



World **Youth** Alliance

2017 Annual Report



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“I promise you that this is going to be a **great adventure** that will enrich your life in many ways.” - Tamara Bodor, 2017 Viktor Frankl Awardee (The Viktor Frankl Award recognizes outstanding WYA members from all over the world who have pursued praiseworthy efforts in heightening the growth of WYA and in pursuing its mission to promote human dignity.)



Letter from the Founder



Anna Halpine

September 2018

Dear WYA Friend:

2017 was a wonderful year for WYA. It was a year of program and chapter growth, and figuring out new models that have been transformative for expanded member activities and sustainability.

Stronger alumni involvement was another highlight, and we are thrilled to see our alumni move into positions of leadership at all levels of society, while also working with us to support, expand, and implement our programs.

Our Human Dignity Curriculum has started to take off, and excellent partners have joined us to develop multiple implementation sites. It is an amazing thing to know that our trained members are bringing this curriculum to the poorest of the poor children, in the streets and in the slums, as well as to the urban poor, and the well off. In each of these areas we have received beautiful testimonies of the transformative impact of this curriculum in the lives of children and of their teachers. You can read and view some of these on our WYA website. We are excited about all the growth and expansion that this program promises in the years to come.

Our sister program, FEMM, also had a wonderful year, with iPhone and Android releases and downloads (over 400k), increased numbers of teachers and doctors trained around the world (over 500), and ongoing research, writing, and publication.

All of this has changed our approach to advocacy and culture. We are full partners in our work at the EU and UN, but now also able to point to clear and exciting new programs that should be implemented, instead of political programs and debates that prevent action (at best) or invest in funding or cultural initiatives that harm children, women, and families. We continue to focus our efforts on defending the dignity of each person, while fighting against those policies and programs that attack the human person at its very core.

We are grateful for your ongoing friendship and support. I hope you will enjoy reading our report of the highlights from our year, and meeting some of the young people and leaders that helped to make all of this work possible.

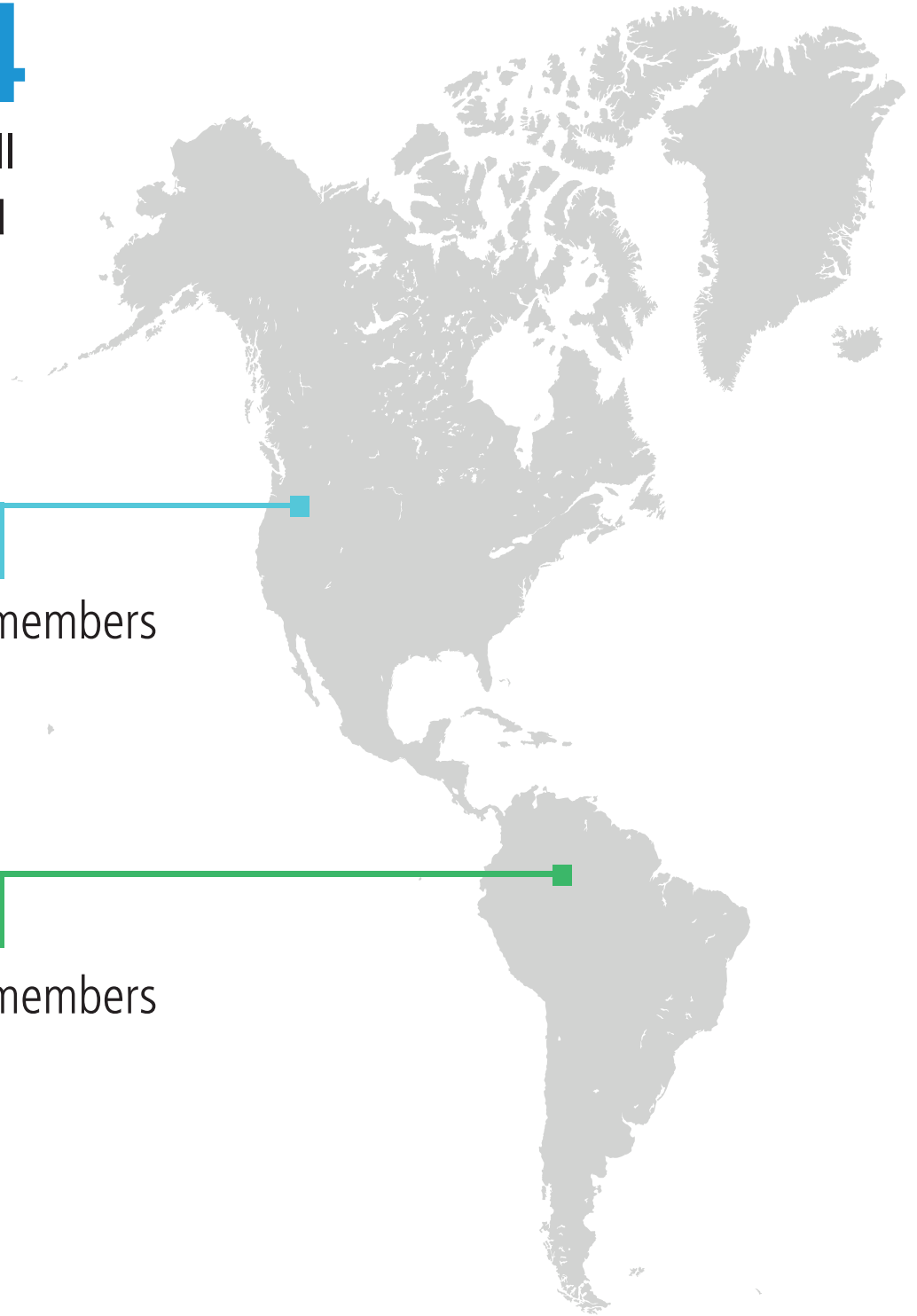
Yours,
Anna Halpine
Founder



Global Expansion

22,654

young people from all over the world joined WYA in 2017.



