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Ms. Natalia Peláez Pérez is a psychologist with a specialization in social issues, a certified project management specialist, and holds a Master's degree in Business Administration.

She is the Founder and Director of *Fundación LATIR*, a youth-led nonprofit organization that develops peace education programs in rural Colombia. With over a decade of experience in project management within NGOs, Natalia has led the design, execution, and evaluation of initiatives that center reconciliation, peacebuilding, and the integration of rights-based, gender, and ethnic perspectives.

Under her leadership, Fundación LATIR has directly impacted the lives of more than 5,000 individuals and created employment for over 30 people—many of them young leaders—working in the field of peacebuilding. The organization promotes peace through socio-emotional education, youth empowerment, and advocacy.

Fundación LATIR plays a key role in advancing the Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) agenda both nationally and internationally. It co-leads a pioneering research project on YPS in Colombia, which resulted in the formation of the *Colombian Coalition on YPS (CCJPS)*. Through this platform, Fundación LATIR co-chairs the national Cooperation Table on YPS and actively advocates for the meaningful participation of diverse youth in the development of Colombia's first National Action Plan (NAP) on YPS.

Internationally, Ms. Peláez Pérez is engaged in peacebuilding and statebuilding advocacy through her roles with the *Americas Youth Advocacy Team (AmYAT)*, the *United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY)*, and the *Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (CSPPS)*, where she is the first South American representative.

As spaces for global advocacy expand, Natalia remains committed to ensuring the inclusion of diverse youth voices and organizations at all levels. In a context of escalating violence in Colombia, her work reflects a profound belief: each voice silenced by violence must amplify our collective determination to transform systems and build lasting peace.



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