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Message from Kamal Uddin

I became part of YES Program in 2011 and spent a year in the United States as a high school exchange student. I feel very fortunate when I reflect on my life and realize the value of this international exposure at such young age. There was a sudden jump from growing up in the mountains of Gilgit-Baltistan in a rural environment to meeting US Senators and discussing issues on the world level. This is how SIE and YES Program has changed the lives of hundreds of young boys and girls from very humbled and disadvantaged backgrounds. My experience as SIE student changed me as a person and it was the turning point in my life.

Now I am an Electrical Engineer working as founder and CEO of a renewable energy company. I earned my degree in Electrical Engineering from FAST National University Islamabad in 2018 and started a firm in the field of renewable energy systems. We as a company aim to make electricity available for improving quality of life and bring economic prosperity in the region by strengthening local government and communities. In one year, my firm has completed two mega projects of government which comprised of setting up solar system at 60 different government offices, hospitals, and educational institutions. I hope in the coming years, we expand our services and train local youth in the solar energy field. That would empower them by providing more opportunities for entrepreneurship and employment.

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Azme Naujawan Phase 4 Kicks Off

An 11-month long program Azme Naujawan's Phase 4 kicked off in the month of April with 6 organizations as consortium members. Organizations include Society for International Education (SIE), Mehr Dar Arts & Productions (MAP), Women Development Foundation Pakistan (WDFP), TAQWEEM Pakistan, ROSE Youth Education Centre and Empowering through Creative Integration (ECI). The first component of the program was a 6-day Training of the Trainers sessions (ToT), organized by Society for International Education from 11th May 2021 in which master trainers conducted sessions on different modules that will be taught in the communities. Guest trainers Zain Goplani, Sonal Dhanani, Muhammad Malik conducted sessions on different topics while Zohra Sohail from DAI conducted session on Gender Inclusivity. ToT sessions were well-received by the trainers and they were committed to working on bringing change in their allocated communities. Each organization has been assigned with different districts and UC and there will be a total of 1200 beneficiaries who will get benefit from this program.

SIE PROGRAMS

Activities & Events

Sister2Sister 2021: Program Orientation Workshop

Saturday, Jan 09, 2021- Another batch of Summer Sisters received their program The U.S. Sister2Sister Exchange Program Orientation Workshop was held on Saturday, June 5th, 2021.

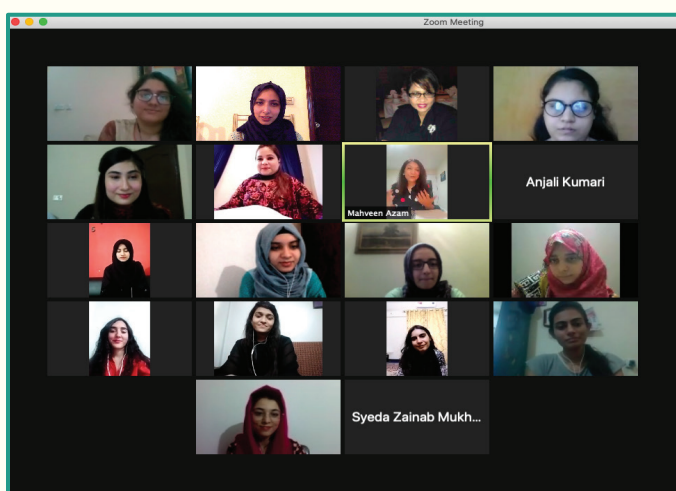
The orientation workshop was held virtually for the finalists enrolled with the Universities. Sixteen students from across Pakistan, enrolled to attend a summer undergraduate program in renowned US universities all around the country. The sessions during the workshop focused on helping the students understand the true nature of the program along with rules and guidelines. They were guided about US university life, culture and learned how to make most of the opportunities they are getting. The workshop also included sessions on writing effective emails and virtual presentation skills followed by question and answers.

They were also educated about cultural humility, resilience, adaptive thinking, and intercultural communication and how they are just not lucky but also capable of being part of this prestigious program and now the responsibility lies on them to bring about a better change in their communities and country.

