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VIKTOR FRANKL AWARDEE



Pamella Oddotte
Africa

“WYA was the door that broadened my views and perceptions leading me to who I am today.”

Pamella took the Certified Training Program in 2014 before soon joining the WYA Africa internship program 2 years later. In 2017, she became Vice Chair and Coordinator of the Kenya National Committee. Pamella proceeded to volunteer with WYA Africa during her school breaks, serving as Furaha Camp Counselor and even being selected as the Vanessa Cheresse Scholar. She became an advocacy intern at the WYA Headquarters and helped write statements for United Nations Commissions for WYA. As a CTP Trainer, she taught in high schools in Nairobi and Nakuru counties. She also volunteered as an interim Regional Programs Assistant with WYA Africa.

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Letter from the Founder



Anna Halpine

World Youth Alliance
Founder

Dear Friends,

We are grateful to celebrate another year with you! WYA continued to grow and thrive throughout 2021. This report shares our work and progress in every key area. We hope you'll take the time to read about this work.

Online work and activity has continued to grow. This includes our Certified Training Program (CTP) which introduces our concepts and ideas and our new, online advocacy training. More of our members completed these trainings in 2021 than ever before. Online events and activities also have many strengths; chief among them, the fact that all our members, no matter where they are in the world, can participate and meet each other. We'll be working to keep these gatherings going.

2021 also marked, in small but important ways, the return to in-person gatherings. Chief among these, was our bioethics summer school in Croatia, which we were grateful to be able to host live and in-person. This will continue again this year. Other small gatherings took place in almost every region.

Our advocacy work remained an important focus for us throughout the year. The Matić report, in the European Parliament, was a critical focus of work, and indicates many significant challenges in the years to come. Our commitment to being a platform for the voices of courageous young people remains. In Africa, our team have maintained a strong and important presence in the Kenyan debate surrounding the Reproductive Health bill.

The Human Dignity Curriculum (HDC) and FEMM remain critical partners for us in our work as they provide essential answers to so many of the challenges facing us. To questions about inadequate, and sometimes harmful, curriculum options, we propose education that highlights the dignity of every person. To the politicization of women's health, we offer, through our partnership with FEMM, person-centered healthcare that can diagnose and treat root causes. These proposals are exciting, evidence based, and meet the needs of families and communities.

Letter from the Founder

We're excited to continue to update you on growth and expansion. We look forward to the year to come. As always, thank you for your support and generosity which keeps us going.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Halpine', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Anna Halpine
WYA Founder

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Global Expansion | Membership Growth



Number of new members per region

Africa	2,430	Latin America	2,502
Asia Pacific	2,077	Middle East and North Africa	1,103
Europe	1,187	North America	245



Lessons from the past year equipped WYA to find a sweet spot between engaging members online and in person. Membership expansion was complimented by the ease of accessing WYA’s key programs online. Meanwhile, some regions like Europe and Africa allowed in person gatherings while following safety protocols.

This past year, WYA reached young people in ways that were not possible before!

For a WYA member in 2021, more lockdowns meant more lessons with Certified Training Program classmates. Continued physical isolation brought its own opportunities for diving deeper into what true solidarity means for WYA — both live and digitally. Read on to learn how our members continued to wave the flag of human dignity during pandemic year two.



The WYA Headquarters and North America office finally had the chance to host in person events like picnics and dinners in late 2021.



Certified Training Program (CTP)

Certified Training Program (CTP): The CTP is the foundation for our leadership training. The 400-page collection of texts provides 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 becoming interns, Chapter or Committee leaders, CTP trainers, advocacy volunteers, and more.

This year, 671 members completed the CTP through online and in person sessions. In 2021, WYA also welcomed 116 new CTP trainers from all regional offices. They join the 181 trainers who were trained since the CTP Training of Trainers program launch in 2019.



Chapter and National Committee Expansion

Chapter and National Committee Expansion: In 2021, WYA welcomed 17 new Chapters and Committees. Chapter and National Committee growth took a dip since the pandemic given the travel restrictions and school transitions to online. At least 5 Chapters and 2 Committees were dissolved in 2021. WYA ended the year with at least 91 Chapters and Committees. Chapters and National Committees 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.



