

# BLUE BERET



UNFICYP's "Inside the Blue" team with members of Senior Management

## INSIDE THE BLUE

### Inspiring Collaborative Leadership

The "Inside the Blue" initiative has been shortlisted for the UN 21 award for innovation in 2014. This programme is now mandatory in all peacekeeping missions.

From 27 to 29 May 2015, fourteen enthusiastic UNFICYP colleagues - national and international - participated in a 3-day workshop facilitated by Regional Conduct and Discipline Officer Leanne Kinsella, Nicholas Theotocatos from the Ombudsman's Office in Nairobi, and Maria Wilkins, UNFICYP's own Conduct and Discipline Focal Point. UNFICYP was chosen to pilot the successful "Inside the Blue" programme, with the collaborative leadership workshop designed to inspire and empower UNFICYP personnel to identify and champion small interventions that can make a big difference to their workplace. A large part of the programme is also dedicated to inspiration, using guest speakers and recorded presentations. Participants worked in three syndicate groups to develop work-plans for initiatives that could be implemented immediately, with no additional funding or resources. Their wonderful ideas have now been endorsed by Senior Management, and will be rolled out over the coming months.



Icebreaker!

*"We are creating a workplace where the UN values become a reality. We are inspired to be a part of this exciting journey that will bring about new paradigms, mind frames and perspectives essential in our day-to-day dealing with people as the most precious asset of this Organization."*

- Workshop participants reflect on the "Inside the Blue" initiative.



Nicholas Theotocatos



Leanne Kinsella and Maria Wilkins

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