The U.S. – Sister2Sister Exchange Program is a public-private partnership wherein the U.S. Department of State and public and private universities join hands to support to empower Pakistani female university students to help in pursuing competitive careers. Scholarships for the Sister2Sister Exchange Program are provided by the following prestigious educational institutions: Emory University, Georgetown University, Harvey Mudd College, University of California (Davis), University of Chicago, University of Southern California, University of Colorado (Denver), University of Massachusetts (Amherst), and Virginia Tech Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Outreach Sessions in Shireen Jinnah for Azme Naujawan Phase 4

As part of Azme Naujawan project phase 4, the Society for International Education (SIE) has been assigned with Shireen Jinnah Colony where SIE will work for the next 11 months and train 200 participants from the schools and community. In this regard, 2 outreach sessions have been arranged at two different schools Best & Bright School and Muqaddassa Public School to provide information about the program. These sessions included a video presentation about the previous phases of Azme Naujawan, Arts & Culture activity, and Dastan Goi performance to engage participants and convince them to enroll in the upcoming training program.



SIE PROGRAMS

Access Program Activities

Creating Comics Session

On June 10, 2021, 125 access students of KMA, Karachi, attended the 14th virtual class of SHAPE program 5 in which they had the first session of their Comics training.

A comics training is organized for the access students under the project named "Bringing Comics to Access". This training aims to help students identify different elements of comics and story-telling, to help students make mini-comics, to help students create thematic comics in groups, and to highlight the importance of visual storytelling through comics.

Students were given an introduction to comics and different elements of comics; panels, speech bubbles, captions, narrations, onomatopoeia, and gutter through PowerPoint presentation and panels and perspective comics from <https://americanenglish.state.gov/>

Students watched the trailer of Burka Avenger and were asked for the possible themes and ideas that can be taken for making comics from the story.

On June 25, students attended the third session of their Comics training focused on thematic comics. Students were engaged in a group activity to complete a visual inventory organizer; which was later shared on the Padlet wall by the students.

In the end, they were given the action plan for making thematic comics and necessary instructions were given for the completion of collaborative thematic comics.

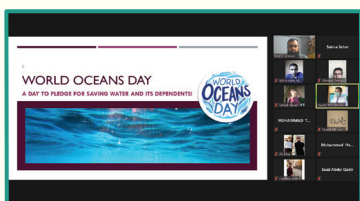
Access Students Observe 'Memorial Day'

Karachi, May 31, 2021-Access students observed Memorial Day to honor the people and soldiers of the United States who laid down their lives to serve their country. Access students watched the videos and documentaries about the historical background and significance of the day, participated in the discussion and delivered informative presentations. The activity was concluded with an interactive quiz about Memorial Day on quizizz.com. The observance of this day provided students an opportunity to realize the importance of peace and how it is maintained.



Access Students Observe 'World Oceans Day'

Karachi- June 8, 2021-Access students from Karachi virtually observed World Ocean Day with the theme of 2021: Life and Livelihoods to inform and educate the students about the impact of human actions on the oceans. One of the Access students gave an interactive presentation on World Ocean Day which contained information, statistics and questions about saving marine life and conserving water which was followed by a quiz. They also watched the video message by the UN Secretary General on World Ocean Day followed by a thoughtful discussion about protecting blue resources not only for marine life but also for protecting the blue economy for the human need.



Access Students Observe 'World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought'

Karachi – June 17, 2021- Access students from Karachi virtually observed 'World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought'. They contributed their thoughts about desertification and drought on Poll Everywhere, watched the video about the cause and effect of desertification on the earth and later discussed degradation of land, its impact on the economy and the environment. A Video message from the UN General Secretary was conveyed to the students. In the end, students were energized by the land anthem 'Born from the Land' composed by the singers from all over the world in different languages.

SIE WORKSHOPS & TRAININGS

Workshops & Trainings

Classroom Management Tools

SIE workshop 'The Classroom Management Tools' was held at the SIE Training Center on 3rd April 2021 for a group of 20 teachers from different schools in Karachi. The workshop focused on introducing some interesting and innovative tools that help educators in their daily classroom duties. Teachers can use these tools not just for knowledge sharing, but also in fulfilling other duties like attendance taking, grading, lesson planning, and parental communication, most of which are quite hectic for teachers.

Teachers learned to engage students in the specialized online learning environment to help increase classroom participation. The web-based tool included features like creating a poll, organize a debate, post a practice test, launch student-driven projects and generate comprehensive result reports for every activity. Participants agreed that the workshop was informative and addressed a need in their schools.

Learn to Create Digital Presentations

SIE conducted another workshop at Globe-the SIE training Center on 5th June 2021. The workshop titled



'Learn to Create Digital Presentations' was attended by 19 teachers from different schools in Karachi.

