



Special Olympics Asia Pacific Regional Youth Leadership Summit REPORT



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2019



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A MESSAGE FROM DIPAK NATALI

Acting President & Managing Director, Special Olympics Asia Pacific



I am proud to share that Special Olympics Asia Pacific recently concluded our very first regional youth leadership summit, Youth For Inclusion 2019.

Over the past three days, I have been amazed by the innovative ideas and passionate energy of all our participants. I am deeply impressed by the creativity of the ideas generated by our youth leaders, using technology to address pertinent issues of Mental Health and Wellness, Bullying and Isolation, and Post-School Opportunities.

I am fully convinced that with youth at the forefront of the inclusion movement, the next generation will be an inclusive one, overcoming inequality for people with intellectual disabilities.

I offer my sincere thanks to our partners Lane Global Youth Leadership, Kantar, and Microsoft for enabling this event, and joining us on this journey of inclusion. I would also like to thank partners FWD Insurance and Credit Suisse for their valuable contributions.

I am looking forward to witness the legacy of Youth For Inclusion unfold across our region.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dipak Natali'.

Dipak Natali

*Acting President & Managing Director
Special Olympics Asia Pacific*

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REGIONAL OUTCOMES

INTRODUCTION



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Youth For Inclusion Regional Youth Leadership Summit



Youth For Inclusion 2019 is the pioneering Regional Youth Leadership Summit for the Special Olympics Asia Pacific Region as part of the Lead to Include Project. Participants from 14 countries met in Singapore to discuss and brainstorm and discuss the importance of "Creating Smart Societies" in the Region. Smart societies are cities and communities that are not merely tech-driven, but also inclusive, people-first, and community-centered.

Today, young people with or without intellectual disabilities struggle with discrimination and inequality. Youth For Inclusion sees the potential of young people to utilize technology to address these commonly-faced issues.

By adopting an issues-based approach, Youth For Inclusion participants were able to discuss and create innovative ways to promote inclusion on the following topics:



Addressing
Bullying and
Isolation



Strengthening
Mental Health
and Wellness



Increasing
Post-School
Opportunities

YOUTH COMMITTEE



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Youth Leaders driving session content and organization

The Youth for Inclusion (YFI) Committee comprised of 12 SOAP Youth Leaders with and without intellectual disabilities from the Athlete Input Council, Youth Input Council, Sargent Shriver International Global Messengers and volunteers. The Committee took on key roles both before and during the event and exemplified what it means to be 'youth-led' to all present.

Key responsibilities of Committee members include: emceeing as a unified pair, planning and leading break-out sessions, organizing and facilitating team-building activities, giving presentations and speeches, advising group projects, speaking as topic experts on preparatory webinars, sharing their Special Olympics stories as living 'books' at the Human Library activity (Day 3) and supporting the smooth operations of the event.



Committee members: Agnes Lee (Intern), Aliyah Binte Kamarulzaman, Benjamin Haack, Brina Kei Maxino, Dacki Sandiego, Florence Hui Xuan Lin (not in picture), Lidwinia Low, Muhammad Haseeb Abbasi, Sashi Montaña, Stephanus, Syed Ali Roshan and Tan Jia Dhong

Volunteers: Ee Xue Jing (not in picture) and Karen Kwa

YOUTH COMMITTEE



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Youth Leaders driving session content and organization

Entrusting Youth Leaders with key roles provided them a valuable opportunity to develop their skills and bring their leadership abilities to the next level. Here's what they have to say:



"I'm very glad to have witnessed the amazing spirit and passion of youth throughout the 3 days of YFI. I've learnt a lot, especially how to communicate with and involve persons with ID in the things we do. Thank you for this wonderful experience!"

- Agnes Lee, Youth For Inclusion Intern

"As an Athlete Leader in Special Olympics, my role was to talk about my experiences, both good and bad, and to help the youth understand how things are, where they could go and listen and be inspired by them. I did a presentation for Mental Health and my experiences with this and I also presented my life story. I found this forum to be inspiring. The key is to keep this flame going and to really help the youth achieve this. As Tim Shriver has said, the world and particularly the young generation could continue to learn a lot from the athletes and together form a better global community."

- Ben Haack, Co-Chair, SOAP Athlete Input Council and Board Member, Special Olympics International



"It was such an honor to be a part of the YFI committee. Several months before and during preparations, I found that the committee was filled with and led by such dedicated, talented and inspiring people. We all had different experiences, strengths and weaknesses, but we worked together and supported each other in every way possible. I learnt so much and amidst the stress and hustle, had so much fun because everything we were doing was worthwhile and I was with an enthusiastic and hardworking bunch. The success of YFI is a product of so much heart put into it by the committee. I remain extremely inspired and encouraged to continue working towards a future of unity, acceptance, friendship and inclusion. Being part of Special Olympics is an amazing and life-changing journey and I hope that we can continually change lives and communities, and eventually change the world."