North America

2017: 537 new members

2016: 1,055

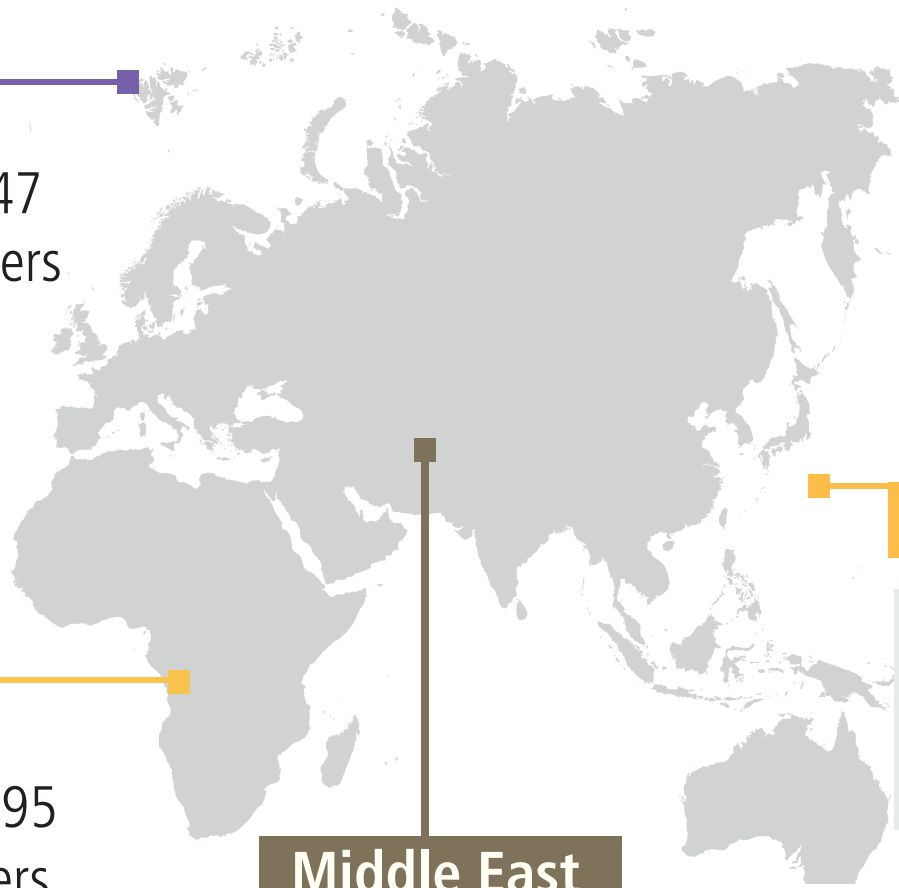
2015: 1,317

Latin America

2017: 746 new members

2016: 1,305

2015: 1,517



Europe

2017: 1,347
new members
2016: 1,731
2015: 1,168

Africa

2017: 13,795
new members
2016: 10,701
2015: 10,665

Middle East

2017: 829
new members
2016: 2,099
2015: 3,180

Asia Pacific

2017: 5,331
new members
2016: 7,666
2015: 11,858



SAID OUSAKA

"WYA has taught me what any other school or university could not do for me. The seven chapters of (the Certified Training Program) are very informative. They challenged my mind and they gave me a new way of thinking. They enriched my knowledge, opened my mind and shaped my perspectives more positively towards the world." - **Said Ousaka, Viktor Frankl awardee for Middle East (Morocco):**

After he had completed the CTP, Said became a CTP trainer which eventually led him to become the National Coordinator for the WYA Morocco National Committee. Last year, Said represented the Middle East at the Youth Synod Colloquium in Rome hosted by the World Youth Alliance and Centro Internazionale di Animazione Missionaria (CIAM).



Certified Training Program (CTP)

The CTP is the foundation for our leadership training. The 400-page collection of texts provide the philosophical underpinnings for the mission of WYA which presents a summary of philosophical, historical, and modern day texts that focus on the dignity of the person and human rights. Certified members usually take their membership to the next step by eventually becoming interns, chapter or committee leaders, trainer of trainers, advocacy volunteers, and more.

This year, **266 members** completed the CTP. Certification of members had been identified as one of the main challenges of the year. To accommodate the growing number of members who have expressed their interest in the CTP, the proposal to upgrade the online training portal has been approved in 2018. This will allow, not only a better user experience, but also the opportunity to train our best certified members to become certified trainers as well. WYA aims to launch the new online training zone by the second half of 2018 for beta testing.

Internship Program

This year, 93 active members completed the internship program under the six regional offices around the world. The externship program has recently been introduced by the regional offices as a promising new approach to engage members who are not able to come to their regional office's location.





