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Attached are copies of the invitation and details for reference.

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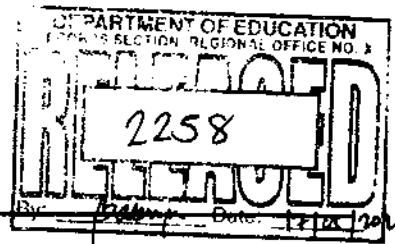
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For information.

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May 13, 2018

Dr. Arturo B. Bayocot, CESO V
Regional Director
Masterson Avenue, Upper Balulang, Zone 1,
Cagayan de Oro City

Dear Dr. Bayocot,

Pagkamarinawun!

In our effort to provide young peacebuilders and peace education advocates the necessary tools for peace formation, we are currently doing a call for applications for a free short course on the intersection of youth, peacebuilding, and sustainability. The short course is designed by the Seeds for Mindanao Advocacy and Youth Leadership (SMAYL), with support from the U.S. Mission to ASEAN and Cultural Vista. SMAYL is one of the recipients of the 2021 Seeds for the Future Award, competing with over 600 applicants from across Southeast Asia.

The short course is built around the global recognition of youth's integral role in peacebuilding, as manifested in the passage of United Nation's Resolution 2250 (in 2015) and 2535 (in 2020). But while young peacebuilders have captured the spotlight among peacebuilding practitioners, funders, and scholars internationally, there is prevalent unsustainability among youth peacebuilding initiatives, thus the need to develop a locally grown support system for young peacebuilders. Such a 'local turn' in peacebuilding empowers the locals and is also linked to peacebuilding sustainability.

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Apropos, I am writing to request your good office to be our partner in implementing this extension project. Specifically, we would be glad to partner with your office in terms of dissemination this opportunity to your constituents. A book is currently being developed for this project.

Shall you have queries, please feel free to contact us through email at prime.tivo@gmail.com or at 0927-571-5169.

We look forward for your favourable action to this request. Thank you very much!

Very respectfully yours,

DR. PRIMITIVO III C. RAGANDANG
Project Proponent



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YOUTH, PEACEBUILDING, AND SUSTAINABILITY: FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE

a short course designed for Young Peacebuilders

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A yearly theme will serve as the short course's anchor. This year's theme is "Ask Minda Now: introducing Mindanao to Mindanaoans and beyond."

For 2021, the Seeds for Mindanao's Advocacy on Youth Leadership (SMAYL) runs a FREE inaugural short course! Thanks to the generous funding from the U.S. State Department's Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Seeds for the Future grants. The first cohort of 30 youth participants and ten youth-supporting organizations from across the Philippines will be selected.

Course objectives:

This 54-hour short course is coupled with an online learning hub. It generally aims to provide regular support, feedbacking, and eventually establish a network of young peacebuilders in the region. The program offers young peacebuilders a hybridized short course geared towards developing an action agenda on the intersection of youth, peace, and sustainability. Specifically, the short course aims to:

1. Learn the story of Mindanao's peace, conflict, and youth engagement by completing a short course;
2. Develop an action agenda with your short course's classmates;
3. Respond to the community's problem by implementing an Action Agenda.

Duration:

Total of 54 hours, including a 15-hour practicum. Thirteen (13) sessions are divided into four modules (90 minutes per session). Outside the sessions, additional time is expected from the teams to comply with the Weekly Challenge.

Schedule:

July 2, 2021 to July 31, 2021 (Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays)

Methodology:

The short course is a hybrid of self-paced and live teleconferencing sessions. Self-paced sessions allow the participants to access and comply the course content at any time within the three-day module schedule. Live teleconferencing via Zoom enable the participants to engage with the speaker and course mates in a real-time interactive session.

Materials are arranged in video and text formats, along with additional resources for additional readings. The participants will complete the Weekly Challenge to apply the lessons learned from the sessions. The Weekly Challenge is composed of two deliverables: a written response to a question, and a challenge that may require a



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video (or photo) as a response. The 13th Session is an opportunity for the participants to present their project in a panel. The best five presenters receive USD 300 to support their project. All participants who completed the program will form part of the SMAYL's inaugural core group.

Short course content and structure:

Module 1: Youth in peace and conflict

Session 1: Youth in conflict and violence: the case of Mindanao

The session introduces theoretical concepts of conflict and violence. It also presents an empirical case of Mindanao and describes different “faces” of Mindanao beyond conflict and violence.

Schedule: July 2, 2021 (Friday)

Mode: self-paced

Session 2: Victims or transgressors? youth in conflict

The goal of this session is to understand (post) conflict youths framed as victims and transgressors. It also explores the structural factors that lead to this framing.