- Sashi Montaña, Co-Chair, SOAP Youth Input Council



PRE-EVENT PREPARATIONS



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Developing Partnerships, Engaging Partners

In order to expand our outreach and gather various stakeholders for a multi-perspective discussion on Youth For Inclusion and 'Creating Smart Societies', a total of **15 partnerships** were developed. Partners contributed both professional expertise and resources, which were critical to the success of Youth For Inclusion.

Prior to the event, the Special Olympics Asia Pacific team (SOAP) reached out to potential partners to explore opportunities for collaboration. For example, a **cash donation of SGD 10,340** was received from Credit Suisse, which was used to co-fund for Youth For Inclusion. In addition to their financial support, Credit Suisse employees, Sacha Eugster, and Usha Pillai also came down to support Youth For Inclusion, with Sacha Eugster on our honoured panel of judges.



SOAP also expanded on our global partnership with Kantar, by conducting an informative webinar for the regional team from Kantar North Asia, South East Asia, Pacific. To further this regional partnership, SOAP has been working closely with Mr. Adrian Gonzalez, CEO of the region, who was also on our honoured panel of judges. Locally, Youth For Inclusion also engaged Kantar Singapore staff with volunteering opportunities.



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Youth For Inclusion Facebook Group

The **Youth For Inclusion** Facebook group provides an effective platform for the following:

- (i) Sharing of resources through learning units
- (ii) Hosting of webinars to prepare participants for topic-based discussions
- (iii) For participants to get to know each other
- (iv) Pre-, during and post-event communication
- (v) Providing a platform for participants to stay connected and share project updates



Faryal Asif - Facilitator shared a photo.

25 November

Team Pakistan is excited to meet you all in Singapore to learn, make a difference and creating new Friendship



Carole Piercy shared a link.

4 November

These adults with Intellectual disabilities go to university. Here's what they have to say about it!



Angela Renee

4 December at 19:49

Day 3: Special Olympics Asia Pacific Youth Leadership Summit: WOW - Ms. Lyn's energy WOW as she got us fired up to present...can you say Passion!! Presentation day (only pics of our group is on video 🤩 amazing 🤩, KPOP, Human Library, awesome speakers, ADB presence and the day continues!



YOUTUBE.COM

Students with an Intellectual Disability Share Their College Experience

You, Lynn Tan, Enday Nugroho and 6 others

Seen by 65



Bella Choo posted UNICEF Data Map on Peer Violence.

Admin · 16 October · Bullying and Isolation

Many students around the world face bullying. In the Philippines, 51% of youth aged 13 to 15 years old experienced bullying in the past couple of months.

How is it like for young people in your country? Check the data map here:

<https://data.unicef.org/topic/child-protection/violence/peer-violence/>



DATA.UNICEF.ORG
Peer violence - UNICEF DATA
Once children enter school, friendships and interactions with peers take on an increasingly important role in their lives. These relationships have the potential to contribute to a child's sense of

UNIT 2 • Addressing Bullying and Isolation
UNICEF Data Map on Peer Violence
[See Unit](#)

You, Lynn Tan, Enday Nugroho and 7 others
3 comments
Seen by 77

[Like](#) [Comment](#)



Enday Nugroho I agree that students in a few countries have experienced bullying when they cannot attend in class. Some of them say that children with disabilities are stupid. And this is very sad for us. Therefore we have to make children with disabilities can do something for their future.

Like · Reply · 10w

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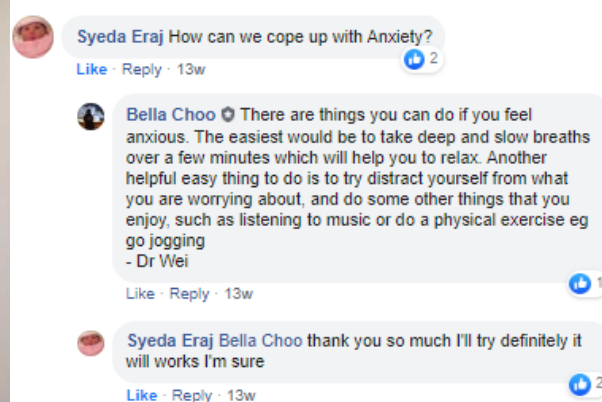
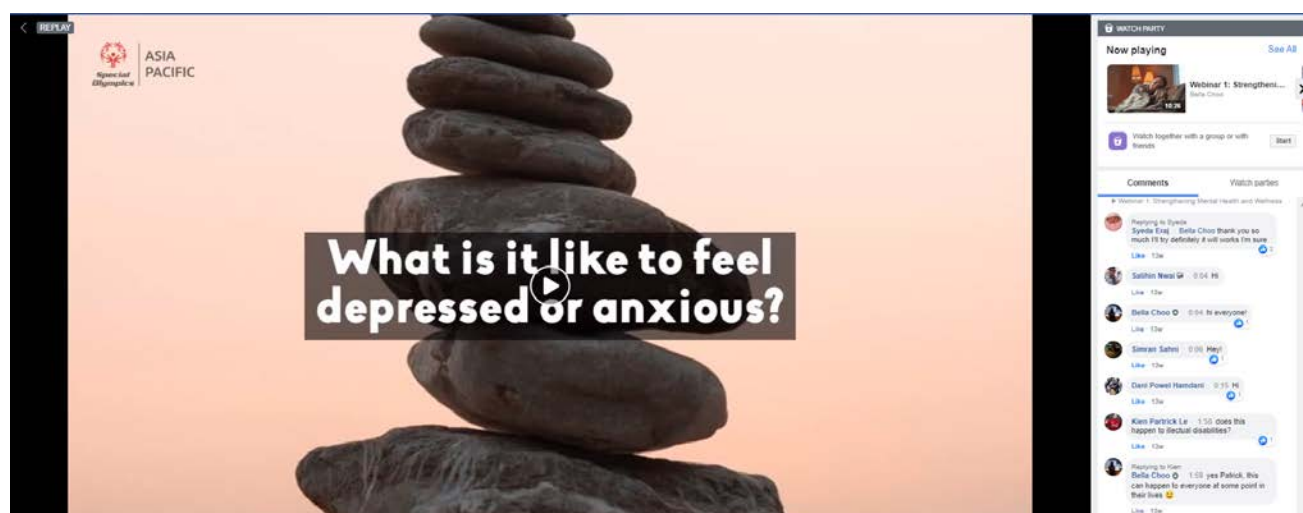
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Facebook Webinars on 2, 4 & 9 October 2019

