



# Special Olympics Asia Pacific Regional Youth Leadership Summit REPORT



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**2019**



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LEADERSHIP**

**KANTAR**



# A MESSAGE FROM DIPAK NATALI

Acting President & Managing Director, Special Olympics Asia Pacific

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I am proud to share that Special Olympics Asia Pacific recently concluded our very first Regional Youth Leadership Summit, Youth For Inclusion 2019.

Throughout the Summit, I was amazed by the innovative ideas and passionate energy of all our participants. I am deeply impressed by the creativity of the ideas generated by our youth leaders, using technology to address pertinent issues of mental health and wellness, bullying and isolation, and post-school opportunities.

I am fully convinced that with youth at the forefront of the inclusion movement, the next generation will be an inclusive one, overcoming inequality for people with intellectual disabilities.

I offer my sincere thanks to our partners, including Lane Global Youth Leadership, Kantar, and Microsoft for enabling this event, and joining us on this journey of inclusion. I would also like to thank partners FWD Insurance and Credit Suisse for their valuable contributions.

I am looking forward to witness the legacy of Youth For Inclusion unfold across our region.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dipak'.

**Dipak Natali**

*Acting President & Managing Director  
Special Olympics Asia Pacific*

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# SUMMIT OVERVIEW



# INTRODUCTION



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## Youth For Inclusion Regional Youth Leadership Summit



**Youth For Inclusion 2019** was the first Special Olympics Asia Pacific (SOAP) Regional Youth Leadership Summit as part of the Lead to Include Project. 101 Youth Leaders with and without intellectual disabilities from 14 countries met in Singapore to discuss and brainstorm the importance of "Creating Smart Societies" in the Region. Smart societies are cities and communities that are not merely tech-driven, but also inclusive, people-first, and community-centered.

Today, young people with and without intellectual disabilities struggle with discrimination and inequality. Special Olympics sees the potential of young people to utilize technology to address these commonly-faced issues.

By adopting an issues-based approach, Summit participants were able to discuss and create innovative ways to promote inclusion on the following topics:



Addressing  
Bullying and  
Isolation



Strengthening  
Mental Health and  
Wellness



Increasing  
Post-School  
Opportunities

# YOUTH COMMITTEE



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## Youth Leaders driving session content and organization

The Youth for Inclusion (YFI) Committee took on key roles both before and during the event and exemplified what it meant to be 'youth-led' to all present. The committee was comprised of 12 SOAP Youth Leaders with and without intellectual disabilities from the Athlete Input Council, Youth Input Council, Sargent Shriver International Global Messengers and volunteers.

Key responsibilities of Committee members included: Emceeing as a Unified pair, planning and leading break-out sessions, organizing and facilitating team-building activities, delivering presentations and speeches, advising group projects, leading conversations on webinars, sharing their Special Olympics stories as living 'books' at the Human Library activity and supporting operations throughout the event.



**Committee members:** Agnes Lee (Intern), Aliyah Binte Kamarulzaman, Benjamin Haack, Brina Kei Maxino, Dacki Sandiego, Florence Hui Xuan Lin (not in picture), Lidwinia Low, Muhammad Haseeb Abbasi, Sashi Montaña, Stephanus, Syed Ali Roshan and Tan Jia Dhong

**Volunteers:** Ee Xue Jing (not in picture) and Karen Kwa



# SUMMIT LEADERS



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## Youth and Athlete Leaders driving session content and organization

Entrusting Youth Leaders with key roles provided them a valuable opportunity to develop their skills and bring their leadership abilities to the next level. Here's what they have to say:



"I'm very glad to have witnessed the amazing spirit and passion of youth throughout the 3 days of YFI. I've learnt a lot, especially how to communicate with and involve persons with ID in the things we do. Thank you for this wonderful experience!"