The workshop focused on digital presentation-making skills, which are essential learning for teachers to survive in this digital age. During this workshop, teachers learned to create effective web-based presentations that are visually stimulating to make distance learning more effective. The facilitator shared various tools to create online presentations and slideshows.



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Collaborative Learning with iEARN Online Projects

As part of SIE Professional Development Program, Society for International Education conducted a workshop for teachers. 15 teachers of primary and middle school level participated in this training. This workshop was held on Saturday, 12 June 2021. The workshop 'Collaborative Learning with iEARN Online Projects' was specially designed to introduce them to iEARN and familiarize them with the steps to get started with iEARN Online Collaborative projects. The session aimed at introducing the benefits of Global Collaborative learning and provided support and guidance to conduct iEARN online projects with virtual collaboration and develop 21st-century skills in students

The participants learned about the registration process. They also learned ways to involve students in iEARN projects by establishing iEARN Clubs in their schools and engage them in projects in a more sustainable way.

During the session, participants received digital copies of all helpful resources, iEARN Project Book, and links to other guides. The participants found this session helpful and informative.

Flipped Classroom

On 19 June, the Society for International Education conducted its last workshop for this term i.e. Jan-June 2021. The workshop titled 'Flipped Classroom' was attended by 12 teachers from different schools in Karachi.

The workshop focused on introducing a teaching strategy that reverses the traditional learning environment of the classroom and converts it to a blended learning classroom. The trainer explained how a teacher can improve learning by flipping classroom teaching and home assignments. Through hands-on activities, the teachers learned how instructional content can be delivered outside of the class, whereas other activities like projects, assignments, home works, etc. can be moved and done into the class. Through this technique, teachers can provide a flexible learning environment by giving students an opportunity to choose when and where they want to learn.

The participants appreciated the concept and said that they will implement this strategy in their classrooms



YES ALUMNI PROGRAM

Activities Update

Live Sessions on Facebook by YES Alumni Pakistan

YES Alumni Pakistan organized a series of online sessions with professional alumni to provide them with a platform to share their experiences with junior alumni and general audiences through Facebook and Instagram. During these sessions, the audience learned about the various career pathways available to them, and ways in which effective jobs are secured. The alumni also shared their "journey to success" and encouraged the viewers to stay confident, motivated and dedicated towards one's goals. Alumni belonging to varied fields of interest such as Medical, Engineering, Arts, Commerce, Humanities and other different majors were involved.

Through these sessions, thousands of young people were benefited as they were provided with the motivation to do well in their lives. Moreover, a good chunk of senior alumni were reconnected to the YES alumni network as they found joy in reflecting upon their journey to success. This series of live sessions continued in the next months as well, which provided a great chance for the larger audience to be benefited.

Overall, 25 alumni participated in the project. Names of YES alumni who were part of this project are Zehra Abbas (YES 2012-13), Rizwan Mujtaba (YES 2009-10), Hamza Hakimi (YES 2009-10), Komal Naeem (YES 2007-08), Junaid Bin Masood (YES 2007-08), Syed Raza Shahzad (YES 2008-09), Muhammad Bilal Khalid (YES 2009-10), Abdullah Syed (YES 2006-07), Salman Khan (YES 2011-12), Iqra Manzoor (YES 2007-08), Zahra Hajyani (YES 2004-05), Syed Shehroz Hussain (YES 2008-09), Tariq Zafar (YES 2009-10), Komal Ali (YES 2008-09); Sualeha Mustafa (YES 2012-13); Falak Sher (YES 2010-11); Mubashir Khawaja (YES 2009-10); Osama Malik (YES 2008-09); Sultan Mehmood (YES 2006-07), Syeda Mehreen Tahir (YES 2013-14); Usman Ali (YES 2013-14), Usama Ahmed (YES 2006-07), Muhammad Taha (YES 2012-13), Rahul Chhabria (YES 2006-07), Umair Ahmed Khan (YES 2006-07), and Aneeqa Suhail (YES 2004-05).



YES ALUMNI PROGRAM

Activities Update

Ramadan Ration Drive and Iftar Projects

YES alumni Pakistan from Hyderabad, Faisalabad, Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore and Rawalpindi, carried out ration drives and Iftar projects with their respective local communities from 17th April 2021 to 30th April 2021. The activities provided them with an opportunity to organize Iftar meals for the underprivileged community members, through which they were given Iftar boxes. It also provided them with an opportunity to engage with the community members through these challenging times of COVID-19, learn about their routines, and understand each other. These activities were aimed at highlighting the essence of the holy month of Ramadan by creating a sense of inclusion for everyone and ensure that they are part of the festivities of Ramadan. Through these projects, nearly 1,185 persons were benefitted along with 14 YES alumni.