Internship Program

Internship Program: 74 active members completed the internship program under the regional offices around the world. WYA interns in 2021 took their internship program either in person or online. Some regional offices like the Kenya and Belgium offices were able to accommodate a hybrid set up. The WYA internship is an opportunity for members to gain training and hands-on experiences for building a culture of life in a professional setting. The online internship offers the same opportunity for members who, although are unable to travel to the physical regional office, can still lead projects that uniquely cater to their skills. This program came at an opportune time given the circumstances.

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Global Expansion | Chapter and National Committee Growth

Number of new Chapters and National Committees



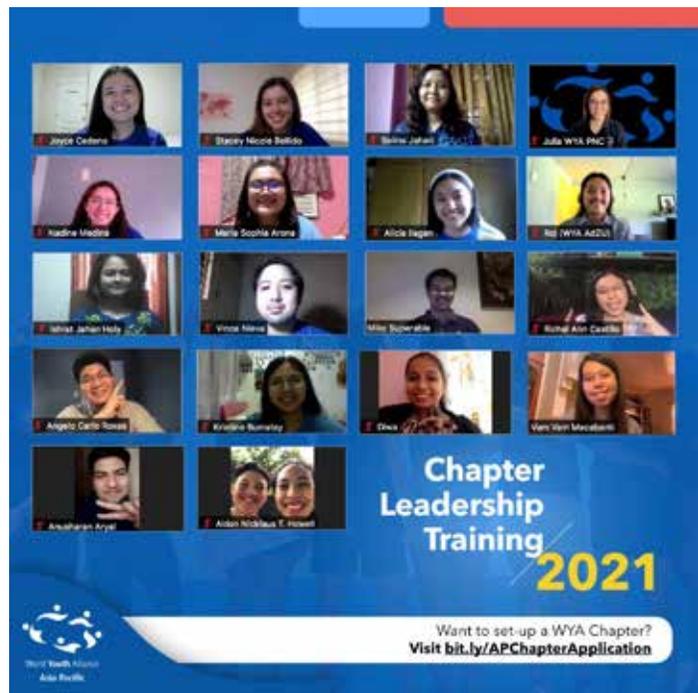
"Being a part of WYA Europe and (the) ELC was a highly illuminating experience. I would even go so far to claim that some people might feel as a different person afterwards, a person part of a big, heterogeneous community working for the same vision – Human Dignity." - Sasnyukta Suman, Project Management Intern at WYA Europe

Launching new Chapters and National Committees continued to be a challenge with the closure of schools and international borders. Despite this, 18 Chapters and National Committees were launched in 2021. Online engagement allowed WYA to connect with universities and organizations that had never heard of WYA. The availability of the online Certified Training Program and member growth opportunities to become a Certified Trainer, WYA Advocate, or HDC teacher, were key in mobilizing young leaders even in the virtual setting.

The new set up did not stop WYA members from putting their training into action. An increase in WYA's event attendees and member certifications can be linked to consistent Chapter activity in the year.

One great example is WYA Latin America's "Dignity Day" celebrated by Chapter members from Costa Rica, the United States, Peru, Paraguay, Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic and Venezuela. Together, they were able to impact around 3,800 people in their communities through volunteering for projects like teaching the Human Dignity Curriculum in Paraguay, painting their local library, donating school supplies and books in Peru and Colombia, and more.

Meanwhile, Chapters in Europe continue to flourish in leading their respective projects. Some initiatives to highlight are WYA Poland’s live stream event on the Syrian Human Rights Crisis, WYA Austria and Italy’s collaboration on a 9-day Forum on Migration, and WYA Romania’s Virtual Debate on Vaccines. A notable milestone was WYA Croatia’s (in cooperation with WYA Europe) International Summer School of Bioethics and Human Rights, which is usually offered only to European delegates annually. Last August 2021, they were fortunate to open applications to members beyond Europe and to hold it in person in Croatia. Around 31 participants attended 27 of whom came from outside of Croatia. 15 countries were represented in the week-long event.



