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About Peace Lab for Youth (PLY)

Peace Lab for Youth (PLY) is a one-month initiative that starts with a workshop series and concludes with a summit that includes the participation of more than 40 youths from diverse participants across Malaysia, and 20 presenters from government agencies, civil society organisations, academia and businesses. PLY is one of INITIATE.MY's public advocacy initiatives to empower young advocates of peace and tolerance to build social resilience against violent and nonviolent extremism in Malaysia.

PLY recognises the role of youth in the promotion of peace, human rights and nonviolence. This is in line with the **United Nations Security Council Resolution 2250 (2015), 2419 (2018) and 2535 (2020).**



Peace Lab for Youth (PLY) Curriculum

The curriculum of PLY will focus on 5 themes that include:

Theme 1: Freedom of Religion and Belief (FoRB)

It will cover basic understanding of rights and protections in FoRB. It will further explore the interlinked issues such as hate speech and skills in peaceful conflict resolutions.

Theme 2: Radicalisation

It will cover basic understanding of the process of radicalisation as well as the impacts of extremism from a gender perspective. It will further explore ways and efforts to address radicalisation by government agencies, academia and civil society organisations.

Theme 3: Advocacy Tools

It will cover advocacy tools through education, arts & media, civil & political rights, dialogues and campaigns that will help participants design and implement their own project ideas.



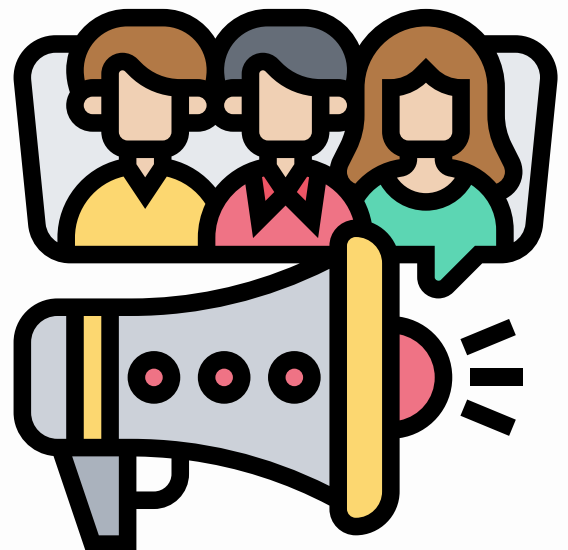
Peace Lab for Youth (PLY) Curriculum

Theme 4: Advocacy Skills

It will cover advocacy skills that include project design and management, mental health, legal and security awareness as well as social media skills that will help participants effectively design and implement their own project ideas.

Theme 5: Project Implementation & Reporting

Participants are expected to design their project ideas that incorporate learnt knowledge, tools and skills to actively promote tolerance and prevent violence in Malaysian society. Technical support and mentorship will be provided to the participants by participating organisations. Finally, participants will report the implementation of their projects at the PLY Summit.



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Profiles of Presenters



Dialogue Session



Dato' Ayob Khan Bin Mydin Pitchay
Chief of Police, Johor

He is the current Johor Police Chief since 24th February 2020. He holds the rank of Commissioner of Police and has been in the forefront of Bukit Aman's efforts against terrorism for several years. He joined the Royal Malaysia Police in 1991 and has a Master's Degree in Information Technology from National University of Malaysia.

He was the Head of Counter-Terrorism Division (E8) of Special Branch Bukit Aman for six years. Prior to that, he has always been a part of the Bukit Aman team specifically in Special Branch. He was the Deputy Director of Special Task Force (of Operations in Counter-Terrorism Division) between July 2009 to February 2014 and the Staff Officer for Counter-Terrorism Section between the year 2006 to July 2009. He has experience as Staff Officer for Counter Espionage and as Desk Officer for African and Middle East Countries.

He was involved with numbers of high profile counter-terrorism operations such as against The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), Al Qaeda, Daesh, and Jemaah Islamiyah among others. He is also actively involved in fighting corruptions, bribery and money laundering.



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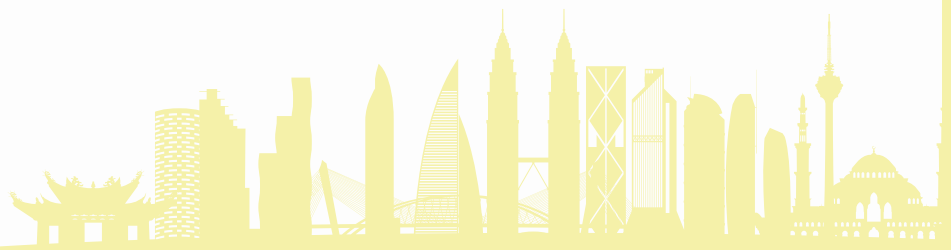


Dr. Ahmad El-Muhammady
Assistant Professor,
International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilisation (ISTAC-IIUM)
Associate Fellow,
International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT)

He is an Assistant Professor at the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilisation (ISTAC-IIUM). Besides that, he holds various external positions such as Associate Fellow at the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT), The Hague, Netherlands; International Advisory Committee Member at Global Peace Institute (GPI), United Kingdom, Associate Research Fellow at the Accounting Research Institute (ARI), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Malaysia, and Deputy Director, Alumni Relations Division (ARD), IIUM.

Since 2011, he works closely with the Special Branch's Counter-Terrorism Division, Royal Malaysia Police and Prison Department to implement the Rehabilitation and Deradicalisation programs for individuals detained under terrorism laws in Malaysia. Ahmad is also a member of Deradicalisation Panel and Expert/Specialist appointed by the Ministry of Home Affairs for cases investigated under the Security Offences (Special Measures) Act (SOSMA) 2012 and Prevention of Terrorism Act (POTA) 2015.

Prior to that, he was a consultant to the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) (2019), and co-authored a report on the return of foreign terrorist fighters in Southeast Asia. Ahmad also served as think-tank member (2014-2019) and consultant (2018-2019) to the Institute for Youth Research Malaysia (IYRES), Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia. He is now a Co-principal investigator for a two-year research at the IIUM-ISTAC's Extremism Analytical Unit in collaboration with the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses of Terrorism (START), University of Maryland (2018-2020) and consultant to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA) to develop National Action Plan for Preventing/Countering Violent Extremism (NAPPCVE) in Malaysia.



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Puan Hashimah binti Hashim
Ketua Jabatan Penglibatan Komuniti,
Suruhanjaya Komunikasi dan Multimedia Malaysia (SKMM)
Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC)

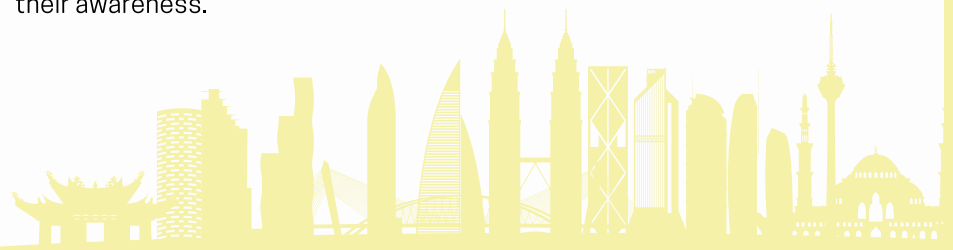
Beliau mempunyai Ijazah Sarjana Muda Kejuruteraan dalam Kejuruteraan Elektrikal dan Elektronik daripada Toyohashi University of Technology, Japan dan Ijazah Sarjana Sastera Ohio University, Amerika Syarikat Beliau bertanggungjawab untuk melaksanakan program kesedaran Klik Dengan Bijak dan program pemerikasaan "Sukarelawan ICT Malaysia" (Malaysia ICT Volunteer- MIV) untuk meningkatkan literasi digital, menggalakkan keterangkuman digital, membudayakan penggunaan ICT yang positif berdasarkan Rukun Negara serta membantu rakyat Malaysia ke arah kepimpinan digital, kawal selia sendiri, dan menjadi warga digital.



Alexej Boris
Founder & CEO,
InsideOut Academy

Alexei Boris is the Founder and CEO of InsideOut, a Germany-based Academy. He has been working in the prevention of extremism since 2012 and has built a company with around 100 employees that is independent of state subsidies. InsideOut runs programs and workshops on political education, prevention of extremism, radicalization and group-related misanthropy. The academy redefines leadership through its 'ToXiGames' program that imparts knowledge about leadership through physical self-awareness, applied practice with challenging groups and direct references to the global world through experience from extremism and radicalization.

Alexei and his team developed 'XGames', a radicalisation prevention game for adolescents and young adults. The adventure game is designed for use in schools and educational institutions, but can also be used in other contexts. The aim is to make adolescents and young adults aware of the simple ways their thoughts and actions can be influenced, thus boosting their awareness.



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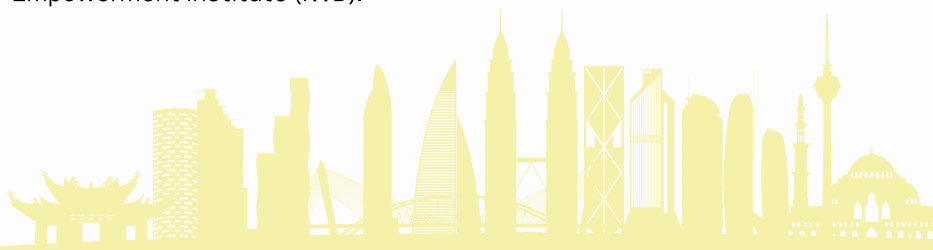
Aizat Shamsuddin
Project Coordinator,
Initiative to Promote Tolerance & Prevent Violence (INITIATE.MY)

He is an analyst and practitioner in the prevention of violent extremism (PVE), good governance, and human rights. Since 2015, he is the founder and project coordinator of Komuniti Muslim Universal. It was founded by former radicalised youth to counter extremism through counter-narratives, dialogues and preventive policy engagements in Malaysia and Southeast Asia. In recognition of his work in peace and security, he received Australia Awards scholarship from Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and ASEAN in 2018. Then, he completed his master's degree specialising in counterterrorism, conflict studies and political Islam from the University of Melbourne in 2020. As part of his global network in counter-extremism initiatives, he is an alumnus of German Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations and American Council of Young Political Leaders since 2018. Aizat is also trained in Sharia and law for 5 years at the Islamic Science University of Malaysia. His altruistic hope is to make the world a better place.



Ain Nasiebah
Researcher,
Initiative to Promote Tolerance & Prevent Violence (INITIATE.MY)

She works in the development sector specialising in gender and peacebuilding especially in Southeast Asian context. She is an Asian Youth Peace Network (AYPN) member, a Southeast Asian youth network working on peace and conflict in the region. She has work experience in relation to project management, consultation, facilitation and research. Previously, she had also been involved in the capacity building of different segments of women in the community, from young women, refugees, migrants, indigenous people to professionals at the local level. She had 7 years of experience working with a number of local women's rights organisations namely, All Women's Action Society (AWAM), Tenaganita (refugee and migrants organisation) and Selangor Women's Empowerment Institute (IWB).