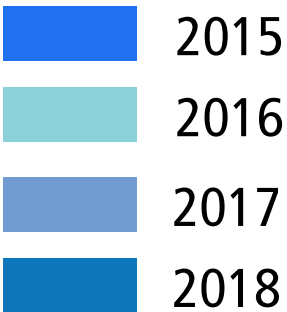
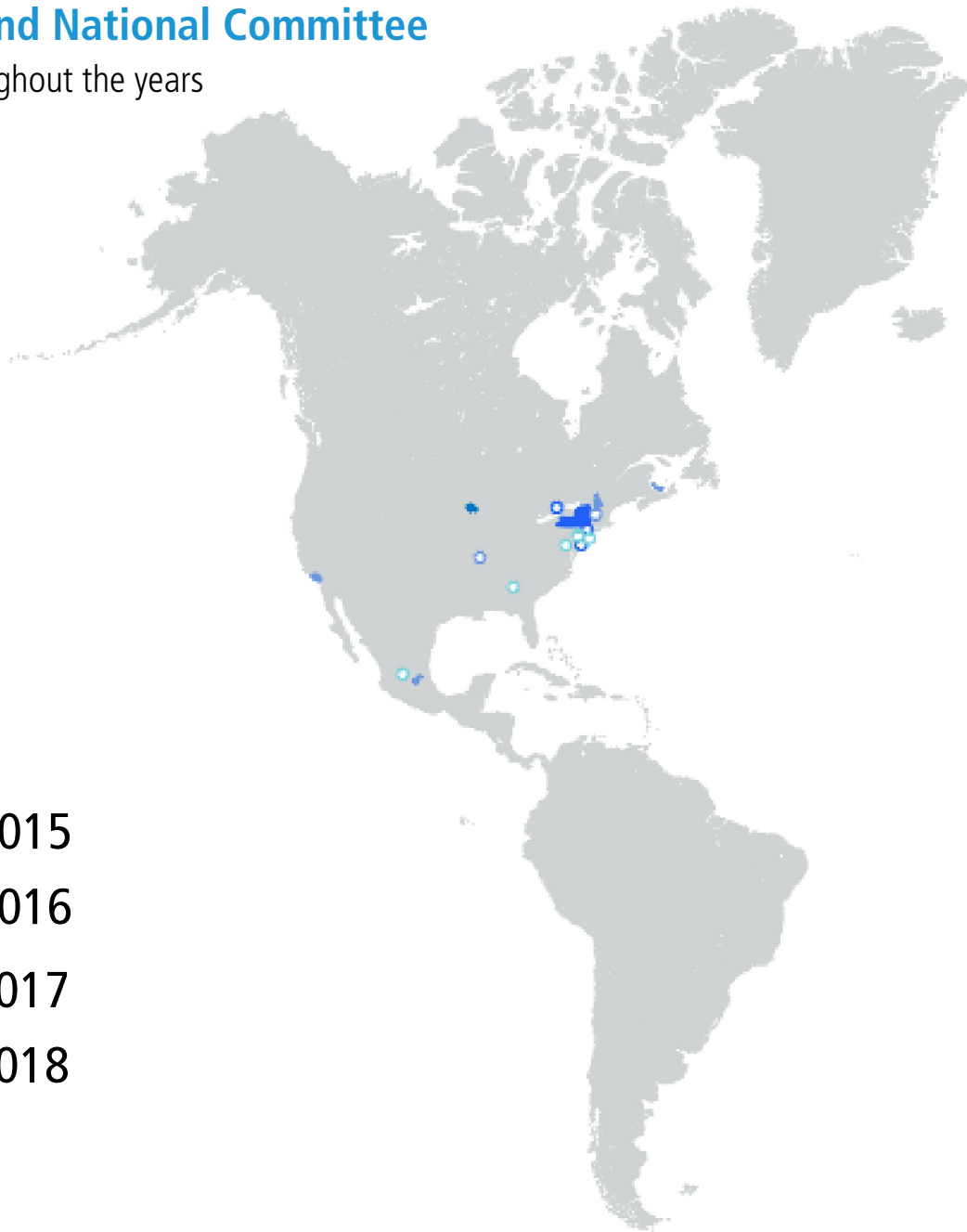
Chapter and National Committee Expansion

In 2017, WYA welcomed 22 new Chapters and Committees---the highest growth of Chapters and Committees recorded in a year. This included new Chapters in the high school, university, province/state, and country levels. This year's new WYA members were mostly acquired through the initiative of WYA chapters and national committees and by organizing WYA introductory talks and regional events.

Chapters are formed by committed WYA Members who successfully complete WYA's Certified Training Program, equipping members to articulate and defend the principles of the dignity of the person within the public square.