A series of **Facebook Webinars** were conducted as a Facebook Watch Party for participants to learn and discuss the 3 topics that they will be engaged with at Youth For Inclusion. Each webinar featured a professional and an athlete who are experts on the topic from their field of work and/or their personal experiences. Participants had the chance to share their views and ask questions. Thereafter, speakers would respond with their answers via the webinar host.

The first webinar was on the topic of **Strengthening Mental Health and Wellness** with the following guest speakers:

- Wei Ker-Chiah (Dr.): Senior Consultant and Chief, West Region, Institute of Mental Health, Singapore
- Ben Haack: Board Member, Special Olympics International



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Facebook Webinars on 2, 4 & 9 October 2019

The second webinar was on the topic of **Addressing Bullying and Isolation** with the following guest speakers:

- Elaine Chia, Director, Good Pathways Singapore
- Ben Haack: Board Member, Special Olympics International



Fung Ka Kit I think bullying is one of the common problems that disabilities need to cope with. The bullied one will definitely feel anxious and depressed. It is hard to recover from bullying so bullying must be stopped. 🚫

Love · Reply · 11w



Bella Choo 🌟 Fung Ka Kit definitely, our topics are all inter-connected!

Like · Reply · 11w

Jean Palomo Very informative

Love · Reply · 11w



Jean Palomo 😊

Like · Reply · 11w

Kamille Tingzon If you are a victim of /or a witness to bullying don't keep quiet talk about it and ask for help

Love · Reply · 11w



Salihin Nwai 🗣️ I have one of my friends bullying before he tells me he bullying I tell my friends what happened who bullying I tell him that before go anywhere tell me first i help my friends don't bullying

Like · Reply · 11w



Bella Choo 🌟 Salihin Nwai great that you lent a hand to a friend in need!

Like · Reply · 11w

Rowena Massey Very informative webinar on a topic that Society needs to take more seriously and learn ways to work together and be more inclusive!

Love · Reply · 11w



Kien Partrick Le what is isolation?

Like · Reply · 12w



Bella Choo 🌟 Hi Patrick, thank you for your question. There are many forms of isolation. In the context of bullying, Isolation often starts where a person is shamed and ridiculed in public or on social media. Friends of the person are told not to mix with him/her. They may face peer pressure not to associate with him/her. Over time, s/he is left with no friends. Social isolation can be very lonely and damaging because as humans, we are meant to have friends and to live in community. - Elaine

Like · Reply · 11w

PRE-EVENT PREPARATIONS



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Facebook Webinars on 2, 4 & 9 October 2019

The second webinar was on the topic of **Increasing Post-School Opportunities** with the following guest speakers:

- Carmelo (Dacki) Sebastian Sandiego, Youth Input Council Member, Special Olympics Asia Pacific
- Grant Javier, Executive Director, Project Inclusion Network Inc.



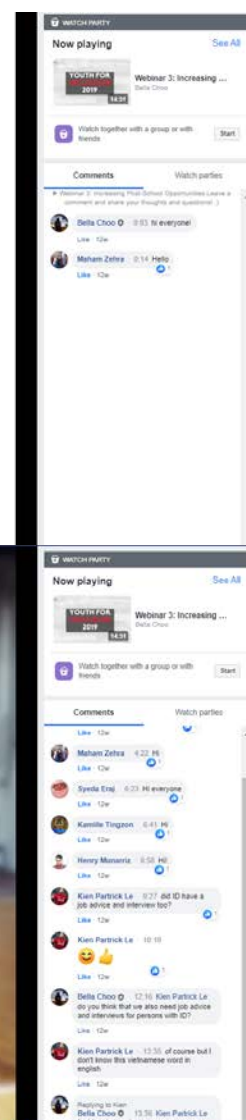
Guest Speakers



Grant Javier
Executive Director, Project Inclusion
Network Inc.