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Akwa Mahzan

Researcher,

Initiative to Promote Tolerance & Prevent Violence (INITIATE.MY)

He is a Research Assistant for INITIATE.MY project. He has experience as a Program Officer in human capital development and education sectors. His areas of specialisation are governance, public policy and economics. He recently completed a master's degree in economics from the National University of Malaysia (UKM). His interest in the prevention of violence extremism (PVE) and human rights motivates him to spread community awareness about moderation and celebration of different beliefs for the progression of the country. In his leisure time, Akwa loves to read and do social volunteering at his hometown with the local communities.

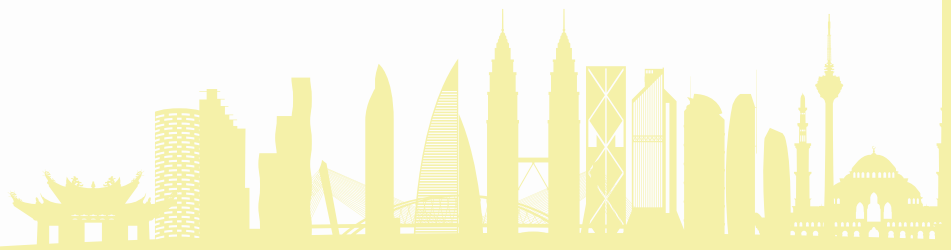


Qiana Falisha Aufiya Jessica

Researcher,

Initiative to Promote Tolerance & Prevent Violence (INITIATE.MY)

She is a researcher whose research focus centres on understanding grounding factors of domestic extremism and terrorism. Falisha believes counterterrorism measures extend beyond traditional measures since extremism stems from external factors that eventually leads to radicalisation. She has international studies background from Universiti Malaysia Sarawak. In her final year project, she wrote about 'Trump's Afghanistan-Pakistan Strategy: The effects on The Fragile International Comprehensive Security'. In general, her works are intensely magnified on religious extremism, counterterrorism policies and security. Falisha hopes to educate the members of society on extremism, terrorism, and radicalisation through her research.



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Dr. Faizal Tehrani
Visiting Fellow,
ISEAS-Yusuf Ishak

He graduated with a Bachelor of Islamic Studies, University of Malaya (1998); his MA in Comparative Literature, University Science of Malaysia (2000) and a PhD in Comparative Literature from National University of Malaysia (2010). Currently he is also an Associate for Global Sh'ia Diaspora at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Harvard University, USA; and Visiting Fellow at ISEAS-Yusuf Ishak, Singapore.



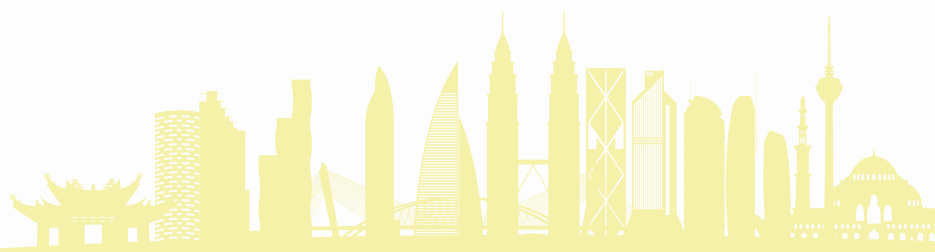
Rev. Dr. Hermen Shastri
Secretary-General,
Council of Churches Malaysia

He is an ordained minister of the Methodist Church and currently serves as General Secretary of the Council of Malaysia. He also served as the Executive Secretary of the Christian Federation of Malaysia for 11 years. He serves on numerous committee in the country including the Malaysian Consultative Council of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism and Sikhism and Taoism and in the World Council of Churches as member of the Standing Order Commission of Faith and Order, Co-Moderator of WCC Faith and Order 2014-2022.



Jia Vern
Researcher,
The Centre

She is a researcher under the Societal Contracts pillar at The Centre. She led a Peninsular-wide study on how Malaysians perceive hate speech in 2020, and is currently working on a proof-of-concept online hate speech tracker initiative, #TrackerBenci, with a focus on Twitter.



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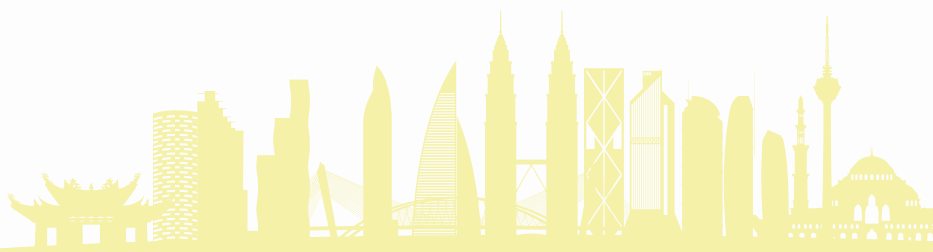
Dina Zaman
Director of Business Development,
IMAN RESEARCH

She is a Director of Business Development at Iman Research and has always been fascinated by identity. As a third culture kid being bounced from country to country, school to another, the tropics to temperate climate, she found how people identified themselves a great curiosity. It was only in 2004 when she joined Malaysiakini.com that she finally put her observations to paper, which then became a book, *I Am Muslim*. Today, she no longer writes for the Malaysian media as she left to found IMAN Research. Instead, she discusses religion in public life, and contributes to the CVE sector. She is fascinated how faith is political, sociological and emotional, and how it impacts lives. She has published three books, one of which is fiction, and hopes to have a new book out in November 2021.



Dr. Azmil Tayeb
Honorary Secretary,
Aliran

He is a political scientist who has done extensive research on political Islam, social movements and local government politics, particularly in Indonesia and Malaysia. Previously, he was a Fulbright fellow based at a pondok pesantren (Islamic boarding school) in South Kalimantan, Indonesia and an Erasmus Mundus fellow based at Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany. He received his PhD from the Australian National University. He is the author of *"Islamic Education in Indonesia and Malaysia: Shaping Minds, Saving Souls"* (Routledge, 2018). The book won the Colleagues' Choice Award for Social Sciences at the 2019 International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) in Leiden, Netherlands.



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Qyira Yusri
Co-Founder & Education Director,
UNDI 18

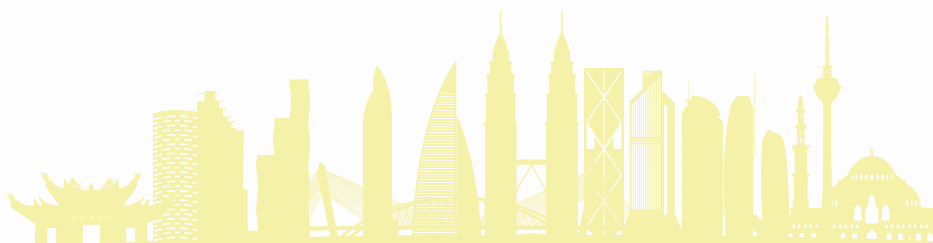
She is the Co-Founder and Education Director of #Undi18. #Undi18 is a Malaysian grassroots movement, spearheaded by a group of young people that successfully lobbied the Government and Parliament of Malaysia to take steps towards amending Article 119(1) of the Federal Constitution to reduce the minimum voting age in Malaysia from 21 to 18 years old. Qyira was previously a member of the National Youth Consultative Council. She is a Fellow at the Institut Für Auslandsbeziehungen (ifa) and a Democracy Discourse Fellow by the De La Salle University.

She is nominated by the US Embassy KL for the International Woman of Courage Award and was recently listed in Forbes 30 Under 30 for her work in Social Impact. With #Undi18, she leads the voter education initiatives by creating workshop modules and creative content to ensure that by GE15, Malaysian youths are prepared to vote. Some of the programs and initiatives that they have organized are Parlimen Digital, Seeds For Democracy, Youth Defence Summit, and more.



Jason Wee
Co-founder,
Architects of Diversity Malaysia (AOD)

He is the co-founder of Architects of Diversity Malaysia, a non-profit that aims to bridge communities and identity groups among youth for justice, peace and a sustainable future. AOD is an affiliate organisation under the United World Colleges movement. Jason has led various programmes and research projects on racial and religious misunderstanding and conflict, focusing on strengthening structures and systems to mend Malaysia's growing divide.



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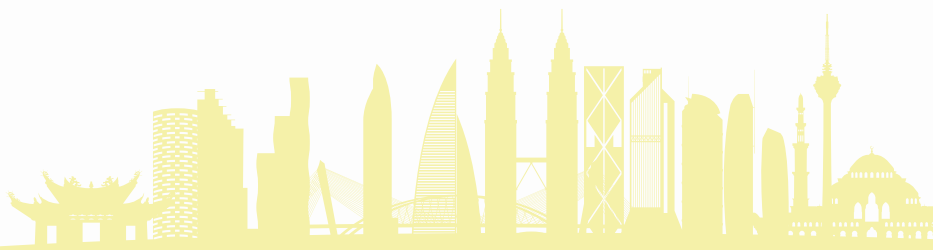
Hisham Muhaimi
Project Officer,
Komuniti Muslim Universal (KMU Malaysia)

He is the Project Officer at Komuniti Muslim Universal since 2017. His active involvement with KMU includes conducting advocacy training, workshops and seminars for youths and other stakeholders, particularly in the inclusion of religious minorities and gender equality under the framework of prevention and counter violent extremism (P/CVE). He has a background of Shariah and Law from Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia. As a YSEALI Alumni from the University of Nebraska-Omaha, Hisham is passionate about civic engagement, youth advocacy, community building and interfaith experience.



Khalil Majeed
Co-Founder & Managing Editor,
FaqCheck Lab

He is a co-founder and managing editor at Faqcheck Lab. He has spent nearly a decade working on investigations and producing documentaries across Malaysia. Khalil is also the Malaysian correspondent for Reporters Without Borders. Being fond of technology, his production repertoire includes virtual reality films. In his free time, Khalil can be found on his usual walking trails or in the kitchen testing recipes.



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Khairi Anwar
Writer & Director,
Anomalist Production

He is a writer and director, for the stage and screen, based in KL mainly with his theatre company, Anomalist Production, where his works have travelled to Singapore and Indonesia. His first full length play, Teater Bangsa: Anak Kecil Main Api' (2015), won Audience's Choice Award in the 13th BOH Cameronian Arts Award.

His second play for the stage, which he co-wrote with Nell Hanan, 'HOME' (2016), toured to Singapore in September 2016. In 2018, his play 'IQ.Rock' (2018) was staged to critically acclaimed in April, was restaged later in September of the same year. IQ.Rock was nominated as Best of 2018 in the 16th BOH Cameronian Arts Award, together with nomination of Best Original Script, and won Best Supporting Actor.