Chapter and National Committee

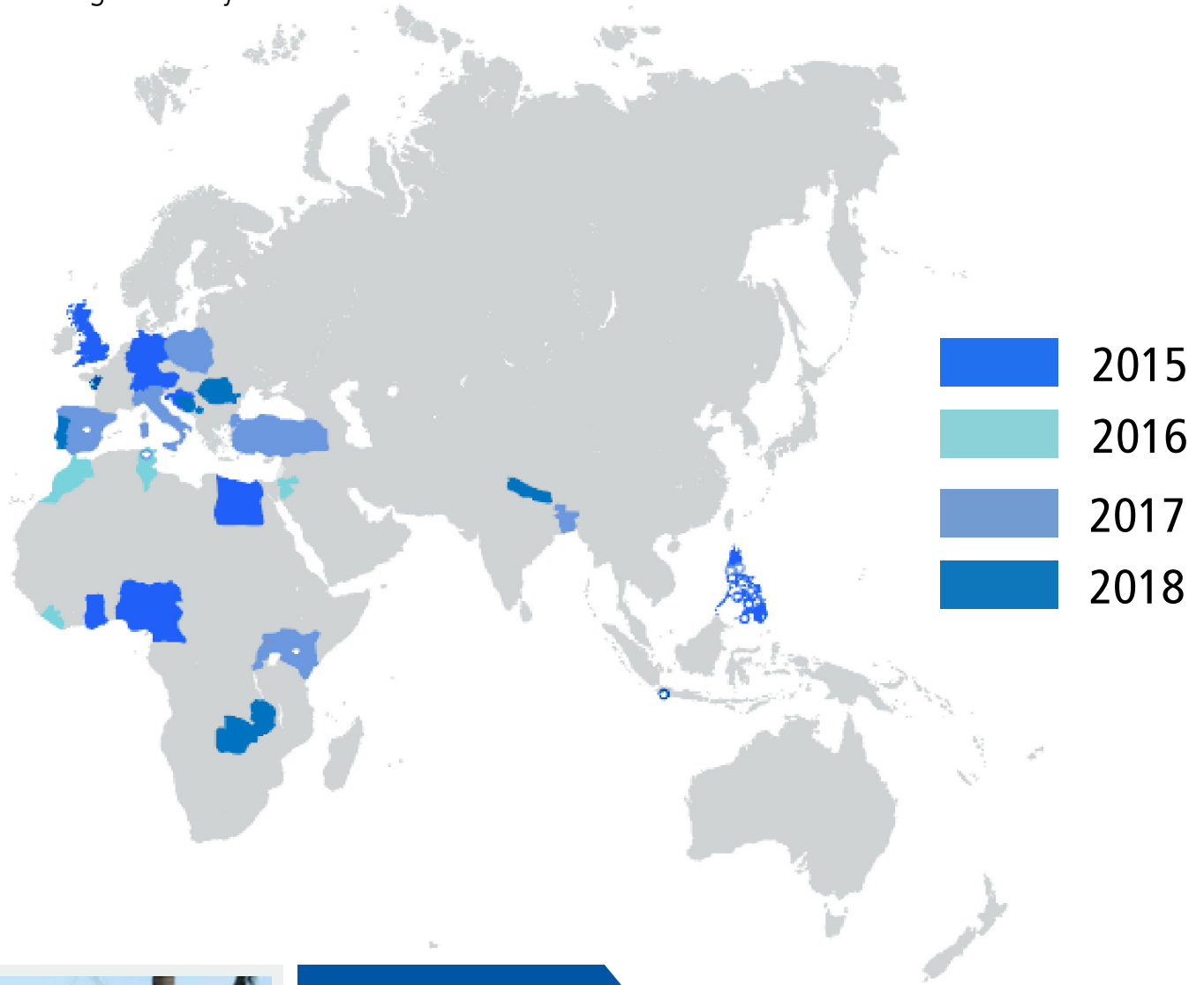
Growth throughout the years





Chapter and National Committee

Growth throughout the years



REJEAN DARROCA

"(WYA) kept me strong and grounded as I joined when I was 15 years old. It fostered the spirit in me to be a good leader which led me to put up three chapters in Iloilo City. My drive and passion were nurtured and fulfilled by this organization, and that means everything to me." - **Rejean Marie Darroca, Viktor Frankl awardee for Asia Pacific (Philippines)**

Rejean joined WYA in 2008 as a participant at the WYA Asia Pacific Summer Camp. Following this, she completed the CTP and opened a WYA Club in her high school. After graduation, she took part in the regional internship program and opened a WYA Chapter in her university. She currently serves as the President of the WYA Chapter in the Province of Iloilo in the Philippines.

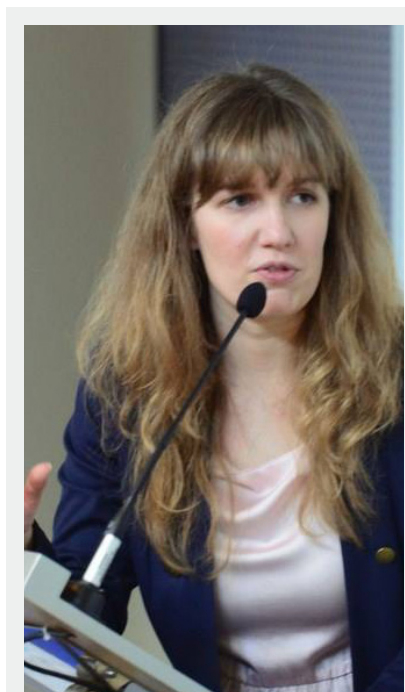


Chapters and National Committees show how young people can drive change when given the chance and support to lead. The dynamic chapter activity in the Europe region is proof of this - with WYA Spain organizing a congress on the family, WYA Poland leading its first intro session at a university in Krakow, and WYA Austria receiving an Erasmus grant. The strong commitment of our members in growing their chapters and committees build our community of valuable WYA members:

- In 2017, the WYA Wexford Club (Mexico) grew to WYA Queretaro.
- The University of Tunis Chapter (Tunisia) was also created because of the Tunisia National Committee.
- Three new Chapters in North America hosted university-wide Emerging Leaders Conference on Leadership and the Modern Identity Crisis: Benedictine College, University of Mary, University of Prince Edward Island.



The year closed with five more applications to open WYA chapters in schools and cities in Jordan, Tunisia, Iraq and more. Regional offices have begun strengthening their support to chapters and national committees through developing and conducting chapter-specific training programs.



