30 FOR 2030

A network of gender equality champions driving dialogue, action, and positive change.
ABOUT THE NETWORK

The 30 for 2030 initiative will put young people central to solution building, policy-making and sustainable change. The network will support young representatives to develop innovative gender equality solutions and engage with a broader range of stakeholders. Members will provide expertise on youth and gender issues, design innovative solutions and campaigns, encourage the mobilization of young people and facilitate the dissemination of information to networks and organizations around the region.
ROLE OF THE NETWORK

- INSPIRE
- MOBILIZE
- CONNECT
- TRANSFORM
FIELDS OF EXPERTISE AND AREAS OF WORK
MEET THE MEMBERS
2022-2023
WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY
Heela Yoon is the Founder of Afghan Youth Ambassadors for Peace Organization (AYAPO) a grassroots NGO working in Afghanistan focusing on Local Peacebuilding. She has more than five years of experience working with humanitarian and human rights organisations including Amnesty International and Oxfam Great Britain. She has worked with the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders as a peace fellow focusing on localising UNSCR 1325 and 2250 in Myanmar, Bangladesh, and The Philippines. She is currently the Afghan Coordinator for International Parliamentary Network for Education.

Kirthi Jayakumar is a feminist researcher working in the areas of Women, Peace, and Security, Transitional Justice, and Feminist Foreign Policy. She founded and runs The Gender Security Project, which works on the WPS Agenda and Feminist Foreign Policy through research, reportage, and documentation. Kirthi set up the CRSV Observatory, which documents conflict-related, systemic, and mass sexual violence across time and space. She is an advisor to the Women7 (W7) under the German Presidency of the G7. She formerly coded an app for survivors of gender-based violence called Saahas, which works as a web and mobile app, and has trained over 7,000 individuals in bystander intervention, over 20,000 children and 1,000 teachers on child sexual abuse prevention and response.
Karishma Ali is a football and social entrepreneur from Chitral, Pakistan. In 2016, she represented Pakistan in the International Jubilee games and in the AFL International cup Melbourne. Ali has dedicated her life to breaking barriers for women in sports and ensuring that girls in her hometown of Chitral have more opportunities to play sports. Karishma established Chitral Women’s Sports Club in 2018, a pioneer organization dedicated to providing a safe environment for Chitrali girls to participate in sports. Her organization currently has 215 registered members participating in various sports activities. In 2019 she was listed in Forbes Asia 30 under 30. During the same year, Karishma was also selected as a member of the Pakistan National Youth Council. On 23rd March 2022, she was nominated for the Pride of Pakistan enclosure which included people who excelled in their respective fields.
JANNATUL MOUWA | 30, BANGLADESH

Jannatul Mouwa is a youth climate activist. She was born in Satkhira which is one of the most climate vulnerable districts in Bangladesh. Jannatul started a movement, Sunday for women’s Climate Justice, in 2019, and founded a youth Feminist Organization named BINDU Women Development Organization. Jannatul plants trees every year to support the ecosystem and encourages youth groups to do the same. She is passionate about working for emergency support in natural disasters in Satkhira. In 2007, devastating Sidr hit the coastal area and she formed a youth emergency response groups for disaster preparedness and rescue. Her youth team have played a vital role in every local disaster for over 14 years now. She is working on gender-friendly disaster response in her community and has encouraged others to join in the fight towards gender equality.

NAMGAY CHODEN | 26, BHUTAN

Namgay is a foreign service officer and the founder of Wisely Bt, a free online service to help Bhutanese young professionals create bespoke resumes and CVs. She is also a Global Shaper and Climate Reality Leader. Through her voluntary project, the “Bhutan Climate Futures Lab” Namgay is engaging over 400 youth to help them shape narratives and meaningfully participate in decision-making through climate and policy literacy. She is currently on a special assignment at the Desuung Skilling Programme, a national initiative to re-skill and up-skill over 20,000 individuals by 2040.
NALA AMIRAH | 17, INDONESIA

Nala Amirah is a 17-year old Indonesian youth climate activist who aspires to create meaningful and prosperous change in the climate movement and food systems. She also champions climate education and women empowerment within her climate work and has founded Green Welfare Indonesia, Indonesia’s first youth led non-profit organization that primarily strives for environmental and social sustainability through advocating against unethical livestock farming & unsustainable agriculture with plant-based approaches. Green Welfare Indonesia has also introduced the world’s first waqf hydroponics concept.