Khairi directed and co-wrote POHLITHIK (2019) with Jamal Raslan in 2019, a story about the power of the student movement in Malaysia, and the play won Best of 2019 in the 17th BOH Cameronian Arts Awards.

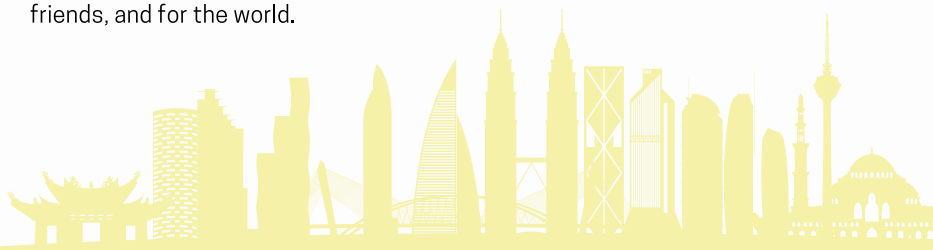
Khairi's works have also been nominated for short film competition. 'Colourful' (2018) was nominated for Best Screenplay in BMW Shorties 2018, and 'Ralat The Musical' (2019), where Ralat was nominated for Best Director, Best Screenplay, Best Cinematography and Best Sound Design, and the short film takes home The Audience's Choice Award in BMW Shorties 2019.

(cont.) His latest stage play, '24 Jam Dalam 37 Tahun' (2020), directed by Christopher Ling and produced by Theatrethreesixty, had full houses when it premiered back in March with loads of rave reviews on social media.

Khairi also directed his first feature film in 2020, 'Mentega Terbang' (2020) where he co-wrote the story with his friends, questioning about religions and their different versions of the afterlife. The film was amongst the five finalists for Kuman Pictures Feature Film Challenge 2020, and is now touring in Malaysia and in international film festivals.

In 2021, Khairi made his debut in TV directing when he directed 'Megastar Academy' (2021) for ASTRO, a 2-episodes musical telemovie created and produced by Red Communications.

Khairi strives to tell and write more contemporary Malaysian stories, for his friends, and for the world.



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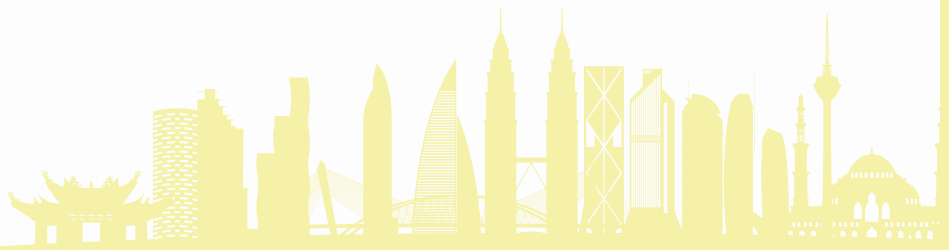
Netusha Naidu
President,
Imagined Malaysia

She is the President of Imagined Malaysia, an NGO that advocates for better historical literacy, the exploration of alternative Malaysian histories, and locating Malaysian history within a regional Southeast Asian context. She was a Tunku Scholar at the University of Cambridge and graduated with an MPhil in World History.



Rashidi Mohd
President,
Lestari Hikmah

Beliau berasal dari Ipoh, Perak. Mendapat pendidikan di dalam bidang Syariah. Beliau menyampaikan syarahan di radio, universiti serta menulis dalam bidang Maqasid Syariah, tokoh, pemikiran dan gerakan Islam di Nusantara. Penulisan beliau diterbitkan di dalam dan luar negara seperti IbTimes, Kompas, Dewan Ekonomi dan Suara Muhammadiyah. Mohd Rashidi merupakan Presiden Lestari Hikmah sejak dari awal penubuhannya. Melalui Lestari Hikmah, beliau menjalinkan kerjasama dengan universiti, NGO dan penyelidik dalam perkara kebudayaan, sejarah, literasi dan pendidikan di Malaysia, Singapura dan Indonesia.



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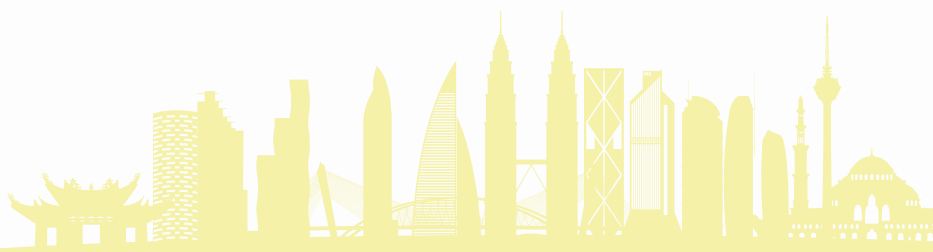
Rozana Isa
Executive Director,
Sisters in Islam (SIS)

She is currently the Executive Director for Sisters in Islam, a Malaysian NGO working on women's rights within the framework of Islam. She is also with Musawah, the global movement for equality and justice in the Muslim family. She joined the Malaysian women's rights movement in 1999 to address violence against women. This exposed her to challenges women face to have their rights recognised and exercised in a context of Islamisation within a democratic nation with parallel legal systems, where gender, ethnic, and religious diversities are celebrated in society yet negated at different levels of policies and laws. Before taking up SIS's helm, Rozana worked with several national, regional, and international women's rights organisations.



Azareena Abdul Aziz
Programme Manager,
Sisters in Islam (SIS)

She is the Programme Manager for Outreach and Empowerment for Sisters in Islam (SIS) a non-governmental organisation working on the rights of Muslim women within the framework of Islam. Azareena's scope of work includes advocating and organising SIS' programmes and activities that reach out to grassroots women, youth, activists, artists, syariah fraternity, syariah practitioners, stakeholders, parliamentarians and the general public on issues such as Islamic Family Law, Muslim women's rights, gender equality, child marriage, child born out of wedlock, freedom of religion, freedom of expression, Islamic fundamentalism and many more.



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Mimie Rahman
Co-Founder,
Minda Kami

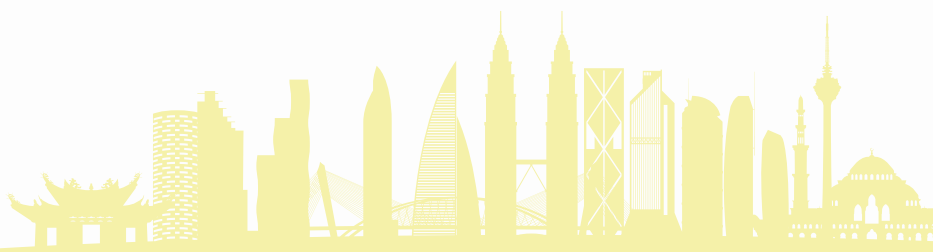
She is a mental health advocate who has been continuously working with adolescent and youth to amplify the unheard voices in Malaysia. Mimie has helped many young people by assisting them in receiving support and professional help within the online and offline sphere.

She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Materials Science and worked as an engineer for a few years, she recognized her niche did not lie in the technical sphere. Mimie is currently doing her Masters in Guidance and Counselling and International Diploma on Mental Health, Human Rights & Law. She is also a fellow for Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiatives (YSEALI) and Building Bridges of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She incorporates intersectionality of mental health with socioeconomic, environmental and human rights perspective to create a comprehensive engagement with young people. Mimie is the co-founder of MINDAKAMI, a self-funded initiative committed in raising awareness of mental health and mental illnesses for young people in Malaysian.



Suri Kempe
Advisor,
Queer Lapis

Suri Kempe is an independent activist and consultant with over 15 years experience in gender equality, activism and community building, and law reform; working in diverse, multicultural communities, with a regional focus in the Asia/Pacific region. I have worked with the United Nations Development Programme and Malaysia's Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development; and in various leadership roles with civil society organisations including Family Frontiers, the Asia-Pacific Research and Resource Center (ARROW), and QueerLapis.



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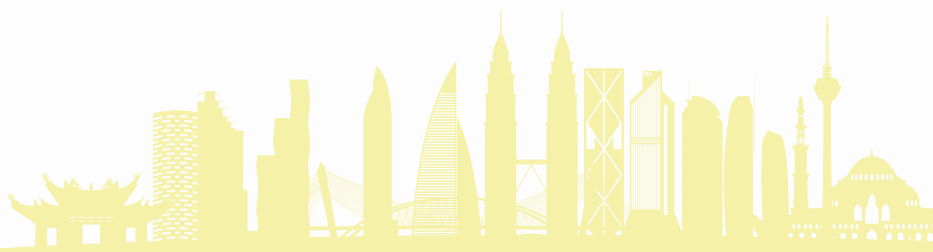
Firzana Redzuan
Founder,
Monsters Among Us

(Fir)zana Redzuan (She/Her) is a social media consultant working with ARROW's Information and Communications team. She is also a law graduate who has been called to the Bar after completing her 9 months of pupillage at a civil and criminal litigation firm. She obtained her law degree at International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) and she is currently enrolled in Diploma in Syariah and Practice at Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) in pursuit of advocating for Muslim women and families in Malaysia.

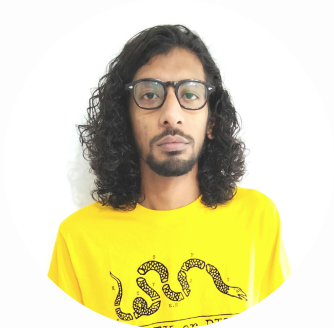
She is also the Founder of Monsters Among Us (MAU), a youth-led NGO that upholds children's rights and combats child sexual abuse. MAU was initiated as a symposium in 2017 when Fir was the President of IIUM's Asian Law Students' Association (ALSA IIUM) and is now registered as a society under the Registry of Societies. Since August 2020, she has been spearheading the Lapor Predator project under MAU, a child-friendly reporting chatbot for sexual crimes.

Recently, she was selected to represent P.097 Selayang for the newly launched Dewan Muda Malaysia assigned to the Ministry of Children and Youth as well as chosen as Malaysia's representative for the YSEALI Academic Fellowship Fall 2021.

For the past four years, Fir has spearheaded many youth centred initiatives to build awareness on child rights and equipping society, especially the children and young people on the dangers of sexual abuse.



