

meet the Selected Youth Speakers:



Mr. Janith Prabashwara Perera, Youth Peace Activist, Advocate, Educator and Researcher (Sri Lanka)

Mr. Janith Prabashwara Perera is an emerging Youth Peace Activist, Advocate, Educator and Researcher from Colombo, Sri Lanka. He has completed his Bachelors of Arts degree in Conflict Resolution and Peace at the University of Colombo and received prestigious D.P.P. Samarasekara Peace Prize. He functions as the director of capacity building at Citizens Youth Led Organization. He also serves as an Advocacy Team Lead of the Youth Peace Panel of Sri Lanka hosted by the UNFPA and Chrysalis. He functioned as one of the two Sri Lankan Researchers to the EU funded research on Amplifying Leadership of Local Youth (ALLY) in Preventing Violent Extremism and Peacebuilding. He is also a visiting lecturer attached to several state sector and non-state sector universities and higher education institutes.



Ms. Mozhdeh Hafed, Civil Activist (Afghanistan)

Ms. Mozhdeh Hafed is a civil activist of Afghanistan, graduated from law and political science faculty of Herat university of Afghanistan. She has worked one year as legal advisor in a social development and advocacy organization. Then she started her master's degree in Turkey in 2019, which she will finish in August 2021.



Mr. Mathanmi Hungyo, Director at Recognize Rise And Empower Association and Founder of Teach For North-East (India)

Mr. Mathanmi Hungyo is a professional social worker, and has completed Masters in Social Work from Delhi School of Social Work with specialization in Family and children, Urban and Rural communities as well as conflict mitigation and peacebuilding. He has been part of SEWA (Self Employed Women's Association), Centre for Equity Studies and APDP Kashmir. He is a Changeloomer by Pravah and a Wipro Fellow under Wipro Foundation. He is the Director of RREA and founder of Teach for North-East.



Ms. Sadia Khalid, Trainer, Researcher, and Social Media and Climate Activist (Pakistan)

Ms. Sadia Khalid has a Ph.D. in education and has been associated with the social development sector for the last five years as a trainer, social media activist, climate activist and researcher. She is also running her two initiatives for youth empowerment and climate change named "Be the Torch Bearer" and "Climate Education Warriors".



Mr. Hasibul Hasan, ECP Fellow of Plan International and Senior Research Executive at South Asian Network on Economic Modeling Network (Bangladesh)

Mr. Hasibul Hasan is ECP Fellow of Plan International and Senior Research Executive of South Asian Network on Economic Modeling Network (SANEM). As an undergraduate student of Public Administration at University of Chittagong, he is also working as Organizational Secretary of "Unity for Humanity", which works for underprivileged people with nature-based solutions to meet the SDGs by 2030. Further, his "Greener Initiative to Turn Waste into Compost" project got the 'Ashoka Change Maker Award'. He has completed all of his Public Exams successfully with GPA-5.00 out of 5 and achieved Government Board Talent Pool Scholarships. Last but not the least, he loves to watch soccer games, paint, sing and read cultural literature.



Ms. Sharanya Rao, Programme Manager at Atoot -Nepal- and National Eligibility Test (NET) qualified teacher (India)

A national-level ex-athlete from India, Ms. Sharanya Rao has worked with children in rural India and Nepal over the past seven years. Sharanya is currently the Programme Manager at Atoot, Nepal. She teaches classes, coaches football, conducts life-skills workshops and mentors girls in the villages of Nepal.

Having graduated with a B.A. (Hons.) in Psychology-Sociology from St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, she went on to receive her M.A. in Education from Azim Premji University, Bengaluru, where she specialised in Curriculum and Pedagogy. She is additionally a National Eligibility Test (NET) qualified teacher, by the University Grants Commission, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.

Sharanya is an avid reader, an outdoors lover and is fluent in six languages. She loves to travel and is currently enjoying the thrill of learning to ride a motorbike in the Himalayas!