TAMARA BODOR

"(When we organized the 4th WYA Week in Zagreb) as a typical NGO, we always lacked financial means. This year, the situation was particularly difficult because we didn't get the grant for launching this project that we usually do. We decided to organize the event anyway. In the end, it turned out to be the best media coverage ever, which positioned WYA Croatia as the voice of young people in the country. That is something that we strove to achieve through all these years of hard work." - **Tamara Bodor, Viktor Frankl Awardee for Europe (Croatia):**

Following her completion of the Certified Training Program, Tamara and six other Croatian friends decided to start the WYA Croatia Chapter. She helped establish WYA Croatia for two years before becoming its Secretary and first full time employee for another two years. Today, WYA Croatia has grown to over 100 certified members, with over 300 young people attending the 2017 WYA Week in Croatia. In late 2017, the chapter also started implementing the HDC with two new partner schools in Zagreb.



A Voice for Human Dignity:

Emerging Leaders Conference Around the World

The **Emerging Leaders Conference (ELC)** is a venue for young people to discuss, learn, and receive training on relevant issues in ongoing international policy debates. Each region hosts a local ELC according to a central theme. Unfortunately, WYA Middle East and WYA Latin America were not able to hold an ELC in 2017 due to unforeseen factors such as regional instability (ME) and the earthquake in Mexico City. Despite this, the number of ELC attendees grew by 64% in comparison to the previous year.

2017 Global Theme: Migration and Development

Total Number of Participants (all regions): 720

Regional Themes:

Africa: The Role of Lawyers in Contemporary Society: Addressing the Migrant Question

Asia Pacific: A Global Family: Enriching Cultures through Migration & Development

Europe: Migration and Development: Human Dignity in the Refugee Crisis

North America: Leadership and the Modern Identity Crisis



Africa

The Africa ELC in Uganda was the biggest ELC in 2017 with almost 500 attendees. This year, the WYA Africa regional office hosted its Emerging Leaders Conference in partnership with the Uganda Christian University. This was the first time that WYAA hosted its ELC outside of Kenya and this arrangement allowed them to engage delegates from Uganda, Republic of Somaliland, Kenya, Tanzania, Nigeria, Congo, and Cameroon.

Asia Pacific

Around fifty delegates attended WYA Asia Pacific's Emerging Leaders' Conference at the Hive Hotel & Convention Place in Quezon City, Philippines. The conference featured seasoned professionals from organizations like the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Philippines, Scalabrini Migration Center, and UNICEF, to name a few. Attendees also listened to migrant stories and attended hands-on workshops on campaign building, community development, and art for social impact during the breakout sessions. This year's WYAAP ELC Essay Writing Competition winner, Eunis Abitona, was also awarded during the Solidarity Night.



Europe

WYA Europe successfully organized its 2017 Emerging Leaders Conference at the European Parliament with 60 attendees from 15 countries. The WYA President also joined the ELC and welcomed the delegates during the opening cocktails which was hosted at the Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium. The WYAE 2017 ELC was graced with the presence of speakers from the European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, Elcano Royal Institute, the European Parliament's Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, Federal Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers, and more. Aside from the talks, participants were also trained on the WYA White Paper on 'Sustainable Development', had negotiations on the WYA Declaration on Migration and Development, and discussed WYA Chapter Development.



North America

WYA North America took a new approach to the ELC this year by hosting three regional conferences in Benedictine College, The University of Mary, and The University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI). This new system enabled them to engage 118 participants. Furthermore, the WYA North America office received grants from two of the universities. This has strengthened WYANA's presence in the universities and the PEI Chapter was also launched as a result of the event. Following the success of this approach, they are excited to have eight regional ELCs lined up for the coming year.



Ángel Soubervielle Gutiérrez

"When I started on WYA's Certified Training Program in Mexico, I started to invite my friends to join me in studying the concepts of human dignity. We would spend many hours in the WYA regional office to learn and discuss the different topics in the training. Up until today, I still continue to invite my friends to join the training program and many of them were interested in undergoing the training." - **Ángel Soubervielle Gutiérrez, Viktor Frankl Awardee for Latin America (Mexico):**

Ángel joined WYA in 2014. Prior to joining WYA, he shares that he has been in constant conversation with fellow young people about the different political challenges that they face in Mexico. Upon learning about WYA from his friends and the WYA Latin America regional staff, he knew that this was something that he wanted to be part of.





The Grand Project, 18 Years In

2017 was a year of growth.

As WYA celebrated its 18th year, different models and strategies emerged that aligned with each region's landscape. Looking forward into 2018, every regional highlight reveals the strength and weakness of each office. WYA now moves to reshape these as new organizational models that we intend to pursue in the coming year.

Member certification continue to be a main priority for regional offices. Certification efforts have expanded opportunities for WYA members to further their involvement. One example is WYA Latin America's series of CTP workshops for WYA Wexford Club members which bore 5 members representing the region at the 2018 International Solidarity Forum. Meanwhile, North America's 10th Annual Summer Camp, held in partnership with Northeast Catholic College, trained over 20 campers from 9 different countries on the CTP and WYA White Papers. However, certification was still identified as a major challenge for the year.

This 2018, the development of the **Training of Trainers manual** is a high priority. Trainers from WYA Middle East and WYA Europe will lend their support in sharing best regional practices to build the manual content. To compliment this, the move to upgrade the online training zone in 2018 will greatly boost certification numbers.



The Internship Program has been an integral way to form members in both organizational values and professional skills. This year, WYA Africa has inked a partnership with Strathmore University that aims to send Strathmore Law students to the WYA headquarters for a summer advocacy fellowship in 2018. Meanwhile, the Asia Pacific office have also penned agreements with the University of the Philippines and Enderun College for their internship program.