Schedule: July 3, 2021 (Saturday)

Mode: Zoom teleconferencing

Session 3: Youth in the peacebuilding space

Youth as peacebuilders is the third theme describing youths in (post) conflict. In this session, the goal is to describe youth as peacebuilders and how such an agency position in the larger peacebuilding space. Basics concepts of peace (e.g., positive-negative peace dichotomy and “petals” of peace) is also discussed in this session.

Schedule: July 4, 2021 (Sunday)

Mode: self-paced

Module 2: Youths as peacebuilders, agency, structure, and intergenerativity

Session 4: Youth peacebuilding agency: drivers (and destroyers) of agency

This session explores the factors that positively drive or negatively destroy youth peacebuilding agency. It answers the question, “what makes or breaks young peacebuilders?”

Schedule: July 9, 2021 (Friday)

Mode: self-paced

Session 5: Structures of youth peacebuilding: local and global

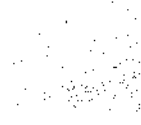
The session introduces local, regional, and global structures that support youth peacebuilding. At the local level, it discusses how local culture affects young peacebuilders. The goal is to map these structures and how it translates into the hyper-local level of youth doing peace work.

Schedule: July 10, 2021 (Saturday)

Mode: Zoom teleconferencing



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Session 6: Intergenerationality and wisdom: putting youth in a larger context

The goal of this session is to understand the relationship between youths and adults in the peacebuilding space. Intergenerationality introduces the idea that the youth is not the sole hope of the motherland. Instead, the adults also play the role, especially in empowering the youths.

Schedule: July 11, 2021 (Sunday)
Mode: self-paced

Module 3: Youth and support system for peacebuilding sustainability

Session 7: Exchange programs, grants and grant opportunities

Exchange programs and grant opportunities support youth peacebuilding agency. This session presents a wide variety of ways to avail of these opportunities and the best practices of making one's application successful.

Schedule: July 16, 2021 (Friday)
Mode: self-paced

Session 8: In the web: youth peacebuilding and the digital space

This session explores how the web becomes an emerging space for young peacebuilders. However, the web is also known to be a fertile ground for violent extremists' recruitment. This session aims to learn ways to positively use the online space in driving youth peace work while addressing violent extremism online.

Schedule: July 17, 2021 (Saturday)
Mode: Zoom teleconferencing

Session 9: Understanding multi-stakeholder partnership in peacebuilding

The session introduces multi-stakeholders partnership and how it works in peacebuilding. The "local turn" in peacebuilding recognizes local agency. However, less is explored as to how it affected youths, especially in the critic of the 'local is also political.'

Schedule: July 18, 2021 (Sunday)
Mode: self-paced

Module 4: Planning and managing youth peacebuilding initiatives

Session 10: From planning to implementation: basic peacebuilding project management

The goal of this session is to discuss the different levels of managing peacebuilding projects. It starts from planning up to the implementation. Also discussed in this session are the common challenges that young peacebuilders encounter at each level.

Schedule: July 23, 2021 (Friday)
Mode: self-paced

Session 11: Telling your story: the importance of project publication (Plus for offering a pay)

Letting others know your peacebuilding story is part of the peacebuilding project management cycle. However, less is discussed on the topic. This session explores the importance of publishing one's story. It is also an opportunity to learn tips on presenting the project to a larger audience.

Schedule: July 24, 2021 (Saturday)
Mode: Zoom teleconferencing



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Session 12: Relationships as a driving force in project implementation success

This session explores the value of interpersonal relationships as an integral ingredient towards peacebuilding success. It explores the concept of diversity and how it may drive more facets of opportunities than adversity.

Schedule: July 25, 2021 (Sunday)

Mode: self-paced

Session 13: Project Pitching Day

The last session of the short course is dedicated to pitching their projects in a panel. It is their opportunity to advertise their initiatives. The best five presenters win USD 300 to support the implementation of their projects.

Schedule: July 31, 2021 (Saturday)

Mode: Zoom teleconferencing

About the participants:

The ten participating organizations are youth peacebuilding advocates operating for at least six months. They are not necessarily based in Mindanao but generally advocates for youth and peacebuilding. Two participants per plus one adult mentor will represent per organization. They are between 15-30 years old for youth participants, and 31 years old and above for the mentor.

About SMAYL:

SMAYL is a phonetic distortion of “smile” and stands for Seeds for Mindanao Advocacy and Youth Leadership. It is a young peacebuilders leadership program which introduces the story of peace and conflict in Mindanao through a hybrid of online and offline programming geared towards an action agenda.

SMAYL is one of the recipients of the 2021 YSEALI Seeds for the Future Grants Competition. YSEALI Seeds for the Future is a small grants competition for young leaders in Southeast Asia. It is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State through the Cultural Vistas and the U.S. Mission to ASEAN.