Although the in-person activities were at a halt due to the 3rd wave of COVID-19, the alumni, in their individual capacity led from the front. The activities were widely appreciated by everyone involved. The participants said that such occasions bring people closer to each other and uplift the spirits of the people. The alumni also found it to be a rewarding experience and said that they felt extremely good during the project as they served meals to the poor. Most of the participants of the project nationwide were either daily laborers, wagers, workers, or travelers, who did not have any significant means to open their day-long fast. Hence, the project brought the participants and the alumni closer to each other in a beautiful manner.

Success Story (2004-05)

Falak Naz (2013-14)

Falak Naz '14 has been appointed as Assistant Manager IEEEEP at Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, Jamshoro, after her excellent performance through publishing various research papers. She was also recently posted among the list of position holders for EMIMEO ERASMUS. She secured 1st position in Pakistan and 2nd position globally. She credits her success to the YES program and the confidence that the program instilled in her to pursue her dreams.



Talha Ehsan (2018-19)

Talha Ehsan, YES 20018-19 from Lahore, was placed in Vidor, Texas. After returning from his exchange year, he volunteered actively as part of the YES alumni network in Pakistan. Recently, he received the Global Scholars Award by Sewanee: The University of South in Tennessee. This award is worth 65,0000 USD per annum, which is a full-ride scholarship for undergraduate study covering tuition fee, room and board. This award is usually very competitive in nature and given to 5-7 international students only each year. Talha has received his student visa and will be starting his undergraduate study at the aforementioned university in August this year.



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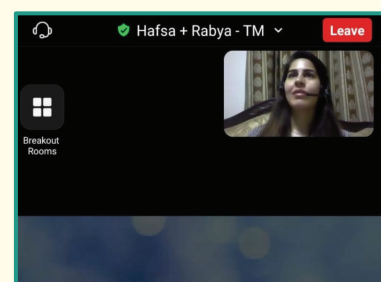
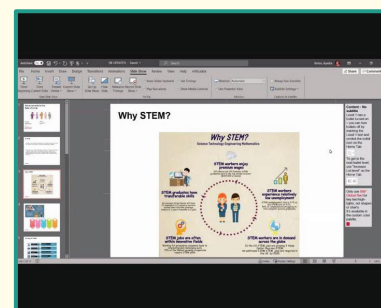
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Second Phase of SIE CDMP Kicks Off

After successful completion of the first phase of the program, in which 1,076 girls and women were mentored, the second phase of the program kicked off in June 2021 with the objective to reach 4,000 mentees in one year.. Since the program started on 1 June, a total of 324 girls and women have completed the program as part of thematic areas Advancements in the fields of STEM, Blogging and Content Writing, Career Counseling, CV and Resume Writing, Entrepreneurship/Digital Marketing, Graphic Designing/Animation, and Time and Schedule Management.

Career Development and Mentoring Program (CDMP) is an online program aimed at elevating the skillset of girls and women in major thematic areas. The program provides options of various thematic areas for the participants to choose from such as Advancements in the fields of STEM, Blogging and Content Writing, Career Counseling, CV and Resume Writing, Entrepreneurship/Digital Marketing, Freelancing, Graphic Designing/Animation, and Time and Schedule Management. For more information, please visit

<https://www.millionwomenmentors.com/home-mwm>



SUPPORTING YOUTH GROUPS FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The grand certificate distribution ceremony was organized by the Society for International Education for the participants of the Program (Supporting Youth Groups for Social Development).

The program of supporting youth was the extension project of Azm-e-Naujawan. The groups who sustained their social action projects after the AeN project was over were selected for this program. In the grand ceremony, Sikandar Bizenjo from (Dawood Hercules) Andeel Ali (National Incubation Center), Owais Afridi (Agha steel) and other respected personalities from different reputable organizations were present as a guest to observe the presentation of the groups about their journey about the program which includes their achievements, successes and their challenges. All the guest appreciated the hard work of the youth groups and their aim to promote peace and harmony in society. The ceremony was held at Beach Luxury Hotel Karachi on 3rd of July 2021.



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