The growing demand for the internship program has encouraged the launch of the **WYA externship program**. With this, the internship will become more accessible to members overseas and offices can accommodate more slots for the program.



Offices have had great success in boosting membership engagement in their regions through the Emerging Leaders Conference and local events. WYA North America's Emerging Leaders Conference have brought them to over three universities with seven more conferences in store for the coming year. Chapter led events like the WYA Week in Croatia continue to grow with over 300 attendees in 2017. Meanwhile, WYA Middle East agreed to continue the second year of their partnership with **UNIC** and **UNESCO** offices Lebanon to introduce the United Nations, SDGs, and human dignity to high school students. This is due to 42 successful events in 12 Lebanese private schools from the first year of the partnership.

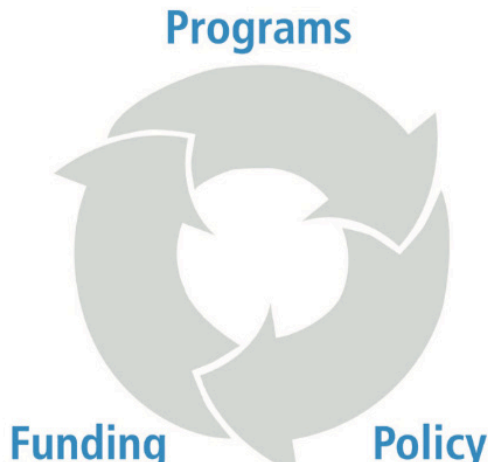


This proactive approach had translated to **Chapter and National Committee growth**. Among this was the launch of the WYA Bangladesh Chapter, the first WYA Chapter in South Asia, through a member who had successfully completed the online training. Following a regional visit from the WYA President and WYAAP Regional Director in South Asia, the potential of tapping committed certified members was identified to be a more sustainable means of membership engagement. Moving forward, efforts are now focused towards training CTP leaders and members who can travel and launch new chapters. This will hopefully encourage the better mobilization of resources as well as become the catalyst for new systems of growth.



Defending Human Dignity

The WYA Advocacy Response



WYA's theory of change is rooted in an understanding of the policy wheel, which recognizes the relationship between policies, funding, and program (implementation). WYA recognized that policy advocacy cannot be successful without the ability to offer programs which concretely implement and respect human dignity. The Human Dignity Curriculum and FEMM are WYA's answers to the challenges facing the definition of the human person today. Believing that societies are only as strong as their ability to protect the most vulnerable, these two programs invest in the development and personal education of our children, and provide a new paradigm of health care for adolescents and women.



Sophia Harne

"Before I joined WYA, I held beliefs that were very important to me, such as: "every person has infinite worth" and "all human life should be protected, from conception until natural death." However, the only way I was able to communicate these beliefs to others was from a religious perspective, so I was unable to reach many people who did not share my religious beliefs. After attending WYA's International Summer Camp, I finally had the means at my fingertips to share these ideas in a way that was more universal, and so I was able to reach more of my friends." - **Sophia Harne, Viktor Frankl Awardee for North America (USA):**

Having joined WYA in 2014, Sophia has already participated in the International Summer Camp four times both as a camper and junior facilitator. She has also participated in past events like the International Solidarity Forum and the Emerging Leaders Conferences. Currently the New Hampshire Chapter Leader, Sophia was also among the US delegation who represented WYA North America at the Global Youth Trends Forum on Sustainable Development held in Taiwan, Republic of China (ROC).



The Human Dignity Curriculum (HDC)



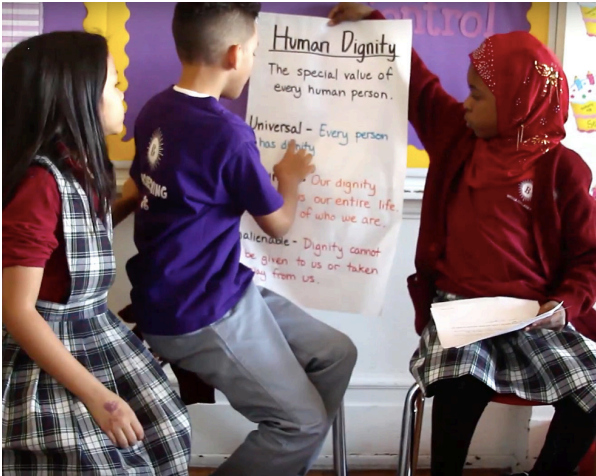
The **Human Dignity Curriculum (HDC)** is an innovative program developed by the World Youth Alliance (WYA). It lends its roots to the growing request of our key partners to take the Certified Training Program (CTP) and teach its main ideas on human dignity through a school curriculum suitable for young children. The HDC focuses on personal development and informed decisions and which roots an understanding of themselves in a clear anthropology. The curriculum begins with the question 'who am I', moves to 'who can I become', and explores the habits for human excellence that are required to help us get there.

As a global coalition of young people from all walks of life, WYA's main mission of promoting the dignity of the human person led to the creation of the HDC as an intended alternative to existing programs, often confused and inadequate, regarding personal identity and human development. With human dignity as the basis for the HDC, it aims to foster a holistic understanding of the person.

For 2017, the Human Dignity Curriculum continues to be a source of excellent and quality training for younger audiences. Grades K-8 of the curriculum was launched during the third quarter with a Facebook live event with Anna Halpine.