JOLLY NGUYEN | 31, VIET NAM

Jolly Nguyen is an entrepreneur, founder, youth activator, volunteer and a mentor. Jolly has earned a Master’s degree in International Development Studies, with a focus on ASEAN regional sustainable development, and has worked on social impact initiatives for nine years. She founded EVOL Vietnam, a social enterprise combining her passion on youth empowerment and sustainable environment, with a special focus on reducing plastic waste in the ocean. Jolly also serves as a mentor for a variety of initiatives that support and empower young women for worthy causes.
LOUISE D.G. MABULO | 23, PHILIPPINES

Louise Mabulo is a chef, farmer, and entrepreneur. She is the Founder of The Cacao Project, which cultivates resilient and Climate-smart livelihoods, positioning farmers for sustainable success in San Fernando, Camarines Sur, Philippines. Mabulo is a National Geographic Young Explorer, Young Champion of the Earth under UNEP, Forbes Asia’s ‘30 Under 30’ honouree, Young Activist Summit Laureate, and a member of Tatler’s ‘Generation T’. She has hosted the online series, ‘#GenGeo Conversations’ and hosted the online cooking show ‘Simply Sarap’ under the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs.

OTHER AREAS OF EXPERTISE
+ Agenda 2030 and the SDGs

MELATI WIJSEN | 21, INDONESIA

Melati is a 21-year-old full time changemaker. She founded Bye Bye Plastic Bags at the age of 12 to make Bali plastic bag free. Since then, Melati has spoken on world stages such as TED & the UN, recently co-chaired the World Economic Forum GPAP committee, sat on the inaugural Expert Advisory Panel for the Earthshot Prize, & has had her film, Bigger Than Us, premiere at the 74th Cannes Film Festival 2021. Today, Melati launched her new company, YOUTHTOPIA, focusing on youth empowerment through short, meaningful peer-to-peer programs to provide youth the tools they need to be changemakers.

OTHER AREAS OF EXPERTISE
+ Based in
Ridhima is a 14-year-old Climate Activist based in Uttarakhand, India. She started her activism after witnessing the Kedarnath flash flood that occurred in her home state in 2013. She remembers visuals of people crying because they had lost their family members and kids crying because they had lost their parents and homes. After struggling for months, she decided to do something to stop the flash floods and that’s how she learned about global warming and climate change. She found climate change interesting, wanted to expand her knowledge, and gradually found out about the exploitation of the environment and biodiversity that was destroying her future.
Marinel is currently undertaking a Masters in Environmental Management at Duke University. She has served as the Philippines Country Coordinator for UN COY16 Glasgow while co-leading the implementation of the Local Conference of Youth 2021. Marinel has been active in educating communities, especially the youth and children about climate change and the roles they can take to adapt and mitigate to its effects. She spoke to world leaders on behalf of Filipinos in international climate conferences. She is a petitioner of the National Inquiry on Climate Change. Her global campaign with Amnesty International calling on the Philippines Government to ensure relocation of Super-Typhoon Haiyan survivors generated 528,070 actions around the world.

Grace, a junior at the Thai-Chinese International School, is a strong advocate for youth empowerment and climate action. She was selected as a Thai Red Cross Youth representative in the Southeast Asia Youth Network and a Thai delegate to the United Nation’s Youth4Climate event. She advocates for climate action by presenting to ASEAN ministers, ambassadors, the Parliament, and the public. Grace is the founder of PeACEbyYouths, a youth network advocating against violence and conflict in Thai society. She values dedication & hard work and believes that youth can bring transformative change.
ANGELA ZHONG | 19, CHINA

Angela Zhong is a first-generation Asian-American Harvard student hailing from Houston, Texas. She is a sophomore studying economics with a secondary in environmental science public policy. Though she is currently on a gap year, she previously served as her school’s Undergraduate Council Executive Cabinet and researched the intersections between gender representation and peacebuilding under a UN SDG Advocate. She also serves as a team lead on the Harvard College Consulting Group’s plant-based meat substitute case, the Council of Student Sustainability Leaders, the Presidential Committee on Sustainability Scope 3 Emissions Group, and the student-faculty Dining Services Council. Additionally, Angela was an ambassador on the USA Debate Development Team and hopes to centre marginalized voices through a career in international public service. Angela has represented youth at the US Institute of Peace Conference, the Rotary World Peace Conference, the ECOSOC Youth Conference, the World Food Programme Presentations, and the Conference of Youth (UKCOY16) prior to COP26.

