

Veronica Sabbag is a cultured woman. She works in the European Union in its counter-terrorism sector. She also has a law background and now is in the process of starting up her own NGO. She has experienced some of the worst war-torn places. After having witnessed tragic events and the governments' responses, she has sought to play a role in creating impactful change, herself.

This September, she launched [United Voices 4 Peace](#), an organization rooted in making the world a better place by bringing artists together and creating a normed culture of peace - rather than opposing cultures. The end objective is to create a global culture of peace. This global concept is the idea that "culture" can be defined as a human culture and not a culture that is based on a country or a history, but rather a way of life.

United Voices 4 peace is a cultural diplomacy initiative that is intended to bring people from clashing backgrounds, together in order to celebrate a common passion through means of artistic expression. Sabbag started the NGO because she saw it as an opportunity for people to connect. Rather than confronting their issues that drive them apart, through United Voices 4 Peace, people are drawn together to create something beautiful that breaks down division and stands without walls. Sabbag has had the opportunity to help put on a show with Syrian/Palestinian ballet dancer Ahmad Joudeh. Joudeh is based out of Amsterdam and uses dance as his platform to spread awareness, to raise money and to make a positive change in the world. Ultimately, Sabbag looks forward to bringing musicians into refugee camps for children to have a musical outlet and to celebrate music, along with pursuing their own potential passion.

The NGO has been rooted in four main projects: "A dialogue of Souls around the Mediterranean Sea," "United in Diversity: Artist Residency," "Dance for Peace, Artistic Workshops." Each of these programs, although different in layout, bring individuals together to celebrate their common love for the arts, to promote cultural awareness through creating a united voice. Contrary to many NGOs, United Voices 4 Peace allows for citizens around the world to come up with programs that they think would be beneficial and operate as bridging programs. People are welcome to propose their ideas to the board and to be a part of the change that is occurring.

Veronica believes peace can be found through art's powerful unspoken messages. To join in the community that celebrates peace as a culture, visit her website at <http://www.uv4peace.org/>.