**- Agnes Lee, Youth For Inclusion Intern**

"As an Athlete Leader in Special Olympics, my role was to talk about my experiences, both good and bad, and to help the youth understand how things are, where they could go and listen and be inspired by them. I did a presentation for Mental Health and my experiences with this and I also presented my life story. I found this forum to be inspiring. The key is to keep this flame going and to really help the youth achieve this. As Tim Shriver has said, the world and particularly the young generation could continue to learn a lot from the athletes and together form a better global community."

**- Ben Haack, Co-Chair, SOAP Athlete Input Council and Board Member, Special Olympics International**



"It was such an honor to be a part of the YFI committee. Several months before and during preparations, I found that the committee was filled with and led by such dedicated, talented and inspiring people. We all had different experiences, strengths and weaknesses, but we worked together and supported each other in every way possible. I learnt so much and amidst the stress and hustle, had so much fun because everything we were doing was worthwhile and I was with an enthusiastic and hardworking bunch. The success of YFI is a product of so much heart put into it by the committee. I remain extremely inspired and encouraged to continue working towards a future of unity, acceptance, friendship and inclusion. Being part of Special Olympics is an amazing and life-changing journey and I hope that we can continually change lives and communities, and eventually change the world."

**- Sashi Montaña, Co-Chair, SOAP Youth Input Council**



# PRE-EVENT PREPARATIONS



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## Youth For Inclusion Facebook Group

The **Youth For Inclusion** Facebook group provided an effective platform for the following:

- Sharing resources
- Hosting webinars to prepare participants for topic-based discussions at Youth Summit
- Facilitating conversations between Youth Summit participants
- Providing opportunities for participants to continue engagement and idea sharing post-Summit
- Sending important communication during all stages of the event



Faryal Asif - Facilitator shared a photo.  
25 November

Team Pakistan is excited to meet you all in Singapore to learn, make a difference and creating new Friendship



Carole Piercy shared a link.  
4 November

These adults with Intellectual disabilities go to university. Here's what they have to say about it!



YOUTUBE.COM

Students with an Intellectual Disability Share Their College Experience

You, Lynn Tan, Enday Nugroho and 6 others

Seen by 65



Angela Renee  
4 December at 19:49

Day 3: Special Olympics Asia Pacific Youth Leadership Summit: WOW - Ms. Lyn's energy WOW as she got us fired up to present...can you say Passion!! Presentation day (only pics of our group is on video 🤩 amazing 🤩, KPOP, Human Library, awesome speakers, ADB presence and the day continues!



Bella Choo posted UNICEF Data Map on Peer Violence.  
Admin · 18 October · Bullying and Isolation

Many students around the world face bullying. In the Philippines, 51% of youth aged 13 to 15 years old experienced bullying in the past couple of months.

How is it like for young people in your country? Check the data map here:

<https://data.unicef.org/topic/child-protection/violence/peer-violence/>



Lynn Tan, Enday Nugroho and 7 others

3 comments Seen by 77



Enday Nugroho I agree that students in a few countries have experienced bullying when they cannot attend in class. Some of them say that children with disabilities are stupid. And this is very sad for us. Therefore we have to make children with disabilities can do something for their future.