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Mohammad Alshatri bin Abdullah
Senior Program Officer,
SUARA RAKYAT MALAYSIA (SUARAM)

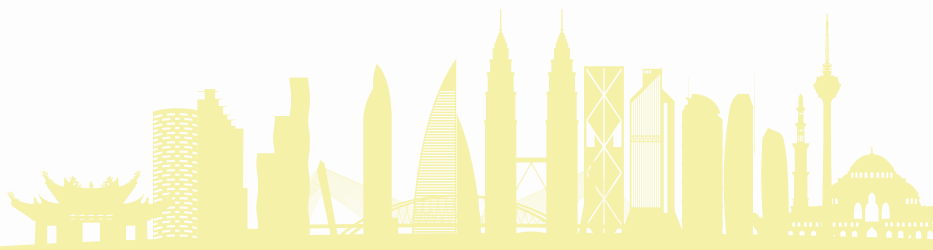
Currently working as Senior Program Officer at Suara Rakyat Malaysia (SUARAM). Five years of experience in handling cases of police misconduct and mistreatment in custody, including abuse and death in custody. I am also the coordinator for Police accountability and the IPCMC campaign for Malaysian Civil Society. Previously coordinated CSO's efforts toward the IPCMC bill before and after being tabled in Parliament. This effort includes consultation with various government agencies including Malaysian Human Rights Commission (SUHAKAM) and the Minister at Prime Minister's Office (Laws) late Dato Liew Vui Kiong and the PDRM. Now coordinates the #IPCMCNow campaign to galvanise public action to urge the government to establish the long overdue IPCMC in Parliament.

Also, a resource person for Sekolah Aktivisme SUARAM mainly on police power and your rights module, focusing on arrest procedures and rights during arrest and detention.



Jarah De Guzman
Digital Manager,
TechSoup Asia-Pacific

She plays a vital role in developing and implementing various digital marketing campaigns that helps broaden TechSoup's reach within Asia-Pacific. She has six years marketing experience and holds a Bachelor's in Development Communication from University of the Philippines - Los Baños. In her free time, she loves to play with her dogs, read books, and binge watch her favorite series in Netflix.



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Thilaga Sulathireh
Consultant,
Queer Lapis

Thilaga is a community organizer and researcher. Their, her or other pronouns work largely revolve around gender, sexuality and human rights. They are part of Justice for Sisters, Queer Lapis and Seksualiti Merdeka.



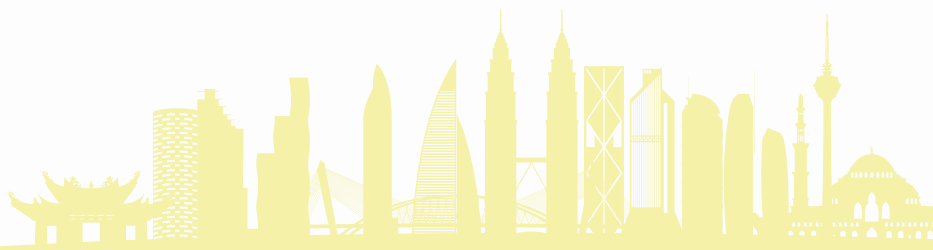
Victoria Cheng
General Manager,
Projek Dialog

She is currently the General Manager of Projek Dialog and has extensive experience in the fields of interfaith relations, freedom of expression, event management, and social media marketing. Her work on political Islam in Malaysia has appeared in Budi Kritik: Essays, and has organised several film festivals, a nationwide boardgaming event, and inclusivity-oriented digital festivals to date. She also works closely with content creators and influencers to produce creative content with socio-political messaging that targets the youth community in Malaysia.



Khadijah Zainal
Assistant Program Manager,
Projek Dialog

A graduate of International Relations with French from the University of Nottingham Malaysia, Khadijah Zainal, otherwise known as Tok Khadi on Tiktok, is Projek Dialog's Assistant Program Manager. A self-proclaimed 'syok sendiri person,' she is also Projek Dialog's in-house designer on all things Canva.



Peace Lab for Youth

Profiles of Participants



PLY Facilitators



Loong Dien Min

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She is in pursuit of a BA(Hons) International Relations with French at the University of Nottingham Malaysia. She has interned with Monsters Among Us: Youth Advocates (MAU) and Berkshire Media Sdn Bhd and has experience in policy writing, programme impact evaluation, primary and secondary social science research and social data analytics. Through her work, she hopes to foster alternative narratives to institutional discourses that have driven the colonial construction of hegemonic racial, sexual and gender identity in Malaysia.



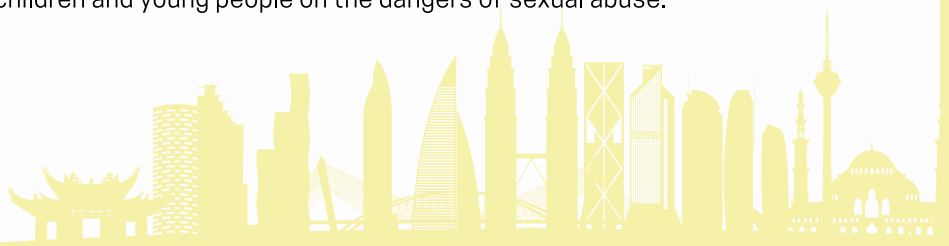
(Fir)zana Redzuan

fir@laporpredator.org (contact via e-mail or Discord only)

(She/Her) is a social media consultant working with ARROW's Information and Communications team. She is also a law graduate who has been called to the Bar after completing her 9 months of pupillage at a civil and criminal litigation firm.

She is also the Founder of Monsters Among Us (MAU), a youth-led NGO that upholds children's rights and combats child sexual abuse. MAU was initiated as a symposium in 2017 when Fir was the President of IIUM's Asian Law Students' Association (ALSA IIUM) and is now registered as a society under the Registry of Societies. Since August 2020, she has been spearheading the Lapor Predator project under MAU, a child-friendly reporting chatbot for sexual crimes.

For the past four years, Fir has spearheaded many youth centred initiatives to build awareness on child rights and equipping society, especially the children and young people on the dangers of sexual abuse.



PLY Participants



Ahmad Yasin

Sin is a freelance writer that focuses on sexual minority community issues.

Among other issues they're interested in range from gender to SRHR to some metaphysical philosophy they wish they could understand but god somehow has other plans for their tiny little brain.

Audrey Kok Ee Lin

My name is Audrey Kok Ee Lin and I am 21 years old.

I am a student from Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, currently enrolled under Degree of Bachelor of Chinese Medicine.

I love being adventurous and learning new things.

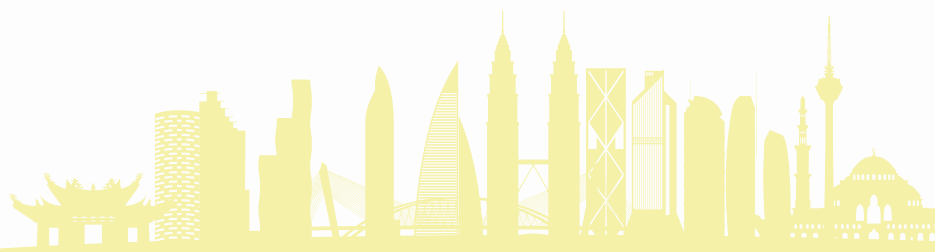


Ahmad Muadz Bin Zulqarnain



Currently studying at Faculty of Science and Technology, Islamic Science University of Malaysia (USIM).

Had some experience in university's debate and and active in joining students' activity in the campus. Aiming to be more exposed to the community's issues and being part of the solution and also to have more perspectives.



PLY Participants



Avril Adam Bin Anuar

I have a strong believe where by enacting good deeds to another person will make the world, slowly but surely, a better place with less crime, abuse, and violence.

Any actions I do towards another person, I will make sure it will be a positive one but this will depend on how the person interact.

Ariff Haiqal Bin Jamsari

Haqal is law graduate from Universiti Teknologi MARA who is passionate in promoting legal awareness to empower the community, demanding justice and dispel misconception of the law.

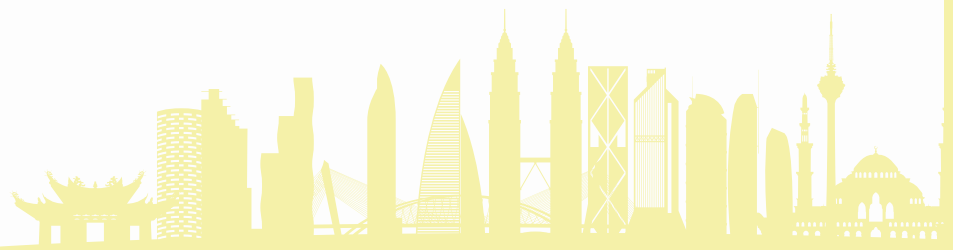
Currently, he is undergoing pupillage in Petaling Jaya.



Allison Choong

Allison Choong, 17 is a year 12 IBDP student and performing arts enthusiast.

She spends her free time singing at benefits or doing musical theatre and is extremely passionate about public speaking, human rights and community service. She hopes to incorporate both arts and activism in her future undertakings.



PLY Participants



Alice Binti Ismade

Name : Alice binti Ismade

Age : 16

School : MRSM Pengkalan Chepa

Lives in Penang



C. Hari A/L S. Shankar

- BBA in Innovation & Economics, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

- Japanese-Malaysian - fluent in English, Malay, and Japanese

- Passionate about education, intercultural communication, and community development



Danial Ashraf Ghazali

My name is Danial Ashraf bin Ghazali (he/him).

I am 22 year old from Malacca, Malaysia.

I am a 2nd-year law student from UiTM Shah Alam.

I am the eldest of 4 brothers. I have an interest in comparative religion, culture, history and ethnic studies.



PLY Participants



Eow Shiang Yen

I am currently a PhD student in Community Nutrition at Universiti Putra Malaysia conducting my research on infant gut microbiota.

I also undertake a few leadership positions in NGOs including General Secretary (Young Buddhist Association of Malaysia) and Secretary of Unity, National Integration and Consumerism Special Committee (Malaysian Youth Council).

Haseenah Huriyah Wan Rosli

Huriyah holds an MA in Peace Studies from Hacettepe University and a law degree from IIUM.

She was invited to contribute a book chapter on 'Responsibility to Protect' and her research interests lie in conflict transformation and social justice.

She aspires to embody merhamet (mercy) in her life and hopes to become beacon of light for humanity.

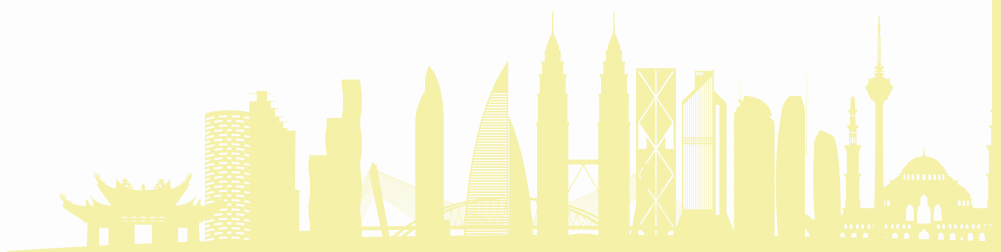


Idris Bin Azim



Idris is a passionate historian who wishes to use the lessons of the past to shape the future.