Notable HDC developments for the year:



WYA North America

With an ongoing HDC implementation with the Brilla Charter schools in the South Bronx of NY, the school has now integrated the program into all classes. They have successfully trained classroom and support staff in the program to create the HDC as the basis of their school culture.



WYA Croatia

WYA Croatia implemented the HDC with 2 new partner schools in Zagreb and are receiving support for the program from the Croatian Government.



WYA Latin America

WYA Latin America translated the HDC into Spanish with the first draft of translations to be improved and used by the WYA headquarters for expanding partnerships and implementation in the Spanish speaking world.



WYA Asia Pacific

In the Philippines, the WYA Asia Pacific staff is in the final stage of completing a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Education to integrate the HDC program in all public school institutions in the Philippines.

WYA Asia Pacific had their first successful purchase of the HDC by the Consuelo Chito Madrigal Foundation. The same organization also became a pilot site for an HDC Teacher Training which received high evaluation results and positive feedback from the participants and partner organization.



WYAAP's Regional Director of Operations, Zarina San Jose, introduces FEMM to a crowd of inspired individuals at the 2017 Manila Social Good Summit.

Fertility Education and Medical Management (FEMM)

FEMM is a comprehensive women's health program that aims to address the global crisis in women's health. FEMM provides education for women about their body and hormonal health, an app to track their health and fertility, and medical support when required. FEMM collaborates with the Reproductive Health Research Institute (RHRI) in the development of medical research, protocols, and medical training. FEMM's knowledge-based reproductive health education program provides women with crucial information to monitor their own health and fertility, empowering them to make informed decisions about the choice and delivery of their medical care and services.

2017 was a year of expansion for FEMM. Over 500 medical providers were introduced to FEMM, 350k new downloads were generated on its app, and 100 new FEMM teachers began their training.

Members on the Move

The WYA Chapters and Committees also provided great support in expanding WYA's Human Dignity Curriculum (HDC) and affiliate women's health program FEMM (Fertility Education and Medical Management). The Kenya and Uganda National Committees are working with lawmakers in their countries to integrate HDC and FEMM in national laws while the WYA Croatia Chapter successfully implemented a 3-month HDC workshop in an elementary school in Osijek. The HDC workshops aimed to raise awareness that human dignity is the basis to develop identity, formation of character, and making healthy and good decisions in the long term. The students welcomed the curriculum with positive comments and hoped that the topics were discussed in schools more actively. A 13th grader said, "Everyone has a human dignity that no one can take from him, we should strive to be excellent and respect each other."



Kathryn Hoomkwap Awardee

The Kathryn Hoomkwap Award recognizes distinguished service in defense of the dignity of the human person among WYA members who demonstrate commitment to implementing WYA's mission in their professional and personal lives. This year's award was presented to Olivia Raw who shared the following speech during the WYA Gala:



I am assuming that tonight is not like the recent Oscars where the Oscar was awarded to the wrong film.

If there is someone else who is meant to receive this award, then please do come forward. I will not be offended. Mistakes can happen.

I have certainly made my fair share of errors during my time at the World Youth Alliance. Like when I was sent to collect someone by car at Brussels Airport and missed the exit back to the city. What was supposed to be a 20 mins journey took over two hours. Our guest was very polite... He was after all English and a Member of the House of Lords.

On a more serious note. Tonight is two things:
Remembering and giving thanks for the life of Kathryn Hoomkwap.
Celebrating the WYA's 18th birthday.

Katherine was an incredible activist and politician who defended human dignity, in particular on behalf of women and the poor, in Nigeria and across the globe. Kathryn was a beacon of light at the United Nations. We treasure the expertise and support she gave the World Youth Alliance as a board member.

WYA's 18th:

An 18th birthday is a very special birthday as it marks the stepping into adulthood. As an organisation, WYA has truly become a mature adult.

Jean Paul II said, "Maturity is when the surface reaches the depths."

Lord, you and your team show exactly that – your hard work, creativity and passion are an example of maturity. Your work is essential, so continue on this beautiful path of maturity which you are forging for others. Thank you for all that you do. It matters a great deal, now and for future generations.

I would also like to thank the friends and supporters of WYA. For your loyalty and generosity. Without you, WYA would not be here.



I would like to thank the European team I worked with – they send their love and support to you tonight.

Thank you also to the board, to Anne Seabright and Jean-Baptiste de Franssu.

Anne your homemade crab-cakes are the best in Maryland. You scooped me up and took care of me in my time of need, thank you. I will never forget that.

Then behind every great woman is her family. Her parents and siblings. Stuart and Judy Halpine, you ARE the World Youth Alliance. Thank you. It's very special to see you.

Clare Halpine – staying with you and Anna is like the Inwood days. Seventeen to a two-bedroom flat and drinking wine out of jam jars. This weekend three to a studio it is the same spirit, and that is what counts.

And finally: to Canada, Anna. My dear friend. You have steered this ship through storms and high waters. You have Churchill's bulldog spirit, his BRITISH sense of humour and you know, like Churchill, how to drink the perfect champagne: DRY, COLD and FREE.

So I raise my glass to Kathryn Hoomkwap, Lord, Anna, WYA and you all. Happy 18th Birthday.

Olivia Raw

After her WYA Headquarters internship in 2001, Olivia went to Brussels and helped establish the first WYA Europe office. She served as the Regional Director of Operations for WYA Europe from 2001 to 2005. Olivia has made significant contributions to the WYA Europe region, and continues to demonstrate the highest commitment to the defense and protection of human dignity in every aspect of her life.