Like · Reply · 10w



# PRE-EVENT PREPARATIONS



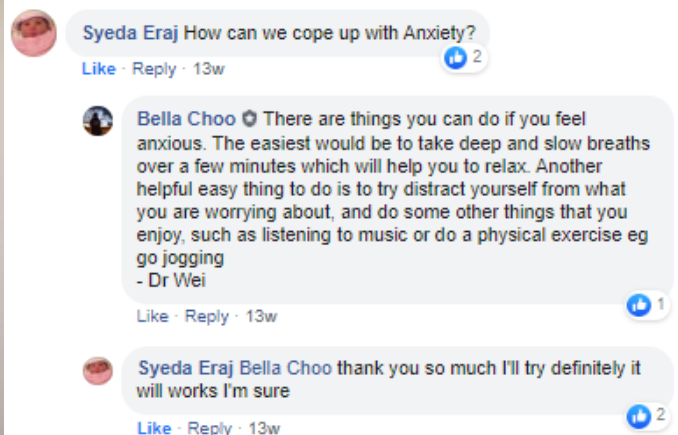
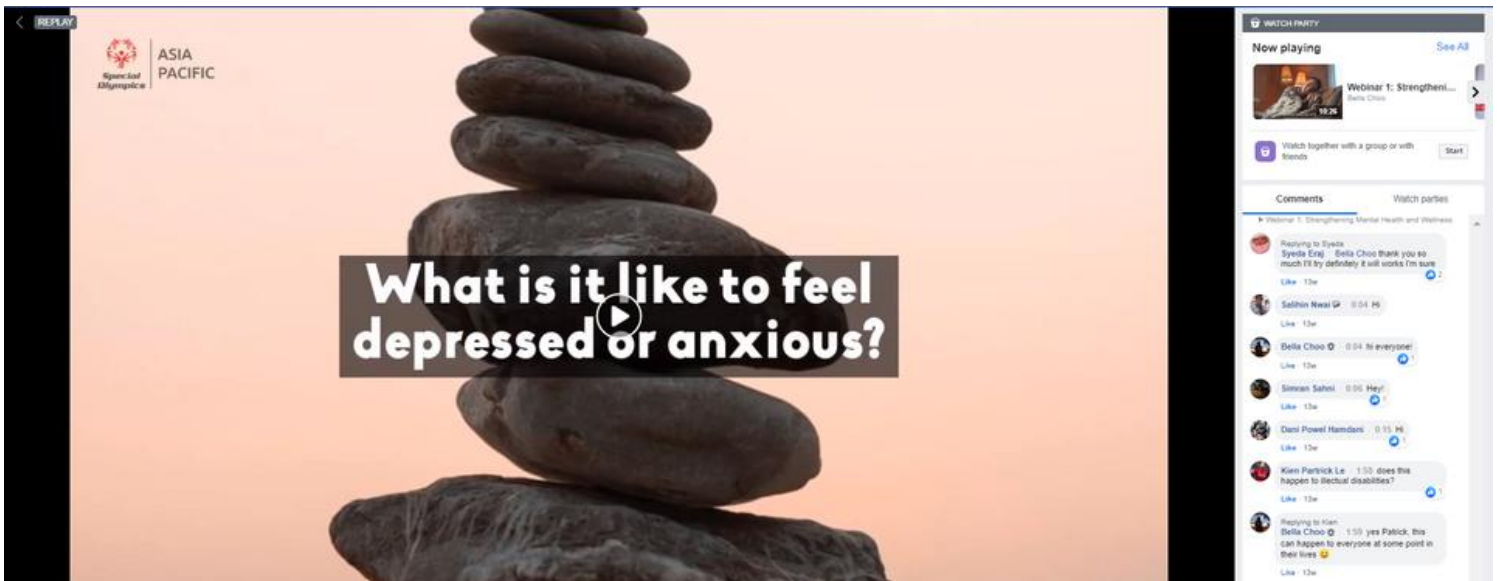
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## Facebook Webinars

A series of **Facebook Webinars** were conducted as a Facebook Watch Party for participants to learn about the three main topics that would be discussed at Youth For Inclusion. Each webinar featured a professional and an athlete who are experts on the topic from their field of work and/or their personal experiences. Participants had the chance to share their views and ask questions.