Carmelo Sebastian Sandiego (Dacki)
Special Olympics Athlete Leader,
Philippines



Sophia GK Tuna Hi Bella, in PNG most People With Disabilities don't have jobs. It is mammoth task for a person with Intellectual Disability to find a job. Many of them don't finish school.

Sad · Reply · 12w



Bella Choo thanks for sharing, Sophia. in Papua New Guinea, what are the challenges they face in completing school?

Like · Reply · 12w



Sophia GK Tuna Not enough qualified teachers to train a person with intellectual disabilities. No specific school for people with intellectual disabilities. The learning environment is inclusive school in limited meaning there is not enough attention paid to a person... See more

Like · Reply · 12w



Fung Ka Kit I think that it is very unfair to the disabilities as some employers have discrimination on them and don't employ them. Disabilities don't mean useless to everything! Luckily more employers don't discriminate the disabilities and the employment rate of them rise in recent years.

Love · Reply · 12w



Bella Choo Fung Ka Kit absolutely! what do you think can be done to reduce such discrimination?

Like · Reply · 12w



Enday Nugroho Bella Choo my restaurant accepted an apprenticeship as a greater for children with disabilities but within a certain period. Because some of them still doing school.

Like · Reply · 12w



Bella Choo that sounds like a great way to prepare them to join the workforce! look forward to learning more from your experience with the apprenticeship

Like · Reply · 12w

DAY 1 OVERVIEW

2 DECEMBER, 2019



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Youth For Inclusion began with an opening ceremony by Special Olympics Asia Pacific, followed by icebreakers led and organized by the emcees of the day, Brina Kei Maxino and Sashi Montaña. Once everyone had the chance to get to know each other, Kaitlyn Hamrick, Senior Manager of Youth Development from Special Olympics International, led a session focused on inclusive youth leadership.



The afternoon started off with topic-based break-out sessions, where participants shared and discussed their perspectives on key problems and potential solutions for their chosen topics.

Led by the voices of participants, the break-out sessions were facilitated by:

- **Strengthening Mental Health and Wellness**
 - Wei Ker-Chiah (Dr.), Senior Consultant and Chief, West Region, Institute of Mental Health, Singapore
 - Ben Haack, Board Member, Special Olympics International
- **Addressing Bullying and Isolation**
 - Esther Ng and Poh Yok Chia, Co-Founders, Coalition Against Bullying for Children & Youth (CABCY), Singapore
- **Increasing Post-School Opportunities**
 - Maria Hycinth Umaran, Product Owner, Plan International in Asia
 - Dacki Sandiego, Youth Input Council Member, Special Olympics Asia Pacific

DAY 1 OVERVIEW

2 DECEMBER, 2019



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Following the break-out sessions, subject matter experts gave presentations to all participants on two key topics. Dr. Wei Ker-Chiah shared practical skills on **Understanding and Managing Stress**, and Esther Ng shared about **Understanding Bullying and Isolation**. The day concluded with **group project consultations** with allocated advisors, comprised of guest speakers, staff and youth committee members, who provided valuable insights to inform the refinement of project ideas and pitch presentations.



3 December 2019

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DAY 2 OVERVIEW

3 December 2019



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In the afternoon, workshops were focused on providing participants with the skills and tools needed to advance their project ideas. The sessions were led by:

- **Facebook Workshop: Building Community with Groups**
 - Grace Clapham, Head of Community Partnership, Facebook APAC
- **Presentation Skills Workshop: "KISS" Your Pitch**
 - Delane Lim, Executive Director, Character & Leadership Academy Limited
 - Lionel Paul Dorai, Chief Executive Officer, FutuReady Asia Singapore
- **Coding Workshop: An App with a Difference**
 - Felicia Chua, Co-Founder, Head of Education, Empire Code
 - Aaron Tsai, Manager, Business Operations, Empire Code



Equipped with new skills, participants pitched their innovative project ideas to address their chosen topics. The roving panel of judges included guest speakers of the day, volunteers from Facebook APAC, Asian Development Bank and Special Olympics staff.



DAY 2 OVERVIEW

3 December 2019



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To celebrate the **International Day of Persons with Disabilities**, our participants went out and about to explore the evening highlights of Singapore, guided by volunteers from FWD Insurance and Kantar Singapore. This allowed participants to create fond memories and build new friendships. Throughout the entire evening, participants shared photos of their experience using **#LeadToInclude** and **#YouthForInclusion**.



DAY 3 OVERVIEW

4 December 2019



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The final day of Youth For Inclusion started with an energizing **KPopX Fitness** session! With Aliyah Kamarulzaman and Florence Hui as emcees of the day, all participants were on their feet and grooving to the music as they celebrated what they had learnt over the course of the event.



After a recap of learning points from Day 2, the first activity participants engaged in was **Human Library: Learning from Stories**. In this activity, participants went around to the different human 'books' who shared about their personal journeys with Special Olympics. Listening to various heartfelt stories of youth committee members and staff gave participants a chance to gain a deeper realization of the power of inclusion.



