to come together in an intercommunal basis on a frequent basis based on common interests



PROJECTS

Between 2022 and 2025, Home for Cooperation managed the operations and implementation of the Communication Plan of the first bicomunal Europe Direct in Cyprus and European Union, named Europe Direct Ledra Palace Area. Part of the pan-European network which numbers more than 400 centres in 28 EU member states with the financial support from the EU Commission, Europe Direct Ledra is located at the Home for Cooperation, in the Ledra Palace UN Buffer Zone.



EUROPE DIRECT
Ledra Palace Area



**Spatial Practices in
Art & Architecture for
Empathetic Exchange**

Spatial Practices in Art and Architecture for Empathetic Exchange (SPACE X) is a transdisciplinary research action that utilizes secondments between academic institutions and third-sector organizations to scope and map European spatial practices. SPACE X aims to test, map, analyze, communicate, and maximize the ways in which spatial practices in art, architecture, and design instigate public exchange and promote empathetic ways of living together in urban space.

As a member of the Consortium, the Home for Cooperation hosted the Nicosia Townhall Meeting in November 2025, with keynote speaker Ilaria Speri, Founder and Director of the organization Wonder Cabinet in Bethlehem, Palestine, a Space X Consortium Project Partner. The event addressed the questions:

1. How can we create spaces of solidarity and commons in times of struggle?
2. How do artistic practices and urban encounters in public space challenge issues of justice and transformability?



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