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10th Economic and Social Council Youth Forum

A Decade of Action: Building a Resilient Recovery

LP4Y SIDE EVENT AT THE ECOSOC YOUTH FORUM

“Call for action: Key involvement of the corporate world towards Youth inclusion ”

6 April 2021

1. Background

Life Project 4 Youth Alliance is a federation of 19 organizations in 14 countries whose mission is the development of innovative solutions for the professional and social inclusion of young adults (17-24 years old) from extreme poverty and victims of exclusion.

The project started in 2009 with the assessment that out of the 1,3 billion young adults aged between 15 and 24, 30% of them live in slums, and half of them survive thanks to the informal economy (precarious work, no contracts, wages below legal minimums, no social or health protection, no pensions,etc). And by 2025, about 1 billion young adults will live under the poverty line (\$2/day).

To answer this emergency, LP4Y developed solutions towards Youth inclusion, supporting the decent social integration of thousands of Young people and their families thanks to 41 programs, 20 Life Project Centers, 4 Little Angel Academies, 3 Green Villages, 4 Youth hostels, 2 LP4Y Labs located in South-East Asia, South Asia, the Middle East, Europe and North America.

As of 2020, LP4Y holds a special consultative status at the ECOSOC and will participate in the 10th Economic and Social Council Youth Forum, focusing on “A decade of action: building a resilient recovery”.

2. Objectives of the side event

Convinced that non-profit and corporate ecosystems have to collaborate for change, LP4Y acted, from the beginning, jointly with companies for a more effective response to exclusion and precarity issues. As Youth inclusion is a global matter, charity is not enough, it's time for collaboration and transformation.

Listening to the voices of the Youth is essential, especially the excluded and underserved ones. They are the future change makers. Since 2009, LP4Y has accompanied out of school Youth, street Youth, young mothers, differently-abled Youth, inmates, etc.

These are the voices we need to hear, and we need to hear how decent employment changed their life. If policies and nonprofits play a crucial role in Youth inclusion, companies do as well. Therefore, LP4Y is organizing a side event to give the floor to the Youth to share their professional integration experience and explain what they expect from the corporate sector.

Our side event will highlight diversity and inclusion matters when it comes to recruitment and professional integration. Underserved Youth and companies team members will dialogue on the importance of corporate action and engagement. This event aims at sharing concrete actions that are implemented by corporate companies to include at-risk Youth in their workforce, and what can be improved. We will share a panel of various initiatives from various countries.

3. Guiding Questions for presentations and discussion

- What are the Youth expecting in their professional life?
- What are they expecting from the corporate world?
- How do the youths consider employment/entrepreneurship?
- What are companies looking for in young people today?
- What are corporations providing and offering to the Youth ? Are they offering training opportunities? Incentives? Specific mentoring / youth programs?
- What more could they do to include more youths into their company?

4. Format and Agenda

Live online event from 8:30am to 10am (EDT)

- 1) Opening remarks - Susana Puerto, Senior Youth Employment Specialist at International Labour Organization, Geneva (TBC)
- 2) "What is being a Youth coming from extreme poverty and looking for a job in 2021?"
General testimony by Dian Safitri, Indonesia
- 3) Changing perspectives: meeting Youth coming from extreme poverty and victims of exclusion.
Testimony by a corporate partner, Deepak Kumar, GE Healthcare, India
- 4) The importance of the implication of the corporate world in professional exposure and training.
Testimony by a Youth and overview of concrete actions of a corporation (GE Healthcare, India)
- 5) The importance of inclusive recruitment from the corporate world.
Conversation: a Youth (TBC) and a corporate (Kunal Gujar, Decathlon, India)
- 6) The importance of professional mentoring by the corporate world to ensure the entire integration of the Youth.
Conversation: a Youth (Nila Mae Tan) and a corporate (Lorraine Laxamana), CGI Philippines
- 7) Closing remarks - Jérôme Lemouchoux, Youth Inclusion Network president and former CEO of Sodexo, Philippines

5. Platform to be used and Registration link

Zoom platform

Register [here](#) on eventbrite