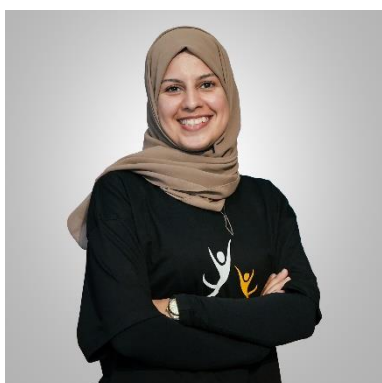


Human Rights of Youth: Working with and for Youth in Insecurity and Conflict - Implementation Phase

Youth Advisory Board

Hadil Abuzaid



Hadil Abuzaid is a 28-year-old young professional in the fields of youth empowerment and community advocacy based in Gaza, Palestine. As the youth program coordinator at the Social Developmental Forum, a Palestinian NGO that aims to promote young people's role as agents of change and development, she has been leading successful initiatives to boost the political and civic participation of Palestinian youth. Her expertise includes training, coaching, managing community-based projects, and launching and overseeing digital advocacy strategies. Leading a dedicated network of over 500 young leaders, Hadil plays a crucial role in driving social change and promoting youth-led development in Palestine.

Farida Ally



Farida Ally is a Kenyan education activist currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Development Studies and holds a Diploma in Social Work and Community Development. She is the founder of Elimu Care, a grassroots women-youth led organization championing educational development and gender rights, focusing on girls and women. Farida serves as a Kenya Youth Leader for the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) and is an alumna of the She Leads UN Cohort. As a Women7 advisor for 2024, she advocates for gender equality and women's rights within the G7 framework. Farida has delivered impactful speeches at platforms such as the UN Human Rights Council, Women Deliver Conference and Women 7 2024 summit.

Gift Chikere



Gift Chikere is a UNESCO Awardee, performance activist, and artist who uses poetry, music, and theatre to advocate for social justice. With seven years of experience in her craft, she is an ambassador of the Street Project Foundation (SPF). She facilitates youth engagement, social mobilization, and cross-cultural dialogue through creative arts. Her work highlights marginalized communities, peacebuilding, leadership, and gender issues, amplifying underrepresented voices. Gift leads community projects, believing in art's transformative power for societal change. She serves as the Mobilization Lead for the ARTvocacy Movement (Lagos State Chapter) and the Community Field Officer for the Freedom Fund's Project which addresses the exploitation of child domestic workers in Lagos, Nigeria in collaboration with SPF.

Maral Eisar



Maral Eisar is a 24-years-old human rights activist from Afghanistan who has been working at International Medical Corps (IMC) since November 2021. The main focus of her work is on providing psychosocial counselling and mental health services for women. In her academic background, she has successfully led and coached Afghanistan teams in Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition hosted by the US International Law Students Association and Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot hosted by the Commerce Law Development Program in the US. Maral is also a member of alumni network in Girls Toward Leadership organization. Currently, along with her employment with IMC, she is additionally coaching a Vis Moot team in Vis Alumni Network of Pakistan.

Max Genin



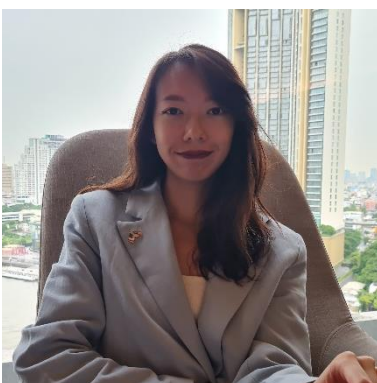
Max Genin is a Canadian youth advocate for human rights, social equity, and human development. He is the North American Lead in the United Nations's Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), Global Master's in Development Practice (MDP) Association and the MDP Representative at Harvard Extension School, where he is pursuing his Master's in Global Development. He empowers student practitioners globally to address global human rights challenges. Max has spearheaded federal research and social initiatives on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) implementation, social innovation, and drafting education policy. He founded Afflican to advance SDGs 8, 10, and 17, and led advocacy efforts at Good Neighbours Canada, a humanitarian organization. Max holds degrees from the LSE, the European Institute/CIFE, and Leeds Law.

Nicolas Joncour



Nicolas Joncour is a 24-year-old Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) user and a French non-speaking autistic student in sociology. Nicolas is interested in the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, especially Article 12 on legal capacity. For several years, he has been actively involved in associations advocating for the rights of persons with disabilities, including the French association Clé Autistes and the ENIL Youth Network. Nicolas spoke at numerous conferences on the rights of persons with disabilities and was the keynote speaker at the 14th Summer School of the Centre for Disability Law and Policy at the University of Galway in June 2023. He participated in several projects focused on human rights advocacy and human rights education for young people.