The first webinar focused on **strengthening mental health and wellness** with the following guest speakers:

- **Wei Ker-Chiah (Dr.)**: Senior Consultant and Chief, West Region, Institute of Mental Health, Singapore
- **Ben Haack**: Board Member, Special Olympics International



# PRE-EVENT PREPARATIONS



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## Facebook Webinars

The second webinar was about **addressing bullying and isolation** with the following guest speakers:

- **Elaine Chia**: Director, Good Pathways Singapore
- **Ben Haack**: Board Member, Special Olympics International



**Fung Ka Kit** I think bullying is one of the common problems that disabilities need to cope with. The bullied one will definitely feel anxious and depressed. It is hard to recover from bullying so bullying must be stopped. 🚫

Love · Reply · 11w

**Bella Choo** 🌟 Fung Ka Kit definitely. our topics are all inter-connected!

Like · Reply · 11w

**Jean Palomo** Very informative

Love · Reply · 11w

**Jean Palomo** 😊

Like · Reply · 11w

**Kamille Tingzon** If you are a victim of /or a witness to bullying don't keep quiet talk about it and ask for help

Love · Reply · 11w

**Salihin Nwai** 🗣️ I have one of my friends bullying before he tells me he bullying I tell my friends what happened who bullying I tell him that before go anywhere tell me first i help my friends don't bullying

Like · Reply · 11w

**Bella Choo** 🌟 Salihin Nwai great that you lent a hand to a friend in need!

Like · Reply · 11w

**Rowena Massey** Very informative webinar on a topic that Society needs to take more seriously and learn ways to work together and be more inclusive!

Love · Reply · 11w

**Kien Partrick Le** what is isolation?

Like · Reply · 12w

**Bella Choo** 🌟 Hi Patrick, thank you for your question. There are many forms of isolation. In the context of bullying, Isolation often starts where a person is shamed and ridiculed in public or on social media. Friends of the person are told not to mix with him/her. They may face peer pressure not to associate with him/her. Over time, s/he is left with no friends. Social isolation can be very lonely and damaging because as humans, we are meant to have friends and to live in community. - Elaine

Like · Reply · 11w



# PRE-EVENT PREPARATIONS



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## Facebook Webinars

The final webinar in this series focused on **increasing post-school opportunities** with the following guest speakers:

- **Carmelo (Dacki) Sebastian Sandiego**: Youth Input Council Member, Special Olympics Asia Pacific
- **Grant Javier**: Executive Director, Project Inclusion Network Inc.

The image shows a Facebook Live webinar interface. On the left, a video player displays two guest speakers. The first speaker is Grant Javier, Executive Director of Project Inclusion Network Inc., wearing a dark blue patterned shirt. The second speaker is Carmelo Sebastian Sandiego (Dacki), Special Olympics Athlete Leader from the Philippines, wearing a dark suit and tie. A play button icon is centered between their portraits. The text "Guest Speakers" is written in red above the portraits. Below the portraits, their names and titles are listed. A subtitle at the bottom of the video player reads: "Next up, we have Dacki, our Special Olympics Athlete Leader from Philippines". On the right, the Facebook interface shows the "Now playing" section with the webinar title "Webinar 3: Increasing Post-School Opportunities" and a "Watch party" button. Below this, the "Comments" section shows several user comments and reactions.

Special Olympics ASIA PACIFIC

**Guest Speakers**

Grant Javier  
Executive Director, Project Inclusion Network Inc.

Carmelo Sebastian Sandiego (Dacki)  
Special Olympics Athlete Leader, Philippines

Next up, we have Dacki, our Special Olympics Athlete Leader from Philippines

Facebook Live interface showing "Now playing" and "Comments" sections.

The image shows a Facebook Live webinar interface. The main video player displays a basketball team in blue jerseys posing on a court. Overlaid on the video is the text: "Inclusion needs to happen not just in the workplace, but also in larger society". Below the video, a subtitle reads: "This will show that inclusion needs to happen not just in the workplace". On the right, the Facebook interface shows the "Now playing" section with the webinar title "Webinar 3: Increasing Post-School Opportunities" and a "Watch party" button. Below this, the "Comments" section shows several user comments and reactions.

Special Olympics ASIA PACIFIC

**Inclusion needs to happen not just in the workplace, but also in larger society**

This will show that inclusion needs to happen not just in the workplace

Facebook Live interface showing "Now playing" and "Comments" sections.