In the Middle East and North Africa, the Lebanon National Committee (LNC) was instrumental in hosting the region’s first in-person get-together in Lebanon since COVID-19. In collaboration with CISH-UNESCO Byblos – International Center for Human Sciences, WYAMENA was able to gather its Lebanese members in-person through the efforts of the LNC.

VIKTOR FRANKL AWARDEE



Angelo Carlo Roxas
Asia Pacific

“Joining WYA’s mission does not stop in signing the Charter. It is rather the beginning of a once in a lifetime journey to create long-lasting social impact.”

Angelo’s WYA journey started when he joined the WYA Asia Pacific Summer Camp in 2015. He attended a Dignitea Party after the camp and met fellow campers and other WYA members. From there, his involvement with the WYA grew. He volunteered in events like the Emerging Leaders Conference (ELC) 2015, Super Christmas (Christmas Outreach Party), and Sulong Workshop. He was also given the chance to host the 7th ELC and now serves as the Education Committee Head of the Philippine National Committee. He became a lead facilitator during the Summer Camp 2019. He became a CTP Trainer in 2020 and now helps facilitate CTP discussions online.



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Echoes of Solidarity: Emerging Leaders Conferences

The Emerging Leaders Conference (ELC) series in 2021 featured a hybrid of in person and online events from regions around the world. The ELC aims at educating WYA members on the concept of human dignity as it relates to a given theme. The regional ELCs are derived from the International Solidarity Forum (ISF) which is held at the United Nations and World Youth Alliance headquarters in New York City. Every year, certified members from different countries gather at the ISF to examine a specific topic. At the end of each Forum, members negotiate a final declaration. The discussion in every regional ELC is formed by the ISF Declaration for that year. For the first time in years, all regions were able to hold an ELC in 2021. The theme for 2021 was on Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia. Meanwhile, the North America region tackled the 2020 theme on Women's Health and Rights.

2021 Global Theme: Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia

Regional Themes:

Africa:

Protecting Life in a Fast-Changing World

Asia Pacific:

Compassion in Action

Europe:

Human Dignity Debate in the European Parliament

Latin America:

Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia:
An Online Debate

Middle East and North Africa:

Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia

North America:

Person-Centered Approaches to
Reproductive Health

Africa

Held in December, WYA Africa's 2021 ELC was attended by over 150 participants from all over the region. The first speaker, WYAA Advisory Board Chair Caroline Maingi, gave a detailed talk on the theme "Protecting Life in a Fast-Changing World" while also tackling the topic "Contemporary Matters on Reproductive Health as Presented in Policy Spaces". WYA Advocacy Director Sofia Piecuch also spoke about "True Compassion in End-of-Life Care" while focusing on the WYA White Paper on Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia. The final speaker, Hannah Moturi, who is currently serving in the WYA Africa steering committee, spoke about "The Relationship between the Law and the Human Person."

Asia Pacific

WYAAP's 2-day ELC was held via video conferencing in November. With over 80 delegates and 6 speakers from different countries, the 10th ELC became a meaningful space where WYA members in Asia Pacific could learn about the value of life, compassion for others and authentic solidarity amidst trying times. The conference showcased experts like Renee Joubert (Executive Director of Euthanasia Free New Zealand), Dr. Kyung Suk Choi (Associate Professor from the Ewha University Law School) and Dr. Calum Miller (Associate Researcher from the United Kingdom). Meanwhile, the second day welcomed speakers like Mental Health Advocate and Marketing Director of MindNation Cat Triviño and Philippine Red Cross WASH Office representative Frances Mae Mata, both of whom talked about compassion for the self and for others.

Europe

Over 40 young participants from 10 different countries took part in the WYA Europe ELC held in person in Brussels. Delegates had the exciting experience of simulating what it was like to work as a European MP. They were divided into parties, with percentages corresponding to the real composition of the European Parliament, in which they discussed a new resolution and amendments they would like to introduce. During the course of the 3-day conference, they also witnessed many hours of debates about the problems of Europeans in the labor market, education, and access to culture. In between, they also had time to explore Brussels and its culture. They concluded the conference with meetings with Members of the European Parliament.