Additional areas of interest:
+ Human Trafficking
GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE
RIJVE AREFIN | 28, BANGLADESH

Rijve Arefin is a multi-award-winning community development practitioner and a dedicated youth activist. He has been named a Forbes 30 Under 30 and highlighted as the Featured Honoree for Social Impact. He also received The Diana Award - the most prestigious accolade a young person can receive for their humanitarian work, continuing Princess Diana’s legacy. He is the co-founder and co-chair of the global youth organization, Awareness 360, which has directly benefited more than 1.1 million individuals worldwide under his leadership.

Additional areas of interest:
+ Agenda 2030 and the SDGs
+ Preventing Violent Extremism
RURAL WOMEN
Dr. Elise Stephenson is a researcher and entrepreneur in diplomacy, national security, government, politics, climate justice, and gender and sexuality. Elise has travelled over 75,000kms by road across rural and remote Australia connecting with communities around gender equality, the environment, and leadership, plus working across Southeast Asia on youth empowerment, entrepreneurship, and political engagement. Elise’s work focuses on intervening at critical junctures to ensure equality, justice, and regeneration in international affairs. Elise is a research fellow at the Global Institute for Women’s Leadership and is the Gender, Space and National Security Fellow at the National Security College, ANU. She is recognized by Google as one of Australia’s Top 50 Outstanding LGBTIQ+ Leaders and is a 2022 Fulbright Scholar.
ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND RIGHTS
ZAHRA AL HILALY | 22, AUSTRALIA

Zahra is a first-generation Australian from Palestine and Iraq. As a freelance journalist, Zahra believes story-telling will change the world. She is the co-chair of the Western Australia Youth Government Council, a MYAN and YWCA National Ambassador and acts as a Board Director for Missing Perspectives. She was the youth core-group representative for the Generation Equality Forum, part of the team that helped pledge 4.1 billion for gender equality. In 2021 she was the inaugural Under 25's Asian-Australian of the Year, and in 2022 she was named the Multicultural Young Person of the Year.

Additional areas of interest:
+ Refugees
+ Migrant Space
+ Women's Political Empowerment

PRIYAL KENI | 28, INDIA

An International Rifle Shooter, Chartered Accountant and Social Entrepreneur, Priyal has been a strong advocate of Sport for Sustainability and Women Empowerment. After winning over a hundred medals and representing India for 7 years as a member of the Indian rifle shooting team, she set out on a transformative journey to start her own social enterprise, through which she has impacted thousands of underprivileged children over the last 4 years. A 5-time TEDx speaker, Priyal is one of the Generation Equality Allies selected by UN Women India and also one of the top content creators on LinkedIn who is a part of their maiden creator accelerator program through which she is supporting women-owned small businesses in India.

Additional areas of interest:
+ Agenda for 2030 and the SDGs
+ Sport

Other areas of expertise:
+ Refugees
+ Migrant Space
+ Women's Political Empowerment

Based in:

ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND RIGHTS

30 FOR 2030
SANJANA CHHANTYAL  |  28, NEPAL

Sanjana is a Fulbright Scholar and MBA graduate from Emory University. Language barrier hindered Nepali-speaking refugees from receiving healthcare services so, she volunteered as translator for a community health centre in the US for over 2 years. She has translated CDC guidelines on COVID-19 to combat misinformation & connected refugee families to financial resources. Previously, she was Financial Analyst for a multinational firm in US. She also worked on consulting projects for non-profit founded by women entrepreneurs to support refugee and marginalized farmers. Last year, she was a finalist among entrepreneurs from Nepal and Bhutan in Entrepreneurship World Cup competition. She is currently working in Private Equity to create an inclusive and impactful entrepreneurial ecosystem. During her MBA, as the President of a social service club, she organized case competitions among local high school students. She was also elected as Vice President of student-body government and received 3 Goizueta core value awards as well as the Global Multicultural Leader Award.

