



# HOME FOR COOPERATION

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## AIM

- Transforming communal space from a Buffer Zone into a Zone of cooperation through hosting programmes on education, training and research
- Empowerment of Civil Society
- Enhancement of intercultural dialogue

## IMPLEMENTATION

Establishment of a community centre located in the centre of Nicosia. Opened together with the leaders of the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities. Remains the core of intercommunal work in Cyprus through constant adaptation to the needs of the community and the requirements created by political developments.

## SUCCESSSES

- Respond to the growing demand and need for dialogue across the divide in the country
- Main locomotives of peace building, cooperation and dialogue in Cyprus
- Nurturing a culture of peace, tolerance and non-violence

## CHALLENGES

- Initially focused on financial sustainability over social sustainability
- Unsuccessful collaborations with profit-oriented partners

## KEY LEARNINGS

- Ensure inclusivity by offering free entrance and communication in three languages - English, Turkish and Greek
- Constant adaptation to community needs is essential
- Use of strategic arts-based peacebuilding and contact theory