Meanwhile, other parts of the world had opened their borders. WYA Europe took this chance to hold their ELC in person after more than a year of virtual events.

VIKTOR FRANKL AWARDEE



Simone Ann Marie Delzin

Latin America and
the Caribbean

“(The Certified Training Program) gesture(s) to the persistence of truth in the human heart, beyond the convolutions of time and space.”

Simone has been a WYA member since 2018. She first heard about WYA through reading about Fertility Education and Medical Management (FEMM), WYA's sister organization. Since then, she recognized the capacity of WYA's programs to transform the lives of Caribbean youth. For her, the most rewarding WYA experiences for her were the subtle transformations that take place among her trainees of the Certified Training Program. Soon after, Simone opened a WYA Chapter in Trinidad and Tobago.

Latin America

At the end of 2021, WYALA joined the international community to discuss assisted suicide and euthanasia in order to protect human dignity through psychological support and medical care. The first panel featured successful WYA members who shared reflections on how young people can learn to take ownership of the available spaces to generate human-centered responses. The next panel were experts in the field of medicine who spoke on various aspects surrounding the issue of euthanasia such as: palliative care, therapeutic fierceness, the Hippocratic oath, among others. The third panel was led by renowned lawyers who guided the participants to determine the legal flaws behind legalized euthanasia. The final panel was led by academics who led discussions on the rich philosophical framework surrounding issues related to life — euthanasia in particular.

Middle East and North Africa

WYA MENA's annual ELC garnered over 52 participants online to learn about how to respect each person's dignity in end-of-life care in light of law, policy, and practice in the context of their region. The conference welcomed Mona Rakhawy, from Egypt, who spoke on "Physician-Assisted Suicide: Historical and Religious Perspective in the Middle East". WYA Advocacy Director Sofia Piecuch spoke on "True Compassion in End of Life Care". Other speakers who participated in the event were Alejandro Suarez, a graduate student at the New York University's Center for Bioethics, and Dr. Calum Miller, who currently works as a medical doctor in the UK. Both spoke about the topic of autonomy in assisted Suicide and euthanasia and presented arguments for and against each.

North America

In November 2021, the WYA North America region hosted an online ELC with the theme "Women's Health and Rights". Among the speakers invited were WYA Advocacy Director Sofia Piecuch, who spoke about the flaws in the prevailing concept of "unmet need for contraception" and outlined the history of the intersection between development aid and reproductive health. Olivia Shingledecker, the WYA Benedictine College Chapter leader and a certified FEMM instructor, shared her experience in teaching young women about their hormonal and reproductive health and spoke about the need to find new ways to reach college women with this important information. The keynote speaker was Danielle Koestner, D.O., whose clinical practice is primarily through the Fertility Education and Medical Management (FEMM) telemed health network. Her presentation drew on her deep knowledge of reproductive health and her experience working with women and other medical providers through FEMM.



WYA HQ, Foundation, and North America staff celebrate opening the doors of the WYA New York townhouse to friends. International travel was also possible in the fall of 2021, allowing staff to meet their colleagues in person for the first time.

The difficulties of these times are your privilege to engage in.

They are our chance to become heroes. MMag. Dr. Gudrun Kugler, former WYA Europe Regional Director and current Austrian parliament member (ÖVP)

Dr. Kugler's words at the International Solidarity Forum (ISF) rang true for WYA in 2021. Undeniable growth in WYA's goals was seen from pre-pandemic 2019 up to 2021. This was largely attributed to the effective shift of WYA's programs to the virtual platform in 2020. Come 2021, this allowed room for further development and a clear pathway for members to engage.

A testimony to this was the first ever online ISF which tackled the theme "Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia". With the accessibility of the virtual set up, it brought together our largest delegation yet of over 90 WYA members from about 40 countries.

The new normal also paved the way for creative interregional collaborations.

