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2018 AT A GLANCE



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Youth Voices Count is a regional network of young lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer in Asia-Pacific. For 2018, Youth Voices Count has continued our mission to forward the rights of young sexual and gender minorities from across the region. We engage ourselves in regional initiatives and dialogues to ensure that our voices are heard in these spaces.

At present, Youth Voices Count has expanded our organizational structure by creating an Executive Board consisting of Doan Thanh Tung (Vietnam), Brian Par (Philippines), Abhi Muchtar (Indonesia) and Kami Sid (Pakistan). We have also created the Core-Working Group (CWG) that includes young people of various sexual and gender identities and serve as an advisory board to Youth Voices Count's Secretariat. The CWG includes Mandy Chng (Singapore), Rukshana Kapali (Nepal), Sarker Tringsharaj Rishi (Bangladesh), Shinwook Mangjul (South Korea), Jan Gabriel Castaneda (Philippines) and Amasai Jeke (Fiji).

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Enroute to "Adulthood": Forming gender identities, socialization and HIV vulnerabilities of adolescents

MARCH 26-27 / BANGKOK, THAILAND



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MARCH

YVC welcomes Doan Thanh Tung as Core Working Group Chairperson and Justin Francis Bionat as Project Officer



DOAN THANH TUNG



JUSTIN FRANCIS BIONAT

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APRIL

YVC releases IDAHOT Campaign - #UnityForYouth with the participation of our members, partners, and allies



#UnityforYouth



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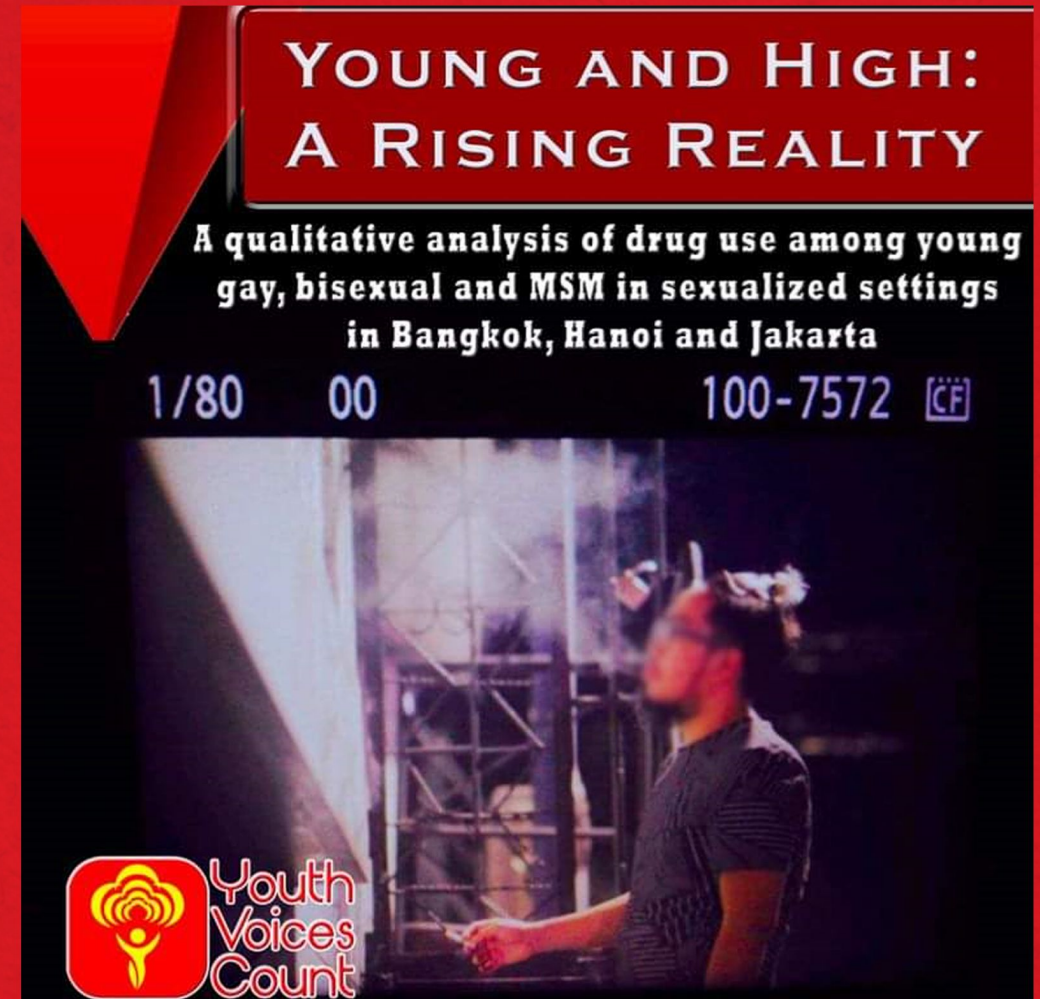