DAY 3 OVERVIEW

4 December 2019



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In the afternoon, selected groups presented their project ideas to an esteemed group of panelists, including:

- Adrian Gonzalez, CEO, Kantar North Asia, South East Asia Pacific
- Ben Haack, Board Member, Special Olympics International
- Chris Morris, Head, NGO and Civil Society Center, Asian Development Bank
- Kaitlyn Hamrick, Senior Manager, Youth Development, Special Olympics International
- Raj Kamal, Manager, Applications, Facebook APAC
- Sacha Eugster, Director, Credit Suisse
- Wei Ker-Chiah (Dr.), Senior Consultant and Chief, West Region, Institute of Mental Health, Singapore



The groups gave remarkable presentations on their proposed solutions to address **Mental Health and Wellness, Bullying and Isolation** and **Post-School Opportunities**. They received **insightful feedback** from the panel of judges that will help to bring their project ideas to greater heights.



DAY 3 OVERVIEW

4 December 2019



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Throughout the day, informative booths were set up by partners for participants to gather more information and ask questions. A photo booth was also set up for participants to document their fond memories and new friendships forged.



Youth for Inclusion's final guest speakers to present were Chris Morris and William Lucht from Asian Development Bank, who shared about **Youth and Inclusion**. The summit closed on an inspiring note with the highly acclaimed motivational speech by Haseeb Abbasi, Sargent Shriver International Global Messenger, titled, '**Going Beyond My Disability**'.





OUTCOMES

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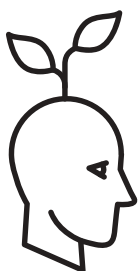
BY THE NUMBERS



101 Participants
in **30** unified
teams inspired



95 Youth Leaders
with and without
ID trained



86 Mentors
trained



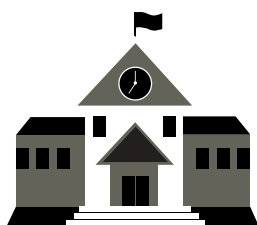
13 Youth
engaged in key
leadership roles



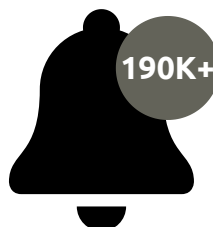
15 Partnerships
with external
organizations
developed



14 Special Olympics
Programs
represented in
17 teams



10 external schools
and **50** external
participants involved



193,917 and counting
social media
impressions



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POST-EVENT STATISTICS

Participants evaluated YFI sessions, rating them from 1 out of 5, with 5 being the highest (very satisfied).

100%

of participants feel **very satisfied** with their project consultations with allocated advisors

100%

of participants feel **very satisfied** with their pitch presentation experience, citing it as an **enriching learning experience**

87%

of participants are **satisfied** with their human library experience, **feeling impacted** by the stories of personal Special Olympics journeys

85%

of participants feel **satisfied** with the team-building activities organized by the youth committee

Youth For Inclusion Regional Youth Leadership Summit

INNOVATION GRANT PROJECTS

Youth For Inclusion offered the 30 attending teams a platform for sharing best practices, discussing critical issues affecting both youth with and without intellectual disabilities, and creating youth-led strategies to address them. Throughout the three days of Youth For Inclusion, Youth Leaders developed an understanding of how to drive social inclusion in their home countries and communities. For the 12 participating Special Olympics Asia Pacific Programs, one team per Program is awarded a Youth Innovation Grant ranging from 1,000 - 2,000 USD to implement a project in their home communities based on the ideas they have pitched at Youth For Inclusion. As these projects are implemented across the region, the progress of selected projects will be documented and shared on Special Olympics Asia Pacific's social media.



NATIONAL AND LOCAL YOUTH SUMMITS

Special Olympics Asia Pacific Regional Staff will oversee the planning and implementation of upcoming national and local level Youth Summits across the Asia Pacific Region. Participants of Youth For Inclusion will help to support the national and local-level Youth Summits and educate other Youth Leaders in their Program about the power of **#YouthForInclusion**.



LEGACY OF YOUTH FOR INCLUSION

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Special Olympics New Zealand



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Grace and Jack are two Youth Leaders from Special Olympics New Zealand who are leading a Youth Innovation Project focused on increasing post-school opportunities and reducing isolation for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Their Youth Innovation Project will focus on providing transport opportunities to train, compete, socialize and be included in all that they can be. Grace and Jack have been active participants in their Special Olympics New Zealand Clubs, and with most spread across the country, they have seen others face challenges when going to events because of travel.