Most notable was how the International Summer Camp, usually held in New York by WYA North America, has become an avenue for an intercultural Human Dignity Curriculum class. Both regional offices in North America and Latin America joined forces to hold a pilot run of the Human Dignity Curriculum Grade 12 content with 16 summer campers representing 5 countries in NA and LA. Meanwhile, WYA Africa and WYA Asia Pacific collaborated on a program called "Friends Beyond Borders" in place of the local summer camps they would usually hold in July. The event allowed delegates to do a virtual tour of their cultural counterparts and was well represented by 13 countries from their regions.

When 2021 forecasted online fatigue, WYA gatherings took this as a cue to evolve. One successful experiment was the WYA Open House, our first attempt to hold a 4-hour online event with a consistent attendance of 200 young people.

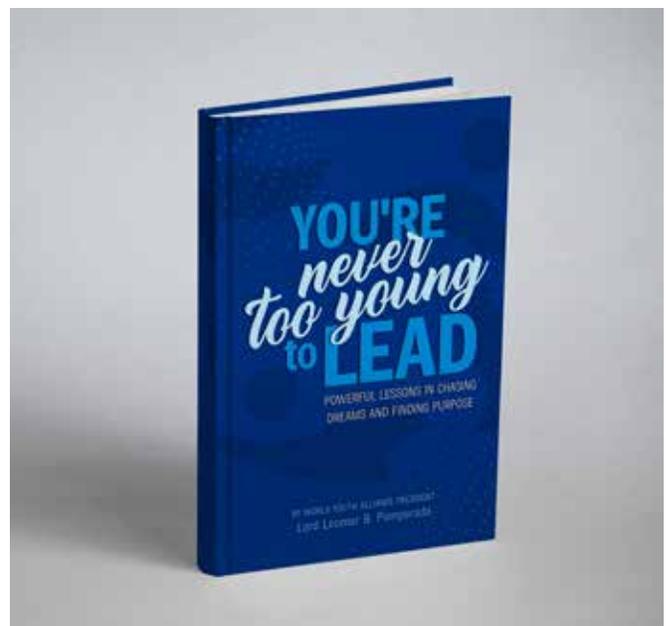
Open to young people who were curious to learn about what WYA has to offer, it consisted of interactive sessions like a Q&A with Olympian and North America Regional Director, Siobhan Heekin-Canedy, as she gave her reflection on sports and human dignity. Andrew Mwangi, WYA Nairobi Chapter trainer, conducted a live Certified Training Program (CTP) class on Victor Frankl while Ewa Rejman, WYA Poland Chapter trainer, delivered a very informative Advocacy Academy live session on sustainable development. The event also included various special performances from Daniel Carvajal, winner of the 2020 WYA talent grand finals, Gus Delfin, a WYA Europe regional intern, as well as Wangeci Mwaniki, WYA Africa Nairobi Chapter Leader. Participants also got a chance to engage with WYA staff, alumni and interns during the networking sessions.

Behind these numbers are stories of our inspiring members who show us WYA's special brand of heroism.

We hear of certified trainees from Lebanon who persist on attending online sessions in the dark during regular power outages. In Kenya and Nigeria, WYA Headquarters online interns Miriam and Vision would borrow laptops from friends to finish their tasks. In August, WYA hosted the "Leaders Need to Rest: Why Mental Health Matters" webinar for more than 80 WYA leaders for an interactive session on understanding mental health and self-reflection.

The lessons on Solidarity and Freedom for Excellence in WYA's training come alive in these moments of heroism exhibited by our members.

As a tribute to their bravery, WYA closed the year with a special gift from President Lord Leomer Pomperada. As a personal initiative to fundraise for the organization, he launched the book "You're Never Too Young to Lead". The book is a collection of personal anecdotes containing Pomperada's thoughts on how to grow into a global youth leader. In this book, his first ever, he answers questions commonly asked by young people he has met, detailing his journey to leading WYA, practical insights on effective networking and successful fundraising, and advice on building small but healthy habits that lead to excellence. He also weighs in on the tough questions and issues many young people face today, including how to thrive in the face of uncertainty, pursue true friendships, and live a meaningful life.