After working for WYA Europe, Olivia returned to London to train as a child and adolescent psychotherapist. Following her training, she worked as a therapist with children and their families for eight years in inner-city schools. She is currently working in a private Catholic school near London, has a private practice in London and also works as a part-time lay chaplain at SOAS in London. Olivia has remained active with WYA throughout her time since her Brussels days. She helped to set up a London chapter and has served as a member of the WYA International Board since 2014.

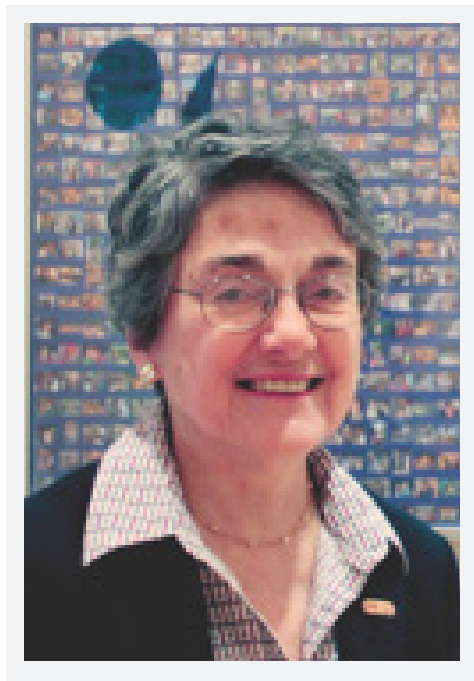


Philanthropic and Board Profiles

Vincenzina “Vinnie” Santoro (2017 Mary R. Smith Awardee)

The Mary R. Smith Award

Every year, the World Youth Alliance recognizes outstanding contributors to the WYA mission through the Mary R. Smith Award. Established in 2013, the Mary R. Smith Award was named after one of the earliest and important supporters of the WYA mission. The organization honors her legacy by presenting this award to individuals who have been identified for their distinguished service in supporting WYA's beliefs and works. The Mary R. Smith Award for 2017 was presented to Vinnie Santoro, who shared this speech during the annual WYA Dinner:



I am deeply honored and somewhat humbled by this precious award you have given me. I know how much Mary Smith meant to you – and to many others present here tonight – and how much she did to help WYA in its early days.

This evening we are here also to honor Anna Halpine and all that she has accomplished with the World Youth Alliance, FEMM and the Human Development Curriculum. These are all worthy efforts to promote human dignity in its true sense.

I met Anna and WYA at the United Nations where I represent the American Family Association of New York, a very small organization. At the UN, I have seen the tremendous efforts representatives of WYA have made over the years in upholding human dignity. During deliberations for the formulation of the famous Sustainable Development Goals, WYA advocacy members labored ceaselessly, sometimes through the night and unto dawn at UN headquarters with interventions, written statements and feeding facts and analysis to friendly delegates to help them with negotiations. These efforts continue.

I deeply admire and appreciate all of these wonderful young people. We have developed our own special brand of “intergenerational solidarity.” At the UN we have shared not only strategies, information and conversations but also lunch, cookies and sweets! And much laughter too!

More than 18 years ago, Anna had the vision and inspiration to establish the World Youth Alliance, and, as the saying goes “from small acorns grow mighty oaks.” Well, Anna has succeeded in planting a bountiful forest of strong oaks, given how WYA has grown and spread to countless countries on all continents.

This dinner is not only a testament of WYA's founder and the organization's achievements, but it is also a fundraiser. I hope Anna did reasonably well this evening, given that this year's honoree does not have the name recognition to attract top dollars!



But please allow me to make a pitch. If you are sitting here at a table purchased by someone else and you have not personally donated to WYA, I encourage you to reach for your wallet or checkbook or go online and give as much as you can to WYA. You will not just be donating to an organization. You will be making an investment in dedicated young people who receive training and experience they cannot get anywhere else. This will yield dividends for a lifetime. Investment in WYA to support its purposes, functions and programs is a guarantee that there will be future leaders in many fields to make the world a better and saner place.

With your financial assistance Anna can and will do even more. The world needs WYA, FEMM and the HDC. The world needs them badly. Anna has my enduring admiration and support. She deserves yours too!

Thank you for your kind attention.

Vincenzina “Vinnie” Santoro

Vincenzina (“Vinnie”) Santoro is an international economist having initiated her career as economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. She is a former Vice President and economist of JP Morgan and Co. where she worked for 27 years in the economics department, foreign exchange department and the Bank’s Milan office where she established an economic research unit. Since leaving the Bank, she worked briefly at the United Nations in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). She has been an economic consultant to various foreign trade and investment entities, represents the American Family Association of New York at the United Nations and writes frequently about international economic and social issues for a number of publications including Human Life Review, MercatorNet and Catholic World Report. She has been a volunteer since 9/11 at the Charity Accountability Program of the New York Better Business Bureau, monitoring charities and non-profits. Ms. Santoro is a co-author of the recently published Family Capital and the Sustainable Development Goals. A native New Yorker and graduate of Hunter College, City University of New York (BA, MA in economics), Ms. Santoro is fluent in five languages.



Leadership

WYA Foundation

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Audited 2017 Financials

Income		Expenses			
Contributions	\$876,823	Programs & Supporting	\$867,715	Change in Net Assets	\$16,957
Program Revenue	\$7,849	Services		Net Assets (Start of Year)	\$10,581
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Total Income	\$884,672	Total Expenses	\$867,715	Net Assets (End of Year)	\$6,376

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