He is passionate about understanding policy, and about international affairs.



PLY Participants



Isra Daniel Gomez

I, am 18 years old. I

only started getting into politics after GE14. I still can remember that day clearly.

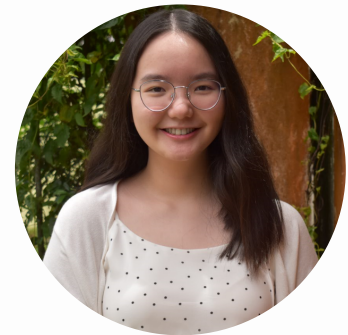
I also like playing drums during my free time, read, watch TV and play video games

Jane Law Lee Bin

Jane is an aspiring journalist who is passionate about gender equality.

She is currently working as the Communications and Media Officer at KRYSS Network, a not-for-profit organization that focuses on freedom of expression from a gender lens.

She is also actively involved in other advocacy movements that fight for systemic change.

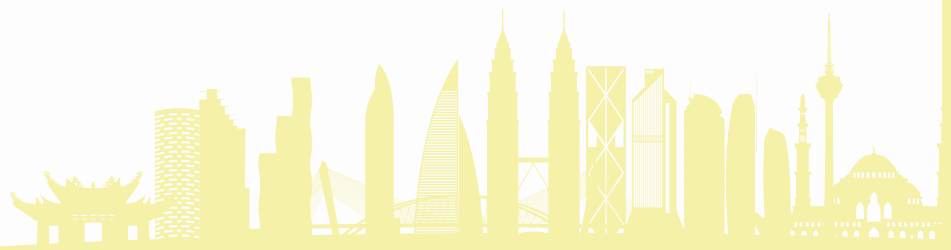


Jananie D/O Chandra Rao



I am a final year psychology student who is passionate about mental health and gender equality.

A friendly person who likes to talk about real-life struggles as I believe vulnerability brings us closer together.



PLY Participants



Kirtana A/P Sivaraja

Hello everyone !

Just wanna learn something new everyday

I believe in this saying "Life is too short and happiness is too rare". As long we are living in this world, let's be kinder to one another :)

We die once but we live everyday, let's just be humane that's all !



Khuswinder Singh

Im Khuswinder Singh A/L Tara Singh, Age 23, Currently studying at Adtec Taiping, Representing Sukarelawan Ahli Dewan Belia Perak 2021/2022 DUN N32 Menglembu.



Khor Rui Yu



I am social work student, going into second year of university.

To be honest, social work is not my first career option, however I get interested to it and decided to continue my study to acquire skills and knowledge to help underprivileged and marginalised people in this society.



PLY Participants



Luvenia Kalia

Luvenia Kalia is a multidisciplinary artist as well as an Arts and Culture Producer at Maitree House, an immersive storytelling XR company based in Australia and Asia.

She holds a Diploma in Dance from Lasalle College of the Arts, Singapore and a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Dance) with a concentration in Performance and Choreography from Slippery Rock University, PA, USA.

Muhammad Wafieyuddin Al Aziz Bin Azizudin

A second year student of BSocSc majoring in Political Science at Universiti Sains Malaysia. currently observing the application of reformist thinking (tajdid) and its relation with socio-politics among Muslims in Malaysia.

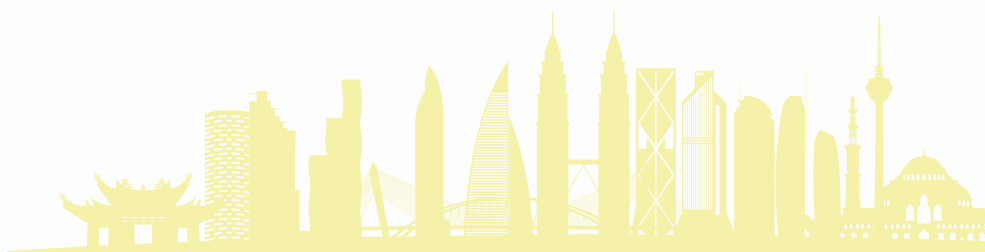


Muhammad Azeem Bin Mohd Lenin



Azeem runs a creative agency that provides video-making services for digital advertising (and sometimes, wedding).

He enjoys making documentary for people with ideas, as it's not only serve as a medium to disseminate knowledge and awareness, but mostly because he can take a break from scripted-ads.



PLY Participants



Muhammad Faizuddin Bin Noor Izam

Nama saya Muhammad Faizuddin, menetap di Melaka.

Hobi saya adalah menangkap gambar-gambar hidupan liar dan mempunyai minat yang tinggi terhadap alam sekitar

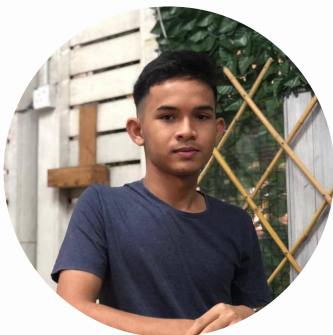
Mindy Liew

Mindy Liew is an aspiring law student who is currently pursuing her A-Level studies at King Henry VIII College Malaysia.

As a youth advocate, she dedicates her free time to educating and empowering others around her.



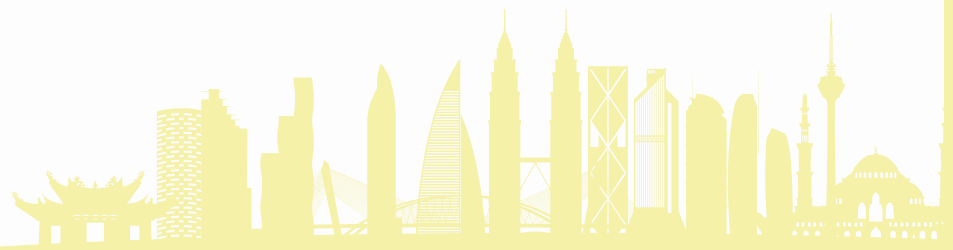
Muhammad Hassanul Ikhmal Bin Zamri



Currently at Civics Unplugged Fellowship Fall 21 and Student on Australia Indigenous Mentoring & Empowering.

I also one of Southeast Asian Kindness Leader.

With the biggest passion to be A Good Global Citizen, I want the change that can impact all the universe who deserve to life like me.



PLY Participants



Mika Azril Bin Mohd Rizal

My name is Mika Azril.

I graduated from high school just a few months ago and currently enrolling in Sunway Uni.

I aspire to help people from all walks of life by making a difference.

Merysa Mobena Henry

My name is Merysa Mobena Henry, I am a 19 years old female.

I was born on 23 October 2002 in Hospital Kota Belud.

I have graduated primary and secondary school.

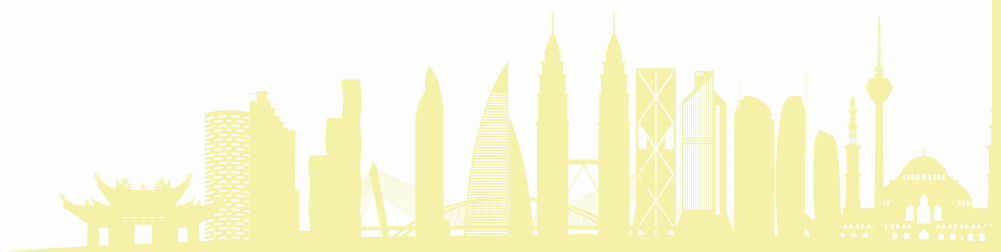


Muhammad Irfan Iqbal Bin Zahari

Berusia 22 tahun

Berasal dari Kuala Krai Kelantan

Merupakan pelajar tahun 3 Universiti Malaysia Kelantan



PLY Participants



Nur Hidayah Binti Mohd Fauzi

My name is Nur Hidayah binti Mohd Fauzi, 22 years old this year and currently i have been studying in Universiti Malaysia Kelantan, in applied sciences (Geoscience).

I have my interest in learning and contribute ky life for society.

Ooi Mee Quin

Hi! I'm a video producer and editor, passionate about bridging gaps in communities through visual storytelling and art.



Preytiishaa



My name is Preytiishaa and I'm from Taiping, Perak.

I'm 22 years old and currently pursuing my degree in mass communication.

I will be majoring in public relations. As a student, I'm widening my network before stepping into work life.



PLY Participants



Sri Balasubramaniam A/L Subramaniam

Sri Balasubramaniam is a graduate from Universiti Putra Malaysia in the field of Biotechnology. He is passionate about youth empowerment and self-development. He held several leadership positions during his higher education time and he excel in his education as well. He was awarded as Top 100 MonsStar Award Recipient and Anugerah Pelajar Cemerlang Konvokesyen Politeknik. He is registered as Graduate Technologist with Malaysian Board Of Technologist (MBOT). Currently, he is working in a social wellbeing project in a ministry.



Siti Aishah Binti Mohd Ali

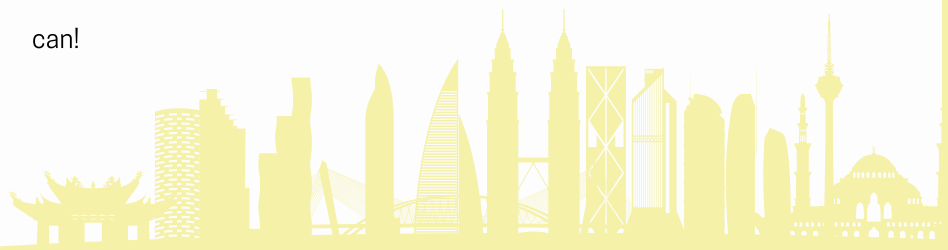
A science graduate, now hugely interested in the humanities and seeking the truth about life.

Looking forward to contribute in any way I can to the peace and prosperity of our country and of the world.



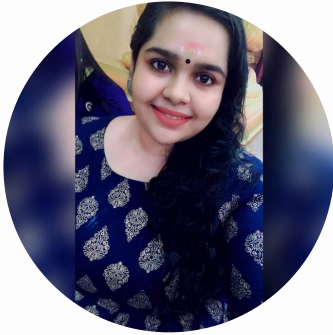
Shasmeethaa Nair

Shasmeethaa Nair is a highly passionate individual when it comes to the area of human rights and strategic litigation. Sha has been involved with numerous organizations such as YPolitics and Benar Betul before. All these experiences has strengthen her belief that basic human rights provided to a person should not be infringed under any circumstance no matter who you are. She is eager to learn more and propel this cause forward anyway she can!