Launched in December 2021, WYA President Lord Pomperada's book "You're Never Too Young to Lead" contains anecdotes from his leadership journey. Most of them are stories of his encounters with amazing WYA members.

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Defending Human Dignity: The WYA Advocacy Response



WYA Africa staff was able to resume training teachers in a limited capacity. Expansion efforts for the Human Dignity Curriculum were also affected following school closures during the pandemic.

WYA's theory of change is rooted in an understanding of the policy wheel, which recognizes the relationship between policy, funding, and programs (implementation). WYA recognized that policy advocacy cannot be successful without the ability to offer programs which concretely support and respect human dignity.

The Human Dignity Curriculum (HDC) and Fertility Education and Medical Management (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.

WYA's advocacy work also evolved as the pandemic progressed. The United Nations held a majority of its sessions online while the European Parliament gradually opened its premises at the end of the year. The latter improved WYA's ability to influence key documents in the Parliament. One prime example was WYA Europe's opposition to the "Resolution on the situation of sexual and reproductive health and rights in the EU, in the frame of women's health", otherwise known as the Matić Report. WYA Europe trained advocates undertook a lot of efforts to highlight the problematic aspects of the report and were active in the process of contacting allies and monitoring developments. The efforts to raise awareness were successful, and the report suddenly got Europe-wide attention. Despite the report's passage, this showed the willingness of our best members to be part of the mobilization process during key advocacy discussions.

Meanwhile, the advocacy activity in the United Nations still remained in full swing. UN Commissions hosted online gave more WYA advocates from different countries like Colombia, Croatia, and Tunisia the chance to monitor events and deliver statements on behalf of the organization.

The beginning of 2021 marked the full implementation of the Advocacy Academy for all regions. This resulted to 124 WYA trained advocates from around the world. Through this 7-week program designed to educate active and certified WYA members on current global policy debates, WYA equipped them with the knowledge to develop person-centered responses. During the training program, WYA members studied the WYA White Papers. These are reports which examine complex issues, explain WYA's positions in response to current global debates, and address the most significant topics in global policy discussions and in key international proposals. Topics covered include Assisted Suicide & Euthanasia, Surrogacy, Reproductive Health, and many more.



At the end of 2021, the pilot of the Advocacy Academy Training of Trainers resulted in a select group of Advocacy Academy graduates. With both programs available online, we are excited to see how this new program will further equip our members in representing WYA in international advocacy.

VIKTOR FRANKL AWARDEE



Zainab Al Ramlawi

Middle East and
North Africa

“Whenever you (have) the opportunity to defend and protect human dignity, take it and invest in it. WYA is a great place where you can make a real change. ”

Zainab first joined WYA in 2020 through the Certified Training Program. “I decided to join WYA because as a girl who lived her entire life under occupation and suffers from a lack of freedom and dignity, I was always aspiring for hope and change.” Based in Palestine, Zainab continued to participate in WYA MENA's different activities. The experience encouraged her to pay it forward by applying to become a CTP trainer and regional intern with WYAMENA. She also helped with organizing the WYAMENA ELC conference. She was soon offered the role as the WYAMENA's Program Officer.

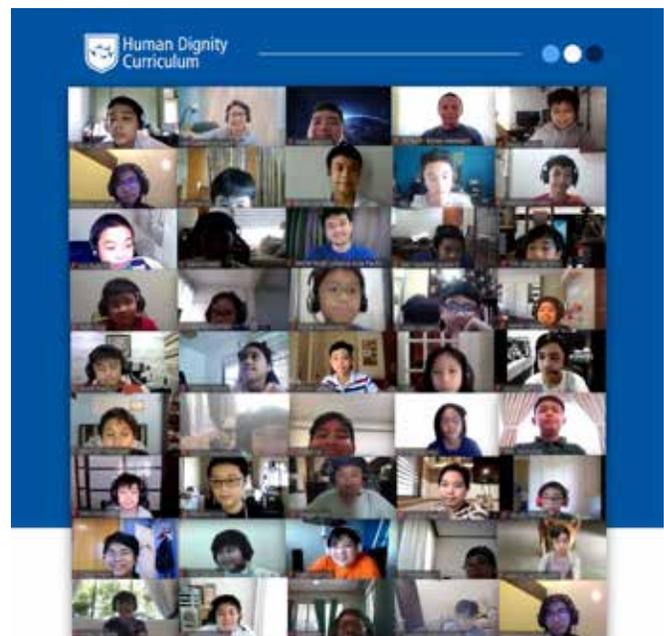
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Defending Human Dignity: The Human Dignity Curriculum