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MAY

YVC releases new discussion paper “Young and High”

EXPLORES THE EMERGING REALITY OF DRUG USE BY YOUNG
GAY, BISEXUAL MEN AND OTHER YOUNG MEN WHO HAVE SEX
WITH MEN IN SEXUALIZED SETTINGS



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JUNE

To commemorate the Pride Month, YVC releases #ShoutOutLoud: a collection of Pride Month stories

STORIES FROM YOUNG LGBTQ+ PEOPLE IN THE ASIA &
THE PACIFIC REGION ON THEIR PERCEPTION OF PRIDE



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JUNE

YVC joins the 22nd International AIDS Conference

JULY 22-27 / AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS



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JULY

YVC's Regional Coordinator Niluka Perera joins the Rainbow Advocacy Program (RAP) 2018 of the Rainbow Academy and RFSL

13-MONTH LONG TRAINING AND MENTORING FOR
LGBTIQ+ ACTIVISTS FROM THE GLOBAL SOUTH AND EAST



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SEPTEMBER

YVC joins the Regional Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on Comprehensive Sexuality Education *by ARROW and UNESCO*

SEPTEMBER 6-7 / BANGKOK, THAILAND



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SEPTEMBER

*YVC joins the ILGA training on utilizing UN mechanisms to
promote human rights for LGBTI community
in South and Southeast Asia*



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NOVEMBER

YVC to join in teaching the IATT E-course for Young Key Populations on PrEP and PeP

Call for Application

Apply by : Oct 10, 2018

Services for YKPs



PrEP and PEP

SRHR

YKPs and Data



Human Rights

Communications
CSE



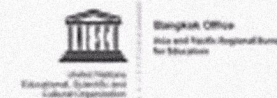
More Details
www.iatt-ykp.org



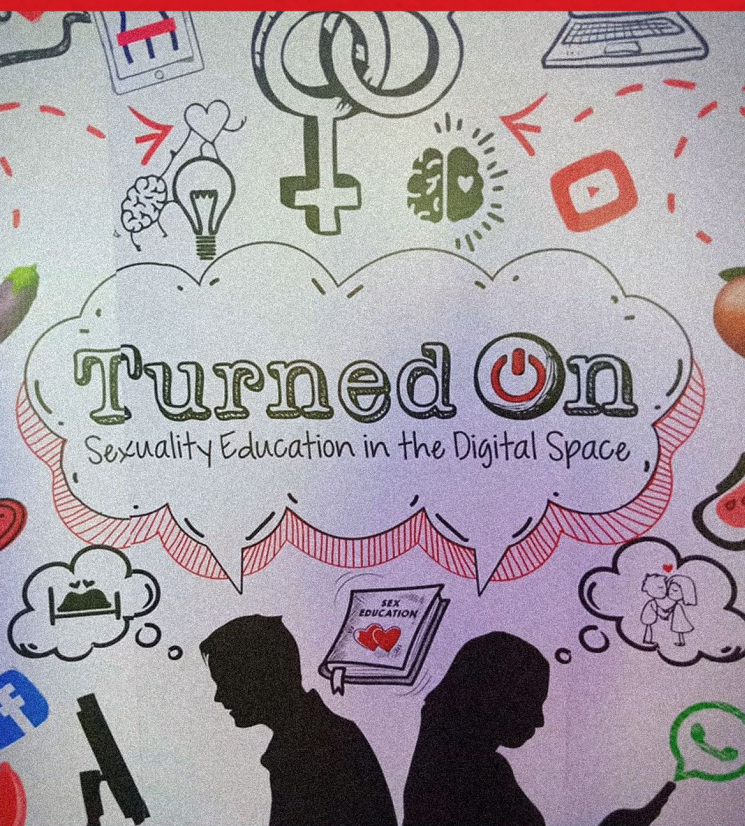
First IATT E-Course on SRHR & Young Key Populations

October- December, 2018

Jointly Organised by :



YVC joins Turned On: Sexuality Education in Digital Space organized by Youth Lead, UNESCO, UNFAP, UNICEF, and Love Frankie