PLY Participants

Shivananthini Ramasamy



Mindy Liew is an aspiring law student who is currently pursuing her A-Level studies at King Henry VIII College Malaysia. As a youth advocate, she dedicates her free time to educating and empowering others around her. I'm Shivananthini 27 from Kedah. Currently a foundation in law student in ATC College. Really ambitious to become a human rights lawyer someday. To spread awareness about human rights to everyone. Lost my both parents and self financing myself to studies. No matter what will finish my LLM one day. Basically I'm foodie love all kind of seafoods and won't touch beef as it's forbidden in my religion. Very religious person. I'm really friendly and socialise person.

Suren Vynn

Grew up in a multireligious environment with a diversity of worldviews and communities co-existing with each other.

Motivated by theoretical understandings of belief and belief-formation and how to apply this to conflict resolution.

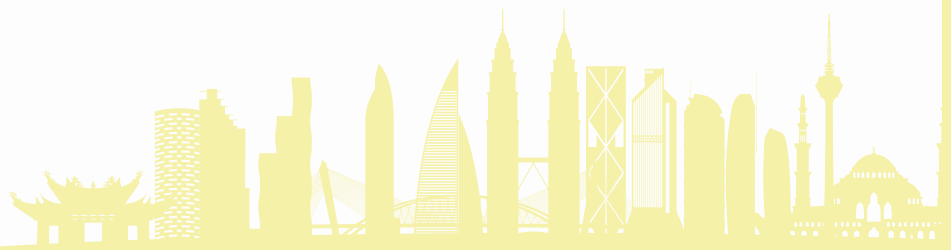
Hoping to share expertise on best practice with people of diverse background lived experiences.



Sunesha Munisamy



Nama Sunesha Munisamy merupakan pelajar lepasan Pengajian Media dari Universiti Malaya



PLY Participants



Simon Raj S/O Pitchai

My name is Simon raj s/o Pitchai. I am a law student. My hobbies are playing badminton, reading and watching tv shows. My interest in law is human rights. I think that everyone should have human rights and freedom to live in this world.



Sassi A/L Shritharan

Sassi is a freelance researcher and a social policy advocator who thrives to make the world and the system it holds, a safe, united and peace place for all.



Tee Sin Rou



Tee sin rou (19) currently on a gap year after Alevel graduation in this June . On the pathway to become clinical psychologist .

Will enrol to bachelor of psychology (hons) in Jan 2022 intake. Interest in sustainable development goals related stuff.

Aim to explore more in education ,mental health and equality area .



PLY Participants



Tey Sian Ni

Hi nama saya Natalie, berumur 26 tahun.

Saya menetap di Tangkak dan dilahirkan di Sabah.

Ayah saya berbangsa Chinese manakala ibu saya berbangsa Kadazan.

Saya bekerja sebagai seorang ejen hartanah buat masa ini.

Saya seorang yang suka belajar dan ingin belajar sesuatu yang baru. Saya juga suka berkenalan dengan rakan-rakan baru.

Tujuan saya menyertai Program PLY ini adalah supaya saya dapat meningkatkan lagi skill saya dan saya dapat mempergunakan ia untuk membantu rakan-rakan dan orang-orang di sekeliling saya dan termasuk saya sendiri.

Saya berharap saya dapat mempelajari sesuatu yang baru disini dan mengenal lebih banyak kawan.

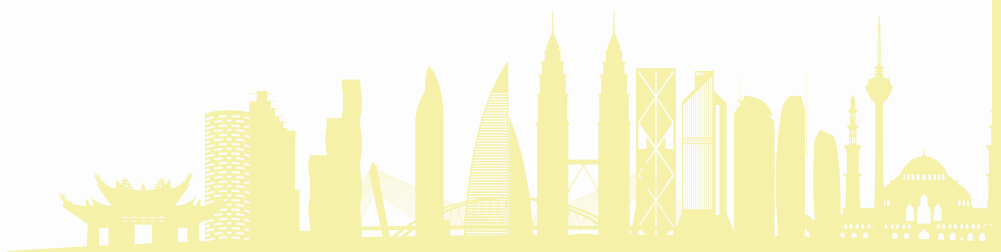


Tharine Jyo Liyn

Foundation in Science student at International Medical University.

A member of Persatuan Pendidikan Falsafah dan Pemikiran Malaysia.

An active Malaysian who wants to learn and discover the world hopefully to become a future advocate.



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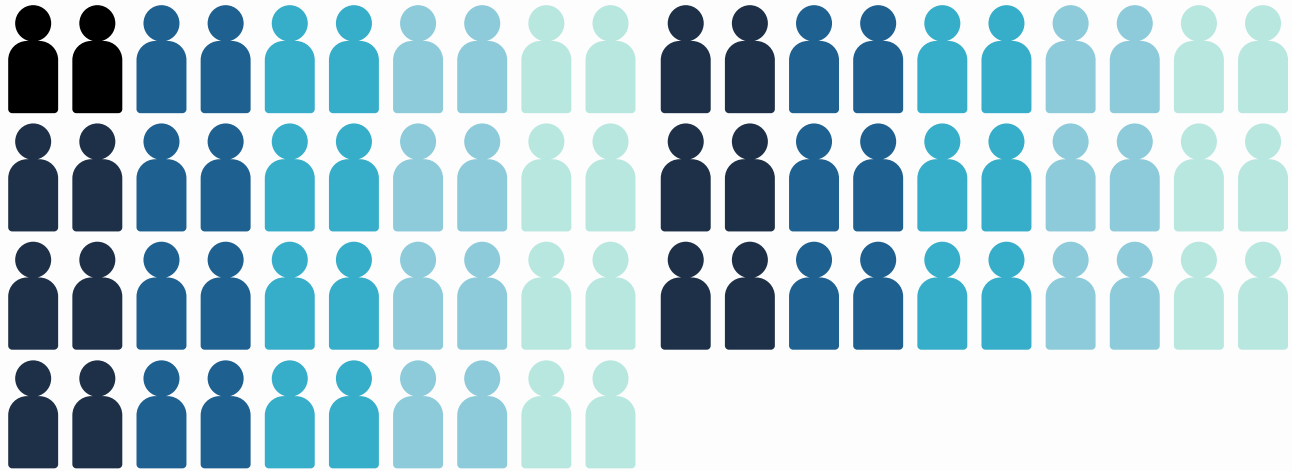
Demographics of Participants



Stage 1: Application

70 Applications Received

Until 12 midnight, 30th September 2021



Stage 2: Selection

70 Applications Selected

Announced on 8th October 2021



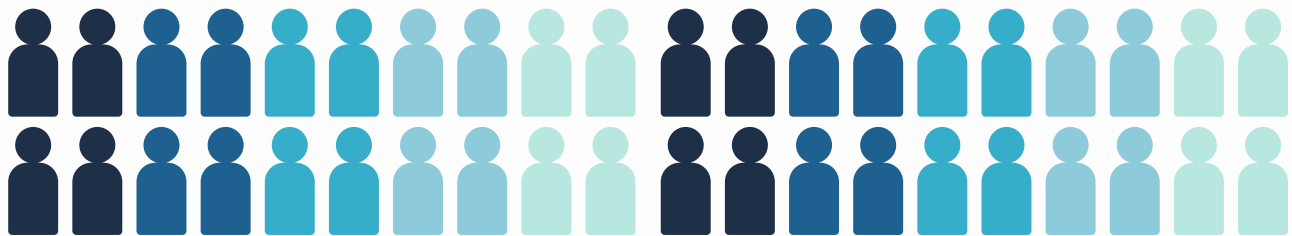
Motivation to participate
& create positive change