The Human Dignity Curriculum (HDC) is an innovative program developed by the World Youth Alliance (WYA). It was created at 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 helps them to ground their understanding of themselves and of others 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 each person 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 which can be 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.





After its official launch in 2017, the HDC continues to advance as one of WYA’s premier educational programs with its steady integration in local governments and institutions. As schools adjust to the virtual learning set up in 2021, WYA continued to expand the HDC’s reach.

A highlight of 2021 would be the official launch of the HDC website in January. Boasting of features like an accessible Teacher Portal and a sleek modern design, the new website houses the latest updates on HDC materials and articles.

WYA also hosted the second edition of the HDC Open House in collaboration with WYA North America and WYA Asia Pacific. Over 1,200 people viewed the event through Facebook Live and another 60 people tuned in via Airmeeet. The event gathered HDC teachers from notable implementations as speakers. Zechariah Kathumo Mumo (an HDC teacher at St. Catherine Primary School, Kenya), Bianca-Elena Cernat (an HDC Teacher of WYA Romania) and Nina Mautner (an HDC Teacher of WYA Croatia) all reflected on their experiences of teaching the HDC and shared best practices. Aireen Navales (Founder and President of Play, Learn, Serve, Manila, Philippines) shared her story on how the curriculum impacted her rural community in the Philippines. A high school HDC student, Maddalena Egan, also gave her experience of being part of the pilot batch of students for the 10th Grade HDC.

VIKTOR FRANKL AWARDEE



Luka Poslon

Europe

“My favorite part of WYA are the people...Members of WYA, as individuals, have a great chance to provide inspiration with their work and lives for many young people all over the world.”

Luka’s first steps as an active member was with WYA Croatia where he was part of the Media Team which worked on promoting projects like the World Down Syndrome Day. He considers raising awareness of persons with Down Syndrome as one of the most memorable projects he’s had. In 2018, he was part of the Bioethics team who organized the first Summer School of Bioethics and Human Rights for young students of medicine, law, philosophy and related professions. Since 2018, he continues to work with WYA Croatia.

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Defending Human Dignity: Notable HDC Development in 2021



WYA Chapters like the Universidad Nacional del Este de Paraguay (UNE) Chapter showed homebound heroism during the pandemic by teaching the HDC to local communities.

Africa

WYA Africa's major accomplishment during 2021 was the HDC Teacher Training with Cornerstone Preparatory Academy. Coming back from a year-long break due to the pandemic, the school's Teacher Training was in preparation for the return of in person classes with over 74 students covering Grades 1, 4, and 9.

Europe

The HDC continued to change more lives in Croatia as school partnerships grew under the WYA Southeast Europe office. In 2021 alone, they were able to teach over 261 students from 3 HDC partner schools in Split, Osijek, and Sesvete.

Meanwhile, following completion of the HDC Hungarian translation, over 27 schools in Hungary integrated the curriculum for students Grades 3-8.

Asia Pacific

In late 2021, the Asia Pacific office won a grant besting over 200 projects by proposing the HDC as a program that would help curtail the number of illegal substance abuse among Filipino youth. Organized by the National Youth Commission under the Office of the President of the Philippines, the prize will support more HDC implementations in the country. A string of HDC sessions in the Philippines were also implemented throughout the year. Notable ones include the development of a modular distance learning (MDL) set up with Jaime Hilario Integrated School-La Salle (JHIS-LS). Given the challenges of the pandemic, students were able to pick up modules from the school to answer in their own time as a way to bridge the lack of access to stable internet connection and technology. Other notable sessions were an online implementation with Molave Study Center and an in-person pilot with Project Hilway, led by 2019 Viktor Frankl Awardee Angel de la Flor.