Based in

DEA AMIRA  |  27, INDONESIA

Dea Amira is the CEO & Co-Founder of Rentique, Indonesia’s #1 fashion rental and resale app. Her passion towards empowering women and sustainability led her to create Rentique with a mission to Revolutionize Indonesia’s Fashion Industry. She’s an honoree of Forbes 30 under 30 Indonesia 2022 & an author of Indonesia’s best selling book #MillennialInvestor.
ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND RIGHTS

EMMANUEL PONON | 21, PHILIPPINES

Mirus Ponon is a youth advocate who started volunteering at 9. He is the founder of the ASEAN Youth Advocates Network for the Southeast Asian youth to be engaged citizens. He has been invited to speak more than 500 times globally, including with the United Nations. He has been acknowledged as a 25 Under 25 Legacy Awardee, Young Global Changemakers Awardee, Global Teen Leader, and Outstanding Jose Rizal Model Student. Outside his organization, he also serves in the World Wide Fund (WWF) for Nature Philippines, the Manila Youth Development Council, the National Youth Commission, and continues to volunteer and mentor young individuals.

BRIDGET WILLIAMS | 29, NEW ZEALAND

In 2019, Bridget took off her High Court gown and put on a necklace. Thus, Bead and Proceed was born. Bead and Proceed is a social enterprise, which inspires thousands to harness the power of creativity to action the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals, making Bridget a recognised SDGs expert across New Zealand and beyond. As one of the youngest female elected chairs for her local community board, she is a voice for young women and advocates for active citizenship. Bridget is a member of Global Women, Asia New Zealand Foundation Leadership Network, and a World Economic Forum Global Shaper.

Additional areas of interest:
+ Agenda 2030 and the SDGs
+ Organisational change
+ Creativity

Other areas of expertise
Based in

Additional areas of interest:
+ Agenda 2030 and the SDGs

Other areas of expertise
Based in
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
Alina started Mitti Cafe at the age of 23 with the dream of showing the world the magic of abilities. Mitti Cafés provides experiential training and employment to adults with physical, intellectual and psychiatric disabilities. The organisation’s outreach initiative helps create awareness about inclusion and disability rights. Alina is a Tedx speaker, has been featured in the Forbes list of 30 under 30 Asia, and is a Commonwealth Youth Awardee. She has received the Niti Aayog-Women Transforming India Award, Hellen Keller Award, United Nations Intercultural Innovation Award, Karnataka Women Achievers Award, Times of India-She Unlimited Award, Rotary Exemplar Award, Microsoft Nipman Award, Tiecon Young female Entrepreneur of the Year Award, amongst others.
TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION
As a Chinese feminist, Hanlu has advocated for gender equality at international and local levels. Hanlu holds a Bachelor’s degree in Economics, a Juris Master from China, and a Master’s degree in gender and international affairs from the Geneva Graduate Institute (IHEID). Her internships at UNIDO and UNICEF focused on women’s entrepreneurship, gender-aware advertising in China, and gender-related CSR in the global South. Currently, Hanlu is a Media Monitoring Consultant for ILGA World. She is also a youth envoy for EQUALS-EU, promoting digital gender equity through community reach in Europe.

Dhwani Rupali Vani is a young space scientist and researcher who aspires to be the “Space Girl of India” and represent females in the field of STEM & space science. She has presented some of her research to NASA & CERN. For her dedication and drive, she was awarded the Child Prodigy, Young Scientist, and Rising Leader Award. At 15 & 16, she earned her diploma in Cosmology and Astronomy. She believes herself to be a freethinker and is always eager to obtain knowledge. Her belief is that the youth is an integral part of society, and plays an essential role in contributing to pillars of the future.
MADHAV DATT  |  25, INDIA

Madhav Datt’s work pioneers low-cost technology and data driven solutions to help local communities in environmental crises across the world. Madhav founded Green the Gene as a small environmental club in his school when he was 8 years old. Since then, Green the Gene has become one of the world’s largest completely youth-led environmental non-profits, with projects in 62 countries. Madhav co-founded Nostos Homes, a non-profit building homes for forcibly displaced people. Madhav was named to the Forbes 30 Under 30 list in 2021, and is a 2019 Diana Legacy Award Recipient.