Through their Youth Innovation Project, Grace and Jack will create an app that will link Athletes to available transport options, thereby opening up more opportunities for Athletes to participate in. Grace and Jack feel that their project will break down barriers currently stopping people from attend sporting events, leadership trainings, and social activities. By building a sustainable model, Grace and Jack are excited to bring people in a variety of communities together to break down stigma and build a more Unified Generation.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Special Olympics Pakistan



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Syeda and Maham are two Youth Leaders from Special Olympics Pakistan who are leading a Youth Innovation Project focused on strengthening mental health and wellness by reducing the stigma around mental health. Through their Youth Innovation Project, Syeda and Maham will host a seminar to launch the project, use social media and blog posts to spread awareness, and host in-person workshops and seminars to engage with youth and without intellectual disabilities across Pakistan.

With the use of social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and blogs, Syeda and Maham will start conversations for individuals with and without intellectual disabilities to learn more about mental health. With their in-person workshops and seminars, Syeda and Maham will discuss opportunities to get involved in Unified Sports and provide Unified Sports Experiences, such as Unified Swimming and Yoga.

While their Youth Innovation Project will focus on youth, Syeda and Maham are hopeful that parents, siblings, teachers, and other community members will deepen their understanding of mental health to support others. Syeda and Maham are confident that their project will help youth feel more empowered to discuss mental health and create acceptance of mental health conversations in communities across Pakistan.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Special Olympics Vietnam



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Laura and Patrick are Youth Leaders from Special Olympics Vietnam who are leading a Youth Innovation Project focused on addressing bullying and isolation in Vietnam. Through their project, Laura and Patrick will create an app that will provide a platform for users to express their feelings on a certain day or incident by asking users psychological questions about their emotions. They intend to pilot it for all students in their school, The International Schools of North America, with a particular focus on students with special needs (e.g. intellectual delay, language delay). If the app proves successful within their school, they intend to expand it to more schools across the country.

Through their app, Laura and Patrick will empower youth to better express themselves to cope with and reduce experiences of bullying and isolation. Their Youth Innovation Project would also spread awareness about bullying and isolation in their school community, and help create a school culture of inclusion and acceptance. Laura and Patrick are excited to lead their project and look forward to witnessing the impact it will have on their peers.



SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



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PRE-EVENT

Leading up to Youth For Inclusion, a series of videos were shared on Special Olympics Asia Pacific's Facebook and Instagram, including informative videos focused on the three topics to be discussed at the event.



Special Olympics Asia Pacific

November 24 at 7:00 PM · 🌐

Just a week away to our inaugural Special Olympics Asia Pacific Youth for Inclusion 2019! We're looking forward to welcoming close to 100 youth leaders with and without intellectual disabilities from 14 countries across Asia Pacific to Singapore, where they will co-create solutions using technology for a more inclusive world!

#youthforinclusion #leadtoinclude #choosetoinclude



Special Olympics Asia Pacific

November 25 at 7:00 PM · 🌐

Did you know? Half of young people worldwide have experienced bullying. People with intellectual disabilities are more likely to be victimized.

Youth for Inclusion 2019 brings together youth leaders with and without intellectual disabilities from all over Asia to tackle issues like bullying, to co-create solutions using technology for a more inclusive world. Will you be a part of the solution?

#youthforinclusion #leadtoinclude #choosetoinclude



HUMANRACE.ASIA

Youth For Inclusion 2019: Addressing Bullying and Isolation

[Learn More](#)



soasiapacific Did you know? More than 64 million youth worldwide do not have jobs, and people with disabilities are twice as likely to be unemployed. Youth for Inclusion 2019 brings together youth leaders with and without intellectual disabilities from all over Asia to tackle issues like post-school opportunities for people with ID, to co-create tech-solutions for a



259 views

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SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



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DURING THE EVENT

Instagram stories were posted throughout the event, showcasing live updates and behind-the-scenes footage. The collection of stories are highlighted on Special Olympics Asia Pacific's account as 'YFI Summit'. Partners were also tagged to allow them to reshare the stories on their accounts.



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POST-EVENT

A post-event social media campaign is ongoing to showcase impact stories and project outcomes as a result of Youth For Inclusion 2019. This campaign will be featured on Special Olympics Asia Pacific's Facebook, Instagram as well as HumanRace.Asia platforms.



Special Olympics Asia Pacific is with Kantar and 13 others.

December 11 at 7:01 PM · 🌐

Close to 100 youth leaders with and without intellectual disabilities from across 14 Asian countries gathered in Singapore for Special Olympics Asia Pacific's #YouthforInclusion 2019, to co-create tech solutions for inclusion. We thank all our partners, volunteers, and participants for joining us in creating a more inclusive world!

#choosetoinclude #leadtoinclude



Special Olympics Asia Pacific is with Grace Payne.

9 hrs · 🌐

Enjoy some #MondayMotivation from Special Olympics New Zealand athlete leader Grace Payne.

#youthforinclusion #leadtoinclude #choosetoinclude



Special Olympics Asia Pacific

18 December at 09:00 · 🌐

Some #WednesdayWisdom from Special Olympics Thailand athlete leader Jidapha Kaewjan. Word.

#youthforinclusion #leadtoinclude



Special Olympics Asia Pacific

23 December at 09:00 · 🌐

Wishing all our athletes, volunteers, partners and staff a most #unified Christmas and #inclusive new year!

