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QUOTES

**“Young people don’t care about
dwelling on the past.”
(young person)**

**“I feel frustrated in my own
community – I just want to
shake it up.”
(young person)**

**“We’re not really living in peace;
we’re still quite separate.”
(young person)**

**“Schools should have a mix of religions in them because we’re all equal and we should all have rights to the same levels of education.”
(young person)**

Young people today are more open to change and they're more relaxed about the modern issues because they understand them more, the older people in power are stuck in the past and they only teach the kids what they believe, like if you're from one side's background you only really hear about the issues, you only hear bad things about the other side and vice versa. (young person)

**“If you never talk about it, it will
never be resolved.”
(young person)**

**“I think it really comes down
to how someone is brought up;
no one is born with hate
in their heart.”
(young person)**

**Friends and their attitudes
can hold you back and there
are consequences if you do
something different in your
community.” (young person)**

“The conflict (*insert one from your country*) happened but you don’t talk about it.” (young person)

**“Being in a mixed/integrated
school has raised me to respect
and accept everyone.”
(young person)**

**“Flags (and other symbols/
markers) can represent you,
your culture and your community.
But they can also cause
arguments and tension.”
(young person)**

**“The biggest thing we need
to change is the hate.”
(young person)**

**“It’s not up to us to do anything.”
(young person)**

**“Politicians are letting
us all down.”
(young person)**

**“There’s a lot more we can do.
You just don’t wanna stop.
I think we should keep going until
we get sick of trying.”
(young person)**

**“Our generation is less
influenced by religion.”
(young person)**

**“Sport brings people together
without having to engage in toxic
politics.” (young person)**

**“Local and political leaders
as well as social media users
can try to block ways to bridge
differences, and people are afraid
to challenge them.” (adult)**

**“The needs of young people are
much bigger than just peace
and conflict.”
(adult)**

“Subtle sectarian (racist, sexist, ethnic, etc) bullying can be going on and often those of us who work with young people aren’t aware of it.” (adult)

**“...sometimes there is
an expectation that work done
with young people who aren’t in
work or school will solve what are
very serious economic, political,
and community issues.” (adult)**

**“If we don’t challenge it,
it’s going to continue
generation after generation.”
(adult)**

**“There is a need to
educate adults in conflicted
communities as well as young
people.” (adult)**

“People who work with young people need to be able to step out of their comfort zone and be willing to talk about the difficult subjects/areas with young people.” (adult)

**“We need to work to restore
a renewed sense of the
interdependence between
different citizens from diverse
social, economic and cultural
backgrounds.” (Wilson, 2022)**

“In these current times of economic hardship, it is important not to shy away from the politics of citizenship and the conditions in which we are expected to act (together) as citizens.” (Ian Martin)

“We need interventions that support young people in exercising their power of human agency—the potential they have to create changes in their lives and in the lives and systems around them.” (Wilson, 2015)