Despite the pandemic, Chapter efforts for fundraising and outreach activities boomed during the year. The HDC became an avenue for WYA members to serve their hometowns by teaching the message of human dignity.



Latin America

WYALA's best HDC stories are from member initiatives. A highlight for 2021 was WYA Paraguay's HDC pilot led by Rocio Valdez, HDC Coordinator of the Universidad Nacional del Este de Paraguay (UNE). Impacting over 17 students in Escuela Publica "Defensores del Chaco" in Juan E O'Leary, it contributed to the ongoing evaluation efforts of the curriculum's impact on behavioral change. The success of this pilot led to another HDC pilot in a rural school in Rocio's area. Another vital HDC update for WYALA was the completion of the Spanish HDC for Grades Kindergarten to 8 at the beginning of 2021.

North America

A significant development on the HDC worth mentioning is the International Summer Camp collaboration between WYANA and WYALA. Over 16 campers from 6 countries witnessed the pilot of the Grade 12 content during ISC, offered in both English and Spanish. Meanwhile, more institutions continue to take interest in the curriculum such as the Youth Leadership Foundation, a youth mentorship organization, based in Washington, D.C.

VIKTOR FRANKL AWARDEE



Zachary Zimmer
North America

"WYA is an awesome resource for discovering the objective truths of the human person through exploring our final telos and the question of "What is a human?"

As a Biology and Philosophy double major with the hope of entering medical school, Zachary believed that WYA and Fertility Education and Medical Management (FEMM) would be able to aid in preparing him for defending the human person throughout my medical studies and future practice. Some highlights of his WYA involvement included organizing a FEMM medical conference for over 50 MDs/PAs/RNs from 5+ countries, visiting the United Nations building, and spending time with fellow interns and experiencing their languages and cultures in New York City.

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Defending Human Dignity: The WYA Advocacy Response | Fertility Education and Medical Management

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.

FEMM continued to grow in 2021, with ongoing trainings for medical providers for Europe and the US (over 200 medical providers trained), FEMM health teachers (over 228 trained), and 274 courses and webinars. FEMM has continued to expand the global network of health care providers needed to offer FEMM's model of care worldwide.

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

Medically inclined WYA members continue to look to FEMM as a manifestation of WYA's mission to defend the dignity of the person in the field of reproductive health. WYA Africa hosted a "FEMM Workshop" that brought together Reproductive Health experts to address issues in this area and provide person-centered solutions in their overall health. The speaker Caroline Ouma, a Certified FEMM teacher from Kenya and the founder and Director of Family Management Consultants (FMC), led the attendees through the basic introduction to the FEMM Program and the Human anatomy. This was followed by a presentation from Dr. Wahome Ngare, an obstetrician/gynecologist and a FEMM trained doctor, who talked about "Understanding Reproductive Health, Biomarkers, and Diseases of the Reproductive System".

Other regions like WYA Latin America have taken to social media to promote FEMM. Through the "We All Are FEMM" information campaign, WYALA used their online presence to educate women in their region about the program's unique approach to women's health.

Meanwhile, the Teacher Training scholarship opportunity available to WYA's best members continues with 23 undergoing teacher certifications. WYA and FEMM continue to work together to assure that this global and scientific platform can continue to help women better understand their bodies and make informed decisions about their own healthcare.



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FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

Revenue and Support	2021	2020
Contributions	653,295	571,748
Program Revenue	55,101	205
PPP Loan forgiveness	44,472	-
Total Revenue and Support	752,868	571,953

Expenses	2021	2020
Program services	703,729	542,463
Management and General	73,103	52,112
Fundraising	3,335	4,199
Total Expenses	780,167	598,774

	2021	2020
Change in Net Assets	(27,299)	(26,821)
Net Assets (Start of Year)	38,104	64,925
Net Assets (End of Year)	10,805	38,104

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