#youthforinclusion #leadtoinclude #choosetoinclude



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YOUTH FOR INCLUSION FACEBOOK GROUP

Participants shared constant updates on their excitement, learning and appreciation throughout the event with **#YouthForInclusion** and **#LeadToInclude**!



Laura Huynh is with Kien Partrick Le and Viet Tam.

December 1 at 9:21 PM

Hi everyone! 🌟 Our team from Vietnam have arrived at Singapore. Although we're a bit tired from the long day, we are still very excited to meet everyone tomorrow. Sweetnight 🌙
#youthforinclusion #leadtoinclude



Alicia Sum

December 3 at 11:22 AM

Day 1 of Youth For Inclusion with Table 14 😊

#YouthForInclusion #LeadToInclude



Kaye Chastine

December 3 at 11:18 AM

"I'm enjoying this summit because I've met a lot of friends." - Quadr, Singapore

#YouthForInclusion

#LeadToInclude



Agnes Lee

Admin · 4 December at 11:08

In case you missed it this morning, here are the key takeaways for Day 2!



- Marginalised youth are unable to effectively communicate their skills and link to suitable economic opportunities. Technology has much potential – unless we intentionally include the marginalised, we will unintentionally exclude.
- "KISS" stands for: Keep it specific, simple and short.
- Coding is how our favourite games, apps and websites are made.
- Social media can be a useful tool to build community e.g. Facebook Groups



SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



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YOUTH FOR INCLUSION FACEBOOK GROUP

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Kane Aricayos

December 3 at 8:34 AM

Team Guam **#LeadToInclude** **#YouthForInclusion**



Enday Nugroho

December 3 at 11:42 AM

We're for Youth for Inclusion Singapore 2019
#youthforinclusion **#soindonesia** **#specialolympicsasiapacific**



Hya Barber

December 4 at 11:53 AM

'Storytelling is the most powerful way to put ideas into the world.'

Glad to hear their unique and remarkable stories.

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Satyaprakashan Pandi Selvam

December 4 at 2:23 PM

These 3 days have been such an invaluable experience and i am very grateful for everyone's openness and energy!!!!



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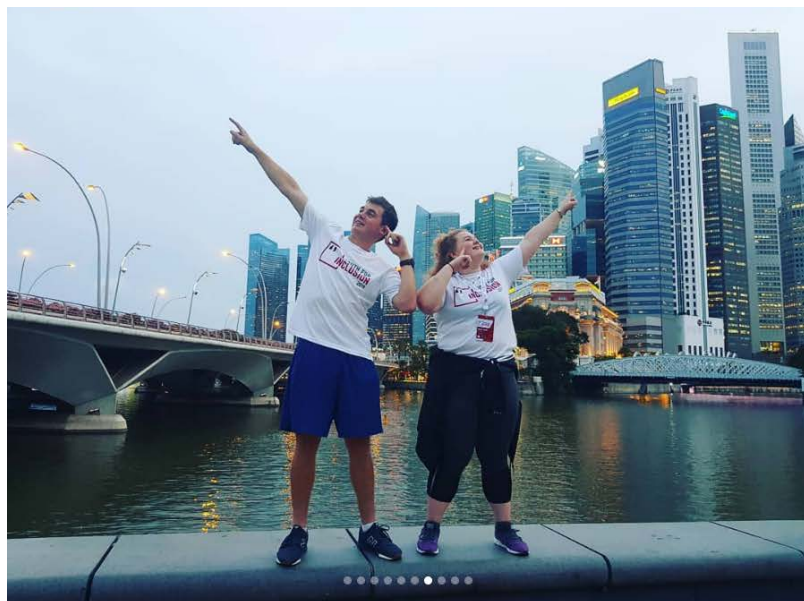


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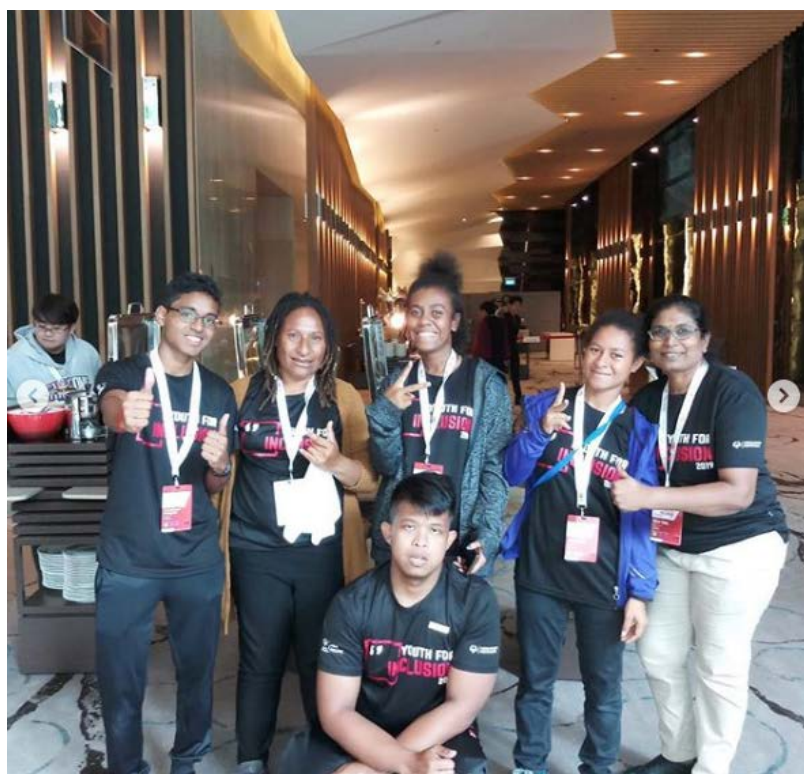