NET SUPATRAVANIJ  |  28, THAILAND

Net Supatravanij is the Co-founder of ila. She is passionate about using innovative business models to tackle gender inequalities. With ila’s app ALLY, she envisions a smarter, safer world for women. She started off her career in marketing and behaviour change at Ogilvy & Mather Singapore before realizing that she wanted to use her skills for social impact. Net is the winner of the UN Women Youth Leadership award for Thailand 2021, recipient of Thailand’s Department of Women’s Affairs Outstanding Woman of the Year 2022 and currently sits on the advisory board of B Corp’s B Lab UK. She graduated with her BSc from New York University and received her MSc from The London school of Economics.
Sam Tamayo is passionate about technology, social innovation, and nation-building. In 2018, she started Project SMILE - a youth-led non-profit organization whose main advocacy is to uplift the lives of neglected and underprivileged Filipinos - one act of kindness at a time. Under her leadership, Project SMILE has recruited more than 600 ambassadors, members, and volunteers, has received local and international recognition from prestigious organizations, and most importantly, has impacted the lives of over 40,000 Filipinos-in-need.
SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS
Dr. Preeti Shakya is a physician, writer, feminist activist and social impact entrepreneur from Nepal. She is passionate about bringing the underserved communities closer to health equity and addressing health disparities at the intersections of entrepreneurship, advocacy and community engaged programmatic health equity initiatives. She is the Founder and CEO of Maatri Nepal; a non-profit working to advance maternal health by preventing maternal deaths owing to post-partum haemorrhage in Nepal. She also founded Project In Her Hands—a volunteer initiative to combat menstrual stigma and promote menstrual equity in Nepal. Preeti is the recipient of the D-Prize Award 2021. She was also awarded the Student Projects for Health Award for Project In Her Hands in 2018.

Ayesha is the Founder of ‘Baithak - Challenging Taboos’- a non-profit organization that works for women’s access to their sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in Pakistan. She has 10 years of experience in leading social impact initiatives especially in the fields of women empowerment and gender justice. Ayesha has educated over 2400 girls and women in menstrual hygiene management. Her most recent project is called ‘Gul’, and is an AI powered voice chatbot to educate young men and women about their SRHR in local languages using WhatsApp.
FEMINIST MOVEMENTS AND LEADERSHIP
VANDITA MORARKA | 28, INDIA

Vandita Morarka is a human rights lawyer, feminist researcher and organiser. They are the Founder and CEO of One Future Collective - their work here develops feminist leadership capacities for social change while supplementing efforts through knowledge co-creation, re-imagining advocacy and feminist justice efforts. Vandita is a fellow with Acumen, Change.org, Swedish Institute, WEL - Qatar Foundation, a Global Shaper at the World Economic Forum, and serves on the board of CIVICUS. Their work has reached over 2 million people.

Additional areas of interest:
+ Law and Public Policy
+ Mental Health

Other areas of expertise

HAFSAH MUHEED | 26, SRI LANKA

Hafsa is an intersectional feminist, human rights advocate & sustainability practitioner with 7+ years of grassroots experience on gender, wellbeing, climate change, peacebuilding and human rights. She serves on the Board of Sri Lanka Unites, a member of the Members Advisory Group of CIVICUS; Secretary for the Adolescent & Youth Constituency, and member of the Global Steering Committee at PMNCH & as the Vice Curator of the Global Shapers Hub Colombo 2022/23 at the World Economic Forum. Hafsa founded Amplifying Impact, a feminist organization that focuses on being inclusive by being accessible. She was recognized as a Women Deliver Young Leader and represented Sri Lanka at YOUNGA 2020.
Lauralyn is a Filipina third-culture individual, sex-positive intersectional feminist, and #GenerationEquality advocate. She currently works as a Sales & Marketing Manager for an EdTech company in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Lauralyn has volunteered her time to several initiatives organised by the UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific – and their partners. The most recent endeavour was the 16 Days of Activism Campaign in 2021. Lauralyn is particularly interested in the intersection of human rights (especially women’s rights, LGBTIQ+ rights & sexual and reproductive health and rights), gender-based violence, health & wellbeing (including financial health), and the power of mass communication.
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