



15th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF 2022, Malaysia

Enhancing Youth Engagement & Sustainable Development in the Post-Covid World

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A joint initiative of
Yuvsatta (youth for peace), India &
IYC-International Youth Centre, KL, Malaysia



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VISION

We envision a world where all people are equally respected, fully protected and universally realized. Included in this vision is a world where all young people – regardless of nationality, ethnicity, religion, class, gender or other differences – are encouraged and empowered to non-violently claim their own rights and serve as advocates for the rights of others.

MISSION

We believe there are capable young leaders in every global community, who can become catalyst or 'Agents of Change'. Bringing those leaders together to inspire change is the mission of annual Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF.

INTRODUCTION

Young people around the world remain optimistic that an inclusive, resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic is possible. With creativity and dedication, they are helping develop solutions to make sure communities emerge from the pandemic stronger than before. No doubt it is young people who have experienced the brunt of the pandemic's impact worldwide. As Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) said "Young people are less at risk of severe disease and death from COVID-19 but will be the most affected by the long-term consequences of the pandemic, which will shape the world they live and work in for decades to come,".

Yet, despite these troubling trends, young people have also been an energetic force at the forefront of developing creative solutions to an inclusive, sustainable pandemic recovery. At GYPF 2022, the organizers would like young people to have a role in every possible element that exists: advocacy, policymaking, research, environment, gender — across every possible angle”.

GYPF 2022 will bring together young people from diverse backgrounds, religion and nationalities to discuss their experiences and propose solutions for youths, by the youths. This will provide them a platform for increased cross-fertilization of ideas. So that they become true global citizens in thinking and action and volunteer to co-create a future equal to their vast potential. The organizers assume that the continuity of organizing GYPF will prove infectious and it is definite to spur similar sprouting elsewhere.

BACKGROUND

It was significant that the year 2000 had been designated by the United Nations as the International Year for the Culture of Peace. The Euphoria generated during this period and concerns that were expressed also affirmed growing concern over the consumerist culture, dwindling moral values, disregard of human concerns and widespread environmental degradation. At that time various international initiatives were taken to involve youth. It was a fact that youth are not being effectively involved. Mahatma Gandhi who emphasized the importance of youth being given higher roles said that a society which doesn't ensure youth involvement will have little chance of growth. And in keeping with these thoughts Yuvsatta first organized the World Youth Conference on theme of 'Millennium without Violence' in January, 2000.



This attempt of Yuvsatta to organize an international event was quite successful in which young students from 15 different countries and personalities like Sri R. Venkataraman, former President of India, Prof. BR Nanda, prominent historian and senior gandhians like Prof. KD Gangrade, Prof. N. Radhakrishnan participated. Gandhi Smriti & Darshan Samiti, New Delhi in India also published a book on the proceedings of the Conference, which later was released by Prof. Moegiadi, then Director of UNESCO, New Delhi office. An event of this scale involves lot of networking with stakeholders, logistics management and financial support, which at that time became very difficult for Yuvsatta volunteers and resultantly they were not able to make such an effort again for next six years.

But this doesn't mean that Yuvsatta volunteers remained silent in between, on the contrary they started the concept of 'Peace-city Chandigarh' with opening of Peace Clubs in Schools and Colleges of the city. Under this campaign, more than 100 "Peace Clubs' were formed in major educational institutions of tricity i.e. Chandigarh-Mohali-Panchkula, where in many Principals and teachers incharge of respective Schools and Colleges are dedicating their time and resources to the task of making these clubs vibrant and result oriented. Education of the peace volunteers on the positive aspect of nonviolence through constructive activities, discussions, interactions and effective dialogue is the main focus of the initiative.



In 2006, Yuvsatta volunteers once again made an attempt of organizing an international event by inviting 100 young people of India and Pakistan. This was quite successful in spreading the message that continuity in relationships is essential for better understanding and removal of misgivings. Next year in 2007 participants doubled with over 200 young people gathering from both the neighboring countries of India and Pakistan. As they were not willing to be mute witness to their futures being written and unwritten and destroyed by governments. They were not hesitant to stand up to be counted. And decided to spread their small network to young people from other countries as well, so that man-made barriers can be diminished, which in later years resulted in participation of young people from many countries around the world.

Progressing well into the last edition of 14th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF 2019, over 250 young people from 23 countries of the world participated. We support & endorse the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

At GYPF 2022 the focus will be on SDG 17 (Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development), which aims to reflect on opportunities to renew and integrate efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.'In our outdated education system that breeds competition over collaboration, educators should consider Goal 17 as a spark for a shift in mind set. Young people should learn how to develop partnerships and build collective intelligence within their classroom, local community and even international connections.



HOST CITY

Kuala Lumpur-Malaysia's sultry capital is a feast for all the senses. Here you'll find historic monuments, steel-clad skyscrapers, lush parks, mega-sized shopping malls and bustling street markets. Essential parts of the vibrant mix are the incense-wreathed, colourfully adorned mosques and temples of the country's Malay, Chinese and Indian communities. A reverence for these ancient cultures is balanced with a drive to be plugged into the modern world, a desire that's reflected in a creative contemporary-art and design scene, an ambitious riverbank-regeneration project and dynamic architecture: the new Exchange 106 tower is taller than the iconic Petronas Towers.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME DETAILS

Venue: IYC-International Youth Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Thursday, September 29, 2022

- Ice-Breaking, Farm in the City Activity@IYC Rooftop Urban Farming
- Welcome Dinner

Friday, September 30, 2022

- Enhancing Ideology into Action-Plenary sessions
- Lunch
- SDG Workshop with MySDG Academy Malaysia (TBD)
- Tea & fresh 'n' up
- Formal Inauguration
- Dinner & end of the day