*YVC's Project Officer Justin Francis Bionat awarded
Young Achiever HERO Award by APCOM*



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DECEMBER

YVC welcomes new Board and Core Working Group to start the new year



DOAN THANH TUNG
VIETNAM
BOARD CHAIRPERSON



ABHI MUCHTAR
INDONESIA
BOARD MEMBER



JUSTIN FRANCIS BIONAT
PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL COORDINATOR



BRIAN PAR
PHILIPPINES
BOARD MEMBER



KAMI SID
PAKISTAN
BOARD MEMBER

**EXECUTIVE BOARD AND SECRETARIAT OF
YOUTH VOICES COUNT**





AMASAI JEKE
FIJI, PACIFIC REPRESENTATIVE
CORE WORKING GROUP MEMBER

Amasai is a transgender activist from the Pacific Region. She is currently the project officer of Rainbow Pride Foundation (RPF). She has spoken in high level political forums on LGBT, youth and climate action issues. She advocates for the sexual and reproductive health and rights of Transwomen from the Pacific Islands. She has been a panelist in international gatherings discussing youth issues. She is very passionate about human rights and gender equality in all work that she does. She believes that her knowledge and experience is powerless if it is not shared to others.



JAN GABRIEL CASTAÑEDA
PHILIPPINES, ASEAN REPRESENTATIVE
CORE WORKING GROUP MEMBER

Jan is passionate about seeing through the potential contributions of psychological sciences and human rights advocacy in LGBT people's lives. He is currently Program Associate of ASEAN SOGIE Caucus and is a member of the LGBT Psychology Special Interest Group of the Psychological Association of the Philippines. He has written for various platforms and publications on a diverse range of topics from gender and sexuality to human rights experiences in different contexts. Jan's desire is to engage in productive and meaningful work that bridges



RUKSHANA KAPALI
NEPAL, TRANSGENDER REPRESENTATIVE
CORE WORKING GROUP MEMBER

Rukshana is a staunch transgender activist and blogger from Nepal. She is a Community Field Supervisor of Blue Diamond Society and the Focal Point Person of Youth LEAD in Nepal. Apart from her years of activism for LGBT rights and HIV awareness, she has been involved in a number of activism initiatives for indigenous people's rights in the Nepa Valley, Nepal. She is TEDx speaker who has had years of experiences working for the rights and welfare of young transgender individuals. She has been a panelist during international gatherings talking about transgender





SARKER TRINGSHARAJ RISHI
BANGLADESH, TRANSGENDER REPRESENTATIVE
CORE WORKING GROUP MEMBER

Rishi is a transgender activist living in Dhaka, Bangladesh. He is working as the project officer of the "Legal Gender Recognition" initiative of the National Human Rights Commission of Bangladesh. He is the coordinator of *Resilient*, an organization of transgender men in Bangladesh. He is also a member of Bandhu Social Welfare Society. Rishi's goal is to work for the members of his community so that they will be aware of their rights. Rishi is very passionate about the rights of





SHINWOOK MANGJUL (BLAINE)
SOUTH KOREA, EAST ASIA REPRESENTATIVE
CORE WORKING GROUP MEMBER

Blaine is a proud transgender man living in South Korea. He is currently the leader of FOCUS, which is Incheon National University's LGBT+ club. This organization was rejected by the university but with Blaine's efforts to negotiate and create meaningful connections with the university administration, the organization was eventually made an official organization of the university. Blaine also serves as the finance officer of OUV, a union of LGBT+ students in South



TASHI TSHETEN
BHUTAN, SOUTH ASIA REPRESENTATIVE
CORE WORKING GROUP MEMBER

Tashi hails from Thimphu, Bhutan. He volunteers as country officer of the South Asian Human Rights Association (SAHRA) Bhutan and the current Director of Rainbow Bhutan. "Celebrating Diversity", a network of LGBT+ community members in Bhutan formed in 2015. By profession, Tashi work for the National Referral Hospital located in Thimphu, Bhutan. Tashi has been engage in human rights mechanism



MANDY CHNG
SINGAPORE, LBQ REPRESENTATIVE
CORE WORKING GROUP MEMBER

Mandy is a queer feminist from Singapore. She is currently the Programs and Events Coordinator for Sayoni, an organization based in Singapore that works to empower queer women, including lesbian, bisexual and transgender women. Since 2009, she has been engaged in local LGBTIQ activism and advocacy through volunteering for Young Out Here, a queer youth support group, and the Inter-Unit LGBT Network. She holds a Master of Arts in Gender, Media and Culture



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