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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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Justin Francis Castro Bionat
Regional Coordinator, Youth Voices Count
Enroute to “Adulthood”: Forming gender identities, socialization and HIV vulnerabilities of adolescents

March 26-27 / Bangkok, Thailand

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2018 at a glance
YVC welcomes Doan Thanh Tung as Core Working Group Chairperson and Justin Francis Bionat as Project Officer
YVC releases IDAHOT Campaign - #UnityForYouth with the participation of our members, partners, and allies

"This IDAHOT I call upon stakeholders and allies to recognise the great work youth LGBTQI organisations are doing at the global, regional, national and at the grass-roots community. Together we can STOP intersecting forms of discrimination and stigma."

- Amasai Jeke

Suva, Fiji | Rainbow Pride Foundation

LGBT teens are more prone to suicide as a result of rejection and discrimination they received from the society. This IDAHOT call upon mental health professionals and community-based support groups to humanize gender and sexual minority clients and patients, to reduce prejudice, and to prevent discrimination in mental health standards.

- Firmansyah Sarira

Jakarta, Indonesia | Support Group & Resource Center on Sexuality Studies

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR VOICE DURING OUR IDAHOT 2018 CAMPAIGN!

Let us continue to unite for the youth in solidarity, as we create a world of acceptance, love and equality!

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2018 AT A GLANCE

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

Young and High: A Rising Reality

A qualitative analysis of drug use among young gay, bisexual and MSM in sexualized settings in Bangkok, Hanoi and Jakarta

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JUNE

2018 AT A GLANCE
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.
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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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.
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

First IATT E-Course on SRHR & Young Key Populations
October - December, 2018

Jointly Organised by:

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2018 AT A GLANCE
NOVEMBER
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
YVC welcomes new Board and Core Working Group to start the new year

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DECEMBER
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