_gracie_lacie_ Youth for Inclusion Summit 2019 sg 🌟 (part 1, hehe)
It has been an amazing last few days! I've learnt so much over there, made heaps of friends and I can't wait for our project to come to life next year! 😊
Also thank you Jack and Row for the best few days working with you two, I'm so excited to see what next year will do with the project 🤖 (and also

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satz Youth For Inclusion Asia Pacific Regional Summit
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An enriching and personal journey special olympics has taken me on, and all that made the difference was listening to people, and having an open mind and an open heart. I was passionate to ensure a more inclusive society. This summit left me knowing there's so much more to be done, but either way.. i want us to enjoy the moment and appreciate the people and this life around us..

The summit was so funnn!! And so, thank you to everyone for their energy :)) The organisers did an amazing job



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delanelim "Disability is the inability to see ability ... and the greatest disability is our inability to accept and respect differences." Today is International Day of Persons with Disabilities, a day aims to increase the understanding of the issues around disabilities and attention to the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. Glad to be the speaker at the Special Olympic Asia Pacific Social Impact

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kane_aricayos So thankful to be invited to Singapore as a special Olympics Guam unified leader. Thankful for the fun times and the opportunity that I had. #youthforinclusion

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kiana.jade23 proud of you dude

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jac.kgreen Aww miss u too bro

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_gracie_lacie_ Thank you for an amazing week! It is really nice



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– Youth Leader

I learnt and heard different insights from people coming from different perspectives. Consistency, courage, friendship, commitment and passion are the feelings and keywords that struck me.

– Youth Leader

The SOAP Youth Summit was a huge eye opener for Team SOPNG.. The amazing experience of all was meeting and hearing from the Human Libraries, in the likes of Ben Haack, Brian, Kaitlyn, Lynn Tan, Hasseeb and many more. You all are living Heroes! Your stories are our Hope. We had an amazing time.

Bringing with us are lots of fond memories.

#Youthforinclusion leading the #InclusionRevolution

- Jenny Sike, Mentor, SO Papua New Guinea

Thank you so much for these past 3 days! So well-planned and thought through. Super educational and eye-opening experience! <3 :)!

– Youth Leader

THANK YOU



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Thank you to the following individuals for being part of the inaugural SOAP Regional Youth Leadership Summit, Youth For Inclusion 2019!

Guest Speakers and Partners

- Aaron Tsai, Empire Code
- Bridgit O'Donovan, Facebook APAC
- Chris Morris, Asian Development Bank
- Delane Lim, Character & Leadership Academy Limited
- Esther Ng, Coalition Against Bullying for Children & Youth (CABCY), Singapore
- Felicia Chua, Empire Code
- Grace Clapham, Facebook APAC
- Haseeb Abbasi, Sargent Shriver International Global Messenger (SSIGM) 2019-2023
- Jasmine Wong, KPopX Fitness
- Kaitlyn Hamrick, Special Olympics International
- Lionel Paul Dorai, FutuReady Asia Singapore
- Maria Hycinth Umaran, Plan International in Asia
- Melissa Lim, Facebook APAC
- Poh Yok Chia, Coalition Against Bullying for Children & Youth (CABCY), Singapore
- Trang Quynh, Facebook APAC
- Wei Ker-Chiah (Dr.), Institute of Mental Health, Singapore
- William Lucht, Asian Development Bank

Panel of Judges for Final Project Presentations

- Adrian Gonzalez, CEO, Kantar North Asia, South East Asia, Pacific
- Ben Haack, Board Member, Special Olympics International
- Chris Morris, Head, NGO and Civil Society Center, Asian Development Bank
- Kaitlyn Hamrick, Special Olympics International
- Raj Kamal, Manager, Applications, Facebook APAC
- Sacha Eugster, Director, Credit Suisse
- Wei Ker-Chiah (Dr.), Senior Consultant and Chief, West Region, Institute of Mental Health, SG

Webinar Speakers

- Ben Haack, Board Member, Special Olympics International
- Carmelo (Dacki) Sebastian Sandiego, Youth Input Council Member, Special Olympics Asia Pacific
- Elaine Chia, Director, Good Pathways Singapore
- Grant Javier, Executive Director, Project Inclusion Network Inc.
- Wei-Ker Chiah (Dr.), Senior Consultant and Chief, West Region, Institute of Mental Health, Singapore

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