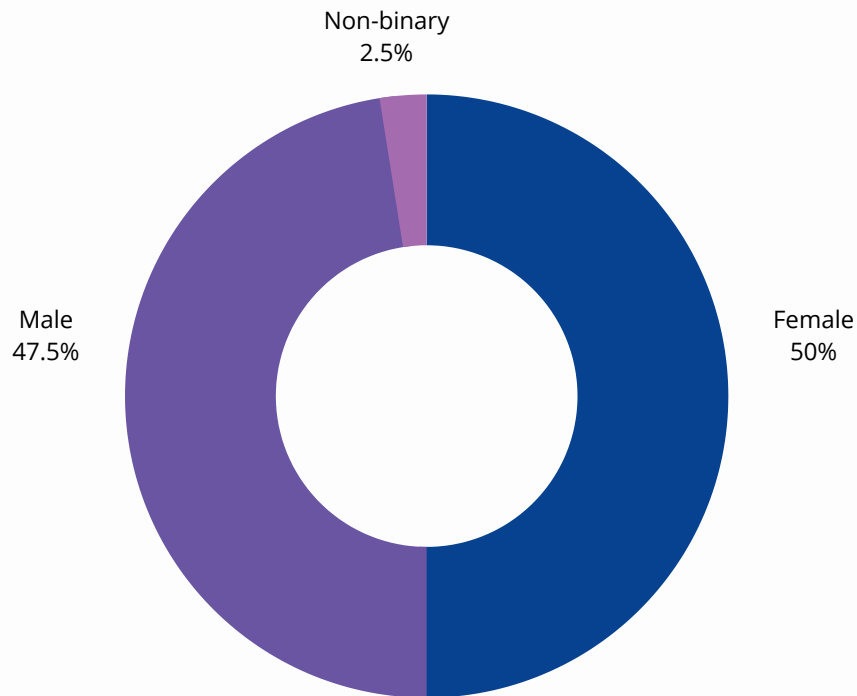
Willingness to learn



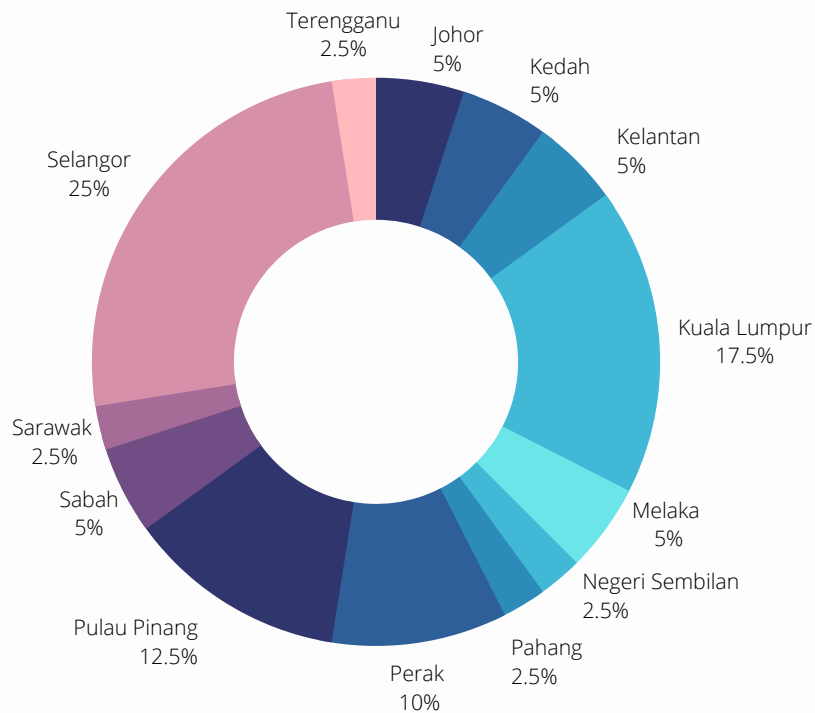
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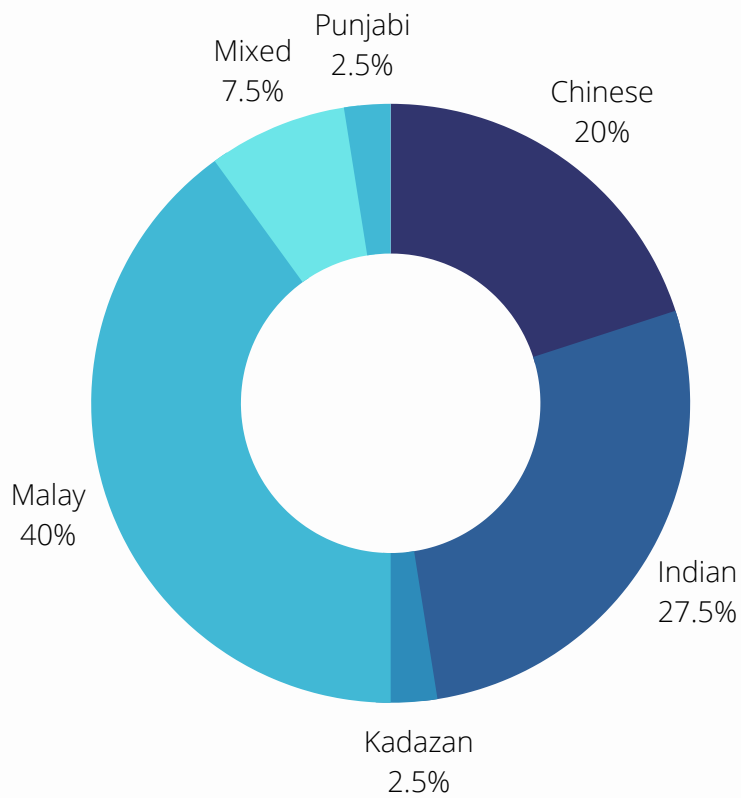
1. Percentage by Gender



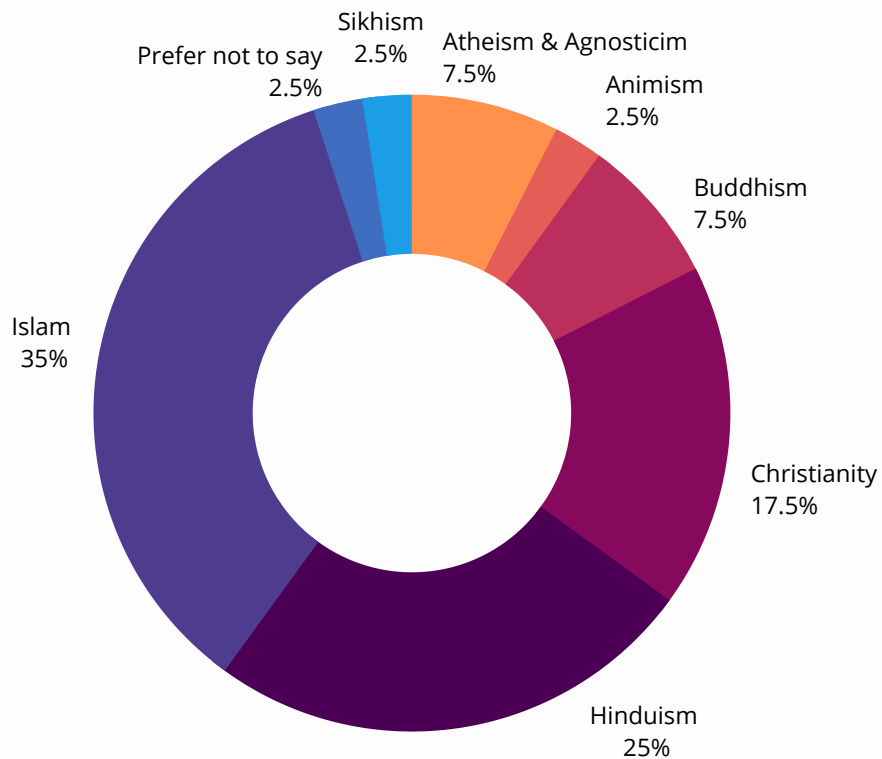
2. Percentage by State of Residence



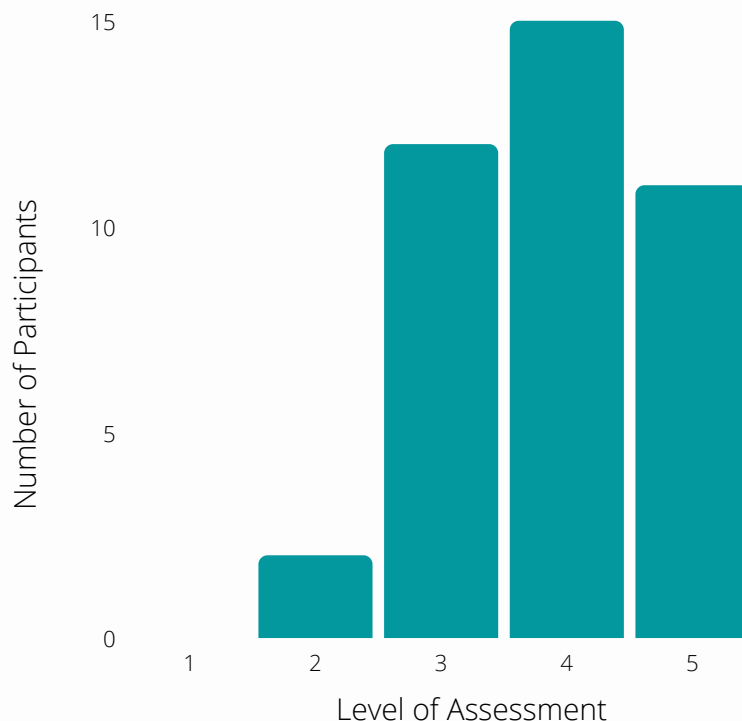
3. Percentage by Ethnicity



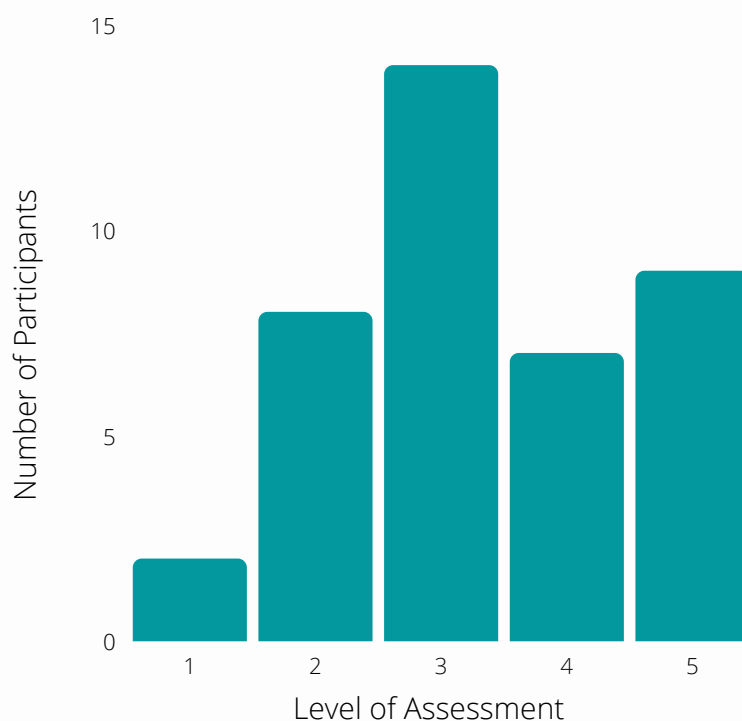
4. Percentage by Religion and Belief



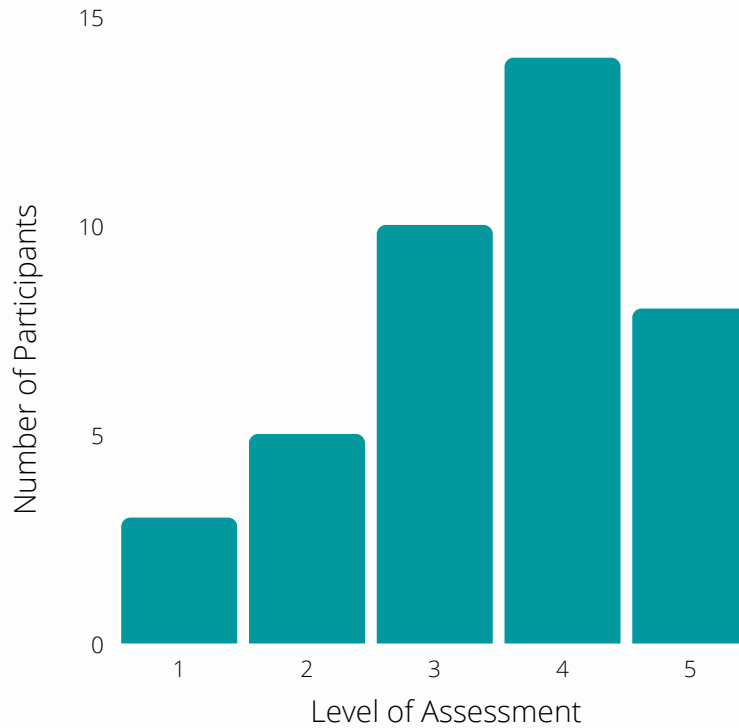
4. Please rate your understanding about Freedom of Religion and Belief (FoRB) (with 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest).