# DAY 1 OVERVIEW

2 DECEMBER, 2019



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The **Special Olympics Asia Pacific Regional Youth Leadership Summit** began with an opening ceremony and icebreakers for participants to learn more about their peers and the focus of the Youth For Inclusion Youth Summit. After the opening ceremony, Kaitlyn Hamrick, Senior Manager of Youth Development at Special Olympics International, led a session focused on inclusive youth leadership. During the session, participants learned about the elements of leadership and applied this information to their personal leadership styles.



Afternoon sessions provided Youth Leaders with an opportunity to learn about the focus of Youth Leadership and begin developing their project plans. Topics included:

- **Strengthening Mental Health and Wellness**
  - **Wei Ker-Chiah (Dr.):** Senior Consultant and Chief, West Region, Institute of Mental Health, Singapore
  - **Ben Haack:** Board Member, Special Olympics International
- **Addressing Bullying and Isolation**
  - **Esther Ng** and **Poh Yok Chia:** Co-Founders, Coalition Against Bullying for Children & Youth (CABCY), Singapore
- **Increasing Post-School Opportunities**
  - **Maria Hycinth Umaran:** Product Owner, Plan International in Asia
  - **Dacki Sandiego:** Youth Input Council Member, Special Olympics Asia Pacific



# 3 DECEMBER, 2019

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# DAY 2 OVERVIEW

3 DECEMBER, 2019



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In the afternoon, workshops focused on providing participants with the skills and tools needed to advance their project. The sessions were led by:

- **Facebook Workshop: Building Community with Groups**
  - **Grace Clapham**: Head of Community Partnership, Facebook APAC
- **Presentation Skills Workshop: "KISS" Your Pitch**
  - **Delane Lim**: Executive Director, Character & Leadership Academy Limited
  - **Lionel Paul Dorai**: Chief Executive Officer, FutuReady Asia Singapore
- **Coding Workshop: An App with a Difference**
  - **Felicia Chua**: Co-Founder, Head of Education, Empire Code
  - **Aaron Tsai**: Manager, Business Operations, Empire Code



Equipped with new skills, participants pitched their project ideas that focused on the three main themes of the Youth For Inclusion Youth Summit. A roving panel of judges included guest speakers, volunteers from Facebook APAC, Asian Development Bank and Special Olympics staff.





# DAY 2 OVERVIEW

3 DECEMBER, 2019



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To celebrate the **International Day of Persons with Disabilities**, participants spent the evening exploring Singapore, guided by volunteers from FWD Insurance and Kantar Singapore. Participants had the opportunity to create fond memories and build new friendships. Throughout the entire evening, participants shared photos of their experience using **#LeadToInclude** and **#YouthForInclusion**.





# DAY 3 OVERVIEW

4 DECEMBER, 2019



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The final day of the Regional Youth Leadership Summit started with an energizing **KPopX Fitness** session! With Aliyah Kamarulzaman and Florence Hui as emcees of the day, all participants were on their feet and grooving to the music as they celebrated what they learned over the course of the event.



The first activity participants engaged in was **Human Library: Learning from Stories**. In this activity, participants went around to the different human 'books' who shared about their personal journeys with Special Olympics. Listening to various heartfelt stories of Youth For Inclusion Committee members and staff gave participants a chance to gain a deeper realization of the power of inclusion.





# DAY 3 OVERVIEW

4 DECEMBER, 2019



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In the afternoon, selected groups presented their project ideas to an esteemed group of panelists, including:

- **Adrian Gonzalez:** CEO, Kantar North Asia, South East Asia Pacific
- **Ben Haack:** Board Member, Special Olympics International
- **Chris Morris:** Head, NGO and Civil Society Center, Asian Development Bank
- **Kaitlyn Hamrick:** Senior Manager, Youth Development, Special Olympics International
- **Raj Kamal:** Manager