Constance Luk



Constance, the Founder of People's Health & Emotional Wellbeing (PHEW), passionately advocates for mental health through stress relief workshops and substance use awareness programs across Malaysia. Her contributions earned her the 2023 Phoenix Outstanding Award of the International Society of Substance Use Professionals. In 2023, she incorporated art therapy into a mural in Penang, the city's first mural dedicated to mental health awareness. Constance's achievements also include the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Academic Fellowship at Arizona State University, Rising Star recognition at Wedu Global, and Malaysian delegation at the Youth Camp for ASEAN in South Korea. Notably, she is currently the Chair and Co-Founder of the YSEALI Council of Malaysia.

Shukurgeldi Myradov



Shukurgeldi Myradov is a multilingual specialist from Turkmenistan with over five years of experience in youth empowerment, project management, and advocacy with organizations in Europe and Central Asia. Currently, Shukurgeldi is a Youth Engagement Consultant at the OSCE in Vienna, where he works with the OCEEA to design programs engaging Central Asian youth in energy transition processes. Previously, Shukurgeldi worked with UNODC as the Leader and Focal Point of the Regional Youth Network in Central Asia. Within a year, he developed 12 awareness-raising campaigns reaching over 8,000 individuals. Shukurgeldi is Youth Ambassador for the European Code Against Cancer, a member of UNESCO SDG4Youth Network, and WHO Youth4Health Network. He also founded the Ashgabat Volunteers League to promote youth development through volunteering.

Almien Noko Mokobodi



Almien Noko Mokobodi is the founder of Tutor Mentor Connect (Lingo Connect), a tutoring platform dedicated to overcoming language barriers by connecting students with tutors and mentors for language and academic subjects. She is an education activist and youth leader with the African Diplomatic Organisation (formerly AUYA), where she also serves as the Director of Education. Almien holds a Bachelor of Laws degree (LLB) from the University of Limpopo in South Africa. Her commitment to human rights is reflected in her advocacy for education. Inspired by Nelson Mandela's quote, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world," she tirelessly works to make a difference through education.

Luisa Romero



Luisa Romero is an engineer, peacebuilder, and activist with eight years of experience in the non-profit sector. She co-founded a youth-led organization that contributes to peacebuilding in Colombia by empowering communities most affected by the civil conflict, particularly youth and women. She was recognized by the Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative (2017), awarded for the best social initiative in Peacebuilding and Human Rights (2018) by RECON, and named a Young Peacebuilder with Dalai Lama by the U.S. Institute of Peace. She received the AFS Prize for Young Global Citizens (2019) and the Chevening Award, among others. Luisa is also the DDI - Digital Action Lab coordinator for Civicus, where she supports grassroots organizations in the Global South working for more inclusive societies.

Ishara Barhame Theophile



Ishara Barhame Theophile is a dedicated refugee from the Democratic Republic of the Congo residing in Nakivale Refugee Settlement, Uganda. As the founder and Executive Director of the Elite Humanitarian Service Team, Ishara works tirelessly to address the needs of refugees, focusing on social equity, advocacy, and empowering refugee youth. Driven by a passion for humanitarian service, Ishara collaborates with local and international partners to secure resources and opportunities for the refugee community. The Elite Humanitarian Service Team, under Ishara's guidance, has successfully implemented numerous projects that uplift and empower individuals in Nakivale. With a strong background in community engagement and a deep understanding of the challenges faced by refugees, Ishara continues to be a beacon of hope and resilience.

Sicelo Shange

Member of the first cohort of the Youth Advisory Board



Sicelo is a community developer and a founder of the non-profit organization EduPowerment Foundation. With a passion for youth rights, he is affiliated with various organizations, including UNFPA South Africa, Durban Global Shapers (a World Economic Forum initiative), and the South African Youth Parliament for Water. He is immensely passionate about education and capacity-building. According to Sicelo, “there is nothing as important as leaving a mark and changing the world as per your sphere of influence.” He champions and mobilizes resources for climate education and advocates for equality and positive responses to climate change. Sicelo is also a fellow of the BeVioneers Fellowship, an Activist Advisory Committee Member of the Love Alliance, and a 2024 Doha Debates Ambassador.