**Inter-Communal Children’s Choir**

**Call for Applications**

***(All children ages 5 to 11 years are welcome to register)***

**Start date: 30th September 2020 – End date: June 2021**

The Association for Historical Dialogue and Research (AHDR), the Home for Cooperation (H4C), Cyprus Turkish Teachers’ Trade Union (KTOS) and Proodeftiki Primary and Pre-Primary Teachers’ Movement announce the continuation of the Inter-communal Children’s Choir (ICC) for school year 2020-2021 believing in the need for innovative peace initiatives by organizations, groups and citizens for the promotion of a Culture of Peace.

The idea of the ICC is based both on the powerful and positive influence of similar initiatives in Cyprus and abroad, and on our firm belief that we need to invest time and energy in engaging children in activities that enhance the idea of sustainable peace. In addition, we believe that children of various communities in Cyprus singing together songs of love, peace and friendship in several languages constitute a powerful message of peaceful coexistence.

Rehearsals will relaunch in September 2020 with the participation of old and new young participants from all communities residing in Cyprus. The Choir will have rehearsals once a week from September 2020 to June 2020. The conductors – who have extensive experience both in teaching music and experiential learning – will assist children, through various games and activities, in getting to know each other and developing trust, both among themselves and towards the conductors.

The rehearsals will be taking place at the **Home of Cooperation**, an easily accessible venue with a friendly atmosphere, every **Wednesday between 5:15 and 6:30 p.m**. The first day of the rehearsals will be the 30th of September 2020. In case the checkpoint regulations regarding access to the Home for Cooperation change due to developments related to Covid-19, the team is planning to conduct separate rehearsals in either side of the divide following all the required measures.

The conductors of the Choir are Lena Melanidou and Imge Arabi.

*Please have in mind that the Choir’s operations will close with an event at the Home for Cooperation at the end of the school year.*

**Application Form**

Due to the limited number of places available, please ensure that you submit the completed application form by **30th September 2020** to: [ahdr@ahdr.info](mailto:ahdr@ahdr.info) or fax: +357 22660061.

For further information, please call: +357 22445740 (ext. 106) / +90 533 853 7470 / +357 99578067.

*Places will be offered on a first come first served basis*

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| **1.Contact Information**  Name:  Age:  Parent’s/guardian’s email address:  Parent’s/guardian’s telephone number:  City/village of residence: |
| **2. Name of School:**  **Grade (school year 2020-21):** |
| **3. Has your child had any previous involvement in bi-communal/inter-communal initiatives?** |
| **4. Has your child had any previous experience with music or has he/she been part of a choir before?** |
| **5. Please state if your child faces any challenge that requires special attention:** |
| **Parent’s/ guardian’s signature:** |
| **Date:** |