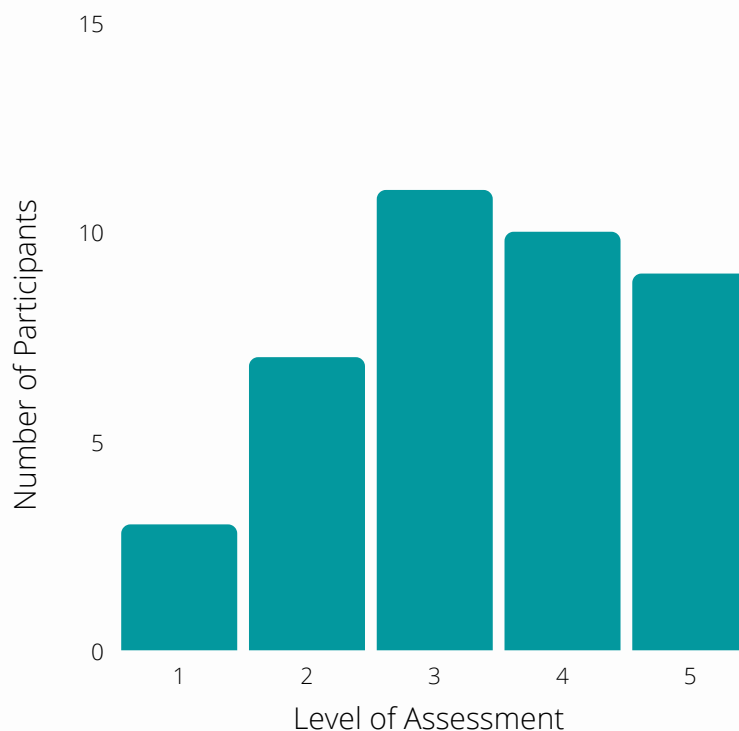
5. Please rate your understanding about Radicalisation (with 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest).



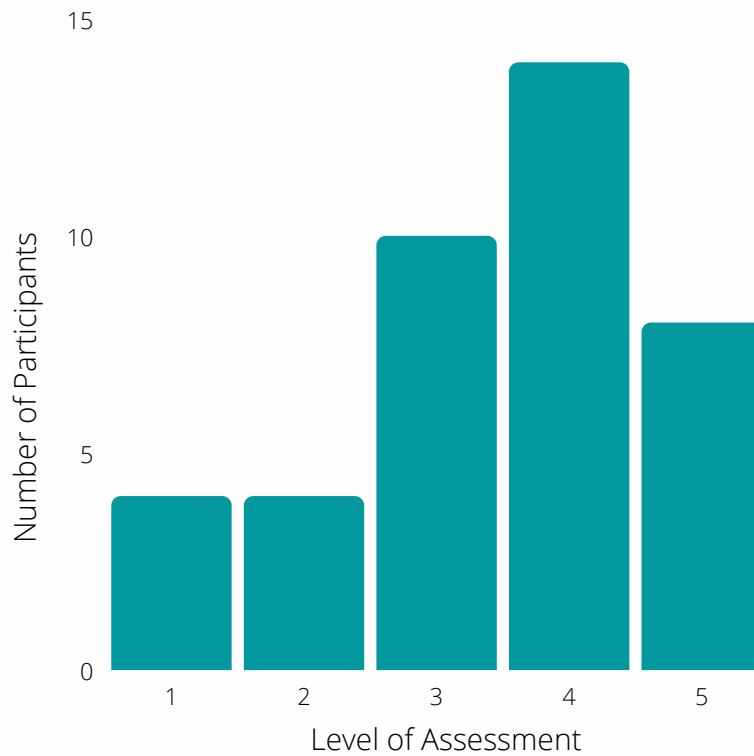
6. Please rate your understanding about Advocacy Tools (with 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest).



7. Please rate your understanding about Advocacy Skills (with 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest).

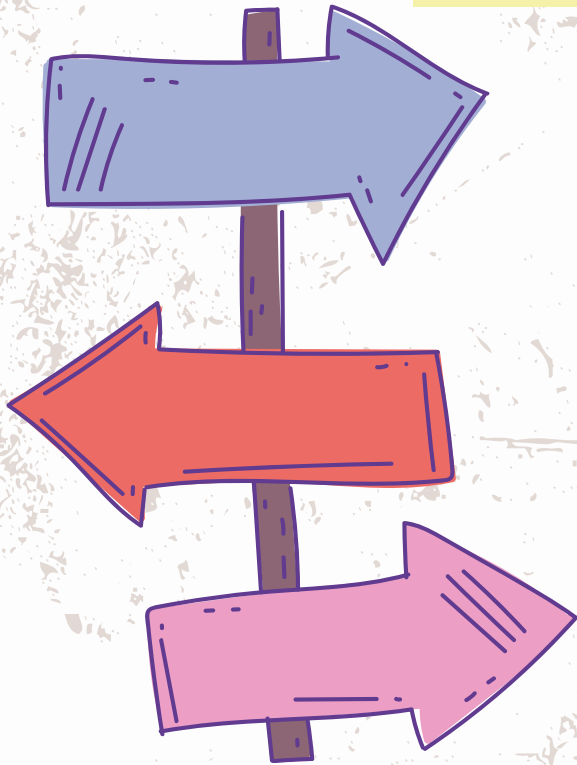


8. Please rate your understanding about Project Implementation (with 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest).



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Guide for Participants



READING MATERIALS



1. Participants can access pre-workshop reading materials for all sessions in this [Google Drive folder](#).
2. Participants are encouraged to download and regularly check the [Google Drive folder](#) as it will be updated by presenters from time to time.
3. Please do not delete or rearrange the files.

INTERNET ALLOWANCE



1. All PLY sessions will take place virtually on Zoom and other social media platforms such as Discord, Twitter and Instagram.
2. Participants will be provided with a one-month mobile data allowance within the first week of PLY. It will be transferred to participants' respective bank accounts.

PROJECT DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION



1. Participants should **design & implement** one counternarrative project on social media to promote tolerance & prevent violence within Malaysian society.
2. The period of the Project Design, Implementation & Documentation is from **17th October to 12th November 2021**.
3. Participants may select topics based on their **interests and passion**.
4. The project can be in many creative forms, including but **not limited** to videos, podcasts, infographics, webinars or live conversations.
5. The project can be implemented **individually, in groups among PLY participants or in partnership** with individuals or organisations outside of PLY.
6. Mentorship will be provided during and after the workshop.
7. Participants will reconvene and report the achievements of their projects during the summit on **13th November 2021**.

MENTORSHIP



1. Participants will be provided with mentorship by participating organisations on advocacy skills and tools, especially during the workshop.
2. After the workshop, participants may also ask for relevant tips or inputs to implement their projects from relevant mentor organisations. This must only be facilitated by PLY facilitators.
3. The mentor organisations are:
 - The Centre
 - Sisters in Islam
 - IMAN Research
 - Architects of Diversity (AOD)
 - Anomalist Production
 - Undi 18
 - Lestari Hikmah
 - Queer Lapis
 - Imagined Malaysia
 - Faqcheck Lab
 - Monsters Among Us
 - TechSoup Asia-Pacific
 - Projek Dialog

HOUSE RULES DURING PLY



For the purpose of ensuring our sessions run smoothly while safeguarding everyone's comfort, we would truly appreciate it if everyone can adhere to the house rules below.

1. RESPECT.

- This is a **safe space** for everyone. It means that participants are free to express their opinion in a respectful manner.
- We welcome sharings of differences in ideas, opinions and views because we understand that each and every one of us has different foundations that shape how we see things.
- However, we do not tolerate discrimination and harassment on one's sexual orientation, belief and preferences, we reserve the right to remove participants from the sessions.

2. HOW TO BE A STAR PARTICIPANT?

A. We encourage **respectful engagement** during sessions. These are some ways participants can do it:

- Drop thoughts and opinions in the chat so that facilitators can highlight them to the speakers/presenters during the sessions.
- Use 'reactions' in Zoom to express feelings during the sessions.
- Everyone must use the 'raise hand' function in Zoom during Q&A sessions, facilitators will attend to the questions on a first come first serve basis as well as considering the time for the Q&A session.
- Participants may or may not switch on their video during the session - observe what is their personal comfort level.

B. Practice **'Step Forward'** and **'Step Back'**

- As much as we encourage audio participation during Q&A sessions or discussions, we also want to provide the same amount of space to individuals who may not have spoken as much.
- If some participants feel they have contributed substantially in a particular session, do step back so that other participants feel safer to step forward during open discussions.
- Let's be mindful of others.

3. CONSENT & PRIVACY

- This session will be recorded for our documentation and for participants who missed certain sessions to rewatch.
- We practice the **Chatham House Rules** whereby participants are free to use the information received but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the presenters or speakers may be revealed without permission.
- Organisers will be taking screenshots during the sessions, do not hesitate to switch off your cameras if you are uncomfortable.
- Feel free to talk about PLY on social media, you can use **#PeaceLabforYouth** and tag us **@INITIATE.MY** on Instagram or **@INITIATEMY** on Twitter.
- Organisers will also be doing live updates on social media during the sessions. Please reach out to Fir Redzuan, Facilitator (fir@laporpredator.org) if there are any concerns with any of the postings that may include yourself.
- Last but not least, enjoy the session to your heart's content. We hope everyone will benefit from the sessions!

GUIDELINES TO USE ZOOM & DISCORD

ZOOM

- Zoom will be used for **all sessions**.
- If participants do not have Zoom, please download and create it [here](#).
- PLY is a one-month program. Thus, we will facilitate group discussions or online gatherings using our Zoom account.
- Please make a booking [here](#).
- Please download the PLY Zoom background [here](#) and use it as your background during all sessions.
- Participants are encouraged to rename their Zoom name to their **preferred name**.
Example: Firzana Redzuan> Fir
- It is optional but encouraged to use their pronouns in their Zoom name; (She/Her), (He/Him), (They/Them).
Example: Fir, (She/Her)
- We are aware of concerns especially in relation to tiredness and burnout from virtual activities. Worry not! We have arranged many break times in the itinerary. So, participants can maintain their focus and energy throughout the sessions. Some **tips** to avoid zoom fatigue, among others:
 - A. Turn off 'self-view'. Only turn on your camera during Q&A session or when you interact with other participants and presenters. Alternatively, you can use the 'speakers only' view mode on Zoom.
 - B. Use your break time wisely to replenish your energy and momentum for the next sessions.
 - C. Be present and participate in discussions so you can avoid being tired or bored.

DISCORD

- Discord will be used as our primary means of communication for PLY participants for the purpose of important reminders, announcements, enquiries and casual chats. Kindly join the PLY server [here](#) by 14th October 2021, 2 p.m.
- If participants do not have Discord, they can access it on their web browser or download it on their phone [here](#) (Android) or [here](#) (iOS).
- Participants' Discord username must be either their full name or nickname. So they are identifiable to others.

EMAIL

- PLY participants will communicate with their mentors via email only. Further arrangements will be coordinated by PLY facilitators.

ZOOM ETIQUETTES DURING PLY



1. **Mute** when participants are not speaking.
2. **Be early.** Please inform the facilitators of any emergency that participants will have to attend. Organisers will take necessary measures to ensure the full participation of all participants.
3. **Find your workspace.** Make sure participants are in a comfortable space and position for the day. Participants must be as present as possible for these upcoming sessions.
4. **Be ready.** Have a backup plan for internet connection and/or technical difficulties.
5. **Communicate professionally.** Do not interrupt others while speaking. Always introduce yourself and please avoid sexually discriminative/degrading or culturally and racially insensitive communications during PLY.

CONTACT PERSONS

For concerns regarding participation, program scheduling and technical support, please contact your facilitators;

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