Saturday, October 1, 2022

- Breakfast
- Visit to Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) (Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources)- Climate Action (Community Service/Gotong Royong/Tree Planting/Forest Skywalk/Visit to Herbal Technology Centre (HTC))
- Lunch with Nature / refresh
- Depart to International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)
- Session with IIUM Students/Panel Discussion on selected topics etc.
- Tea-Break (Networking session)
- Dinner & Cultural Panorama of Music & Dance
- Back to IYC-International Youth Centre

Saturday, October 2, 2022

- Breakfast
- Energizers, feedback & Youth Forum
- Action Plan on 'Afro-Asian Youth Engagement & Sustainable Development in the post-Covid World'.
- Acknowledgements, Photo-sessions & social media feast.
- Lunch & Dasvidaniya



IMPACT

1. GYPF is a catalyst for young people to get involved in their community and make a difference. Such efforts energize those who are already engaged in good causes, helping people recognize they are not alone in their endeavor. The GYPF brings everyone together and promotes new bonds beyond boundaries of race, religion and nationalities.
2. In the past 16 years GYPF have created a network of hundreds of motivated youths across the globe. From issues of environment to violence, these youths have been advocating for equal human rights and sustainability in various manners.
3. In addition, mobilizing the youth organizations/networks is an important focus of the event.
4. Now 15 years of intervention of an annual GYPF has started regular youth exchange program between young people of India with ten other countries of Bhutan, Bangladesh, China, Indonesia, Mauritius, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia & Sri-Lanka.
5. GYPF provides young people a platform for increased exchange of ideas, so that they become true global citizens in thinking and action and volunteer to co-create a future equal to their vast potential.
6. GYPF further energize the formation of Peace Clubs in educational institutions which not only take active part in the initiative but also spread ideas, network and campaigns for common good of all.

MAIN ORGANIZERS

YUVSATTA (YOUTH FOR PEACE), INDIA

Yuvsatta (Youth for Peace)-an NGO is working in a variety of areas to steer the young people towards implementing Gandhian ideals of Constructive Programme based on voluntary effort and individual and community action.

Yuvsatta's work to promote the spirit of volunteering amongst the generation next, to bridge the barriers of race, colour, religion, nationalities plus fill in the gender and economic divides by empowering the young people is more timely than ever. Each day the headlines demonstrate the human cost of this divide. Each day the hatred and distrust grow.



Now is the moment to leverage this opportunity, to address this ever-more-dangerous global divide. In so many ways our world is shrinking. And there are ever-increasing opportunities to connect with people on the other side of the globe, but generally these opportunities are squandered. To create a more just world by empowering young change makers from around the globe, Yuvsatta organizes the famous annual Global Youth Peace Fest- GYPF, in which a combination of cross-cultural learning workshops, volunteer service and youth activism is aligned with the work of grassroots NGOs, policy makers, and other stakeholders.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CENTRE-IYC, MALAYSIA

The International Youth Centre (IYC) was formed with the support of the Malaysian Government through a Cabinet decision on 6th February 1985. IYC functions as an institution for international youth development programmes as well as a hub for international youth NGOs to establish their



offices in IYC. A well-known Japanese Calligrapher, the late Tan Sri Kampo Harada donated 1 Billion Yen.

Philosophy: Develop A Balanced Global Young Generation.

Vision: To Become a Global Institution of Excellence & Distinction the Development of The Young Generation.

Mission: To Create, Develop & Produce A Young Generation Who Are Ingrained with Noble Values Through Planned & Systematic Programme.

Objectives:

- Develop a young generation who are knowledgeable with integrity, capable, tolerant and united based on equality at national and international levels with the concept of 1 Youth 1 Malaysia.
- Instilled knowledge that more holistic concerning youth affairs.
- Raise professionalism in youth services leadership and work.
- Empower the youth movement to be constantly relevant with current times.
- Website: <http://www.iyckul.org.my/my/>

GYPF SIGNIFICANT MOMENTS

2000-2010 : UNESCO declared 1st Decade of 21st Century as Decade for Promotion of Culture of Peace & Nonviolence.

2000 : International Conference on theme of 'Millennium Without Violence'.

2001 : International Conference on theme of 'Need for Afro-Asian Dialogue'.

2004 : 32 Peace Clubs started in Peace-city Chandigarh.

2006 : 1st India-Pakistan Youth Peace Camp

-Participation of 14 young students from Pakistan

2009 : 4th International Youth Peace Fest-IYPF 2009

-200 Young delegates from 9 countries participated

2012 : 7th International Youth Peace Fest-IYPF 2012

-250 Young people from 16 countries participated

- International Youth Exchange Programmes launched

2014 : 9th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF 2014

- 300 Young people from 20 countries participated

-Institution of annual Global Youth ICON Awards

2015 : 10th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF 2015

- 250 Young people from 24 countries participated.

-Global Youth Peace Forum launched

2016 : 11th Global Youth Peace Fest –GYPF 2016

-250 Young people from 33 countries participated

2017 : 12th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF 2017

- 200 young leaders from 25 countries participated

2018 : 13th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF 2018

- 200 young leaders & activists from 25 countries participated

2019 : 14th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF 2019

- 250 young leaders & change makers from 23 countries participated



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- Artdialogo Asia
- National Federation of Youth Organizations in Bangladesh (NFYOB), Bangladesh
- IAVE-India
- Global Alliance for Ecosystem Restoration (GAFER) New Delhi, India
- World Youth Peace Organization, Nigeria
- APT-Afghans for Progressive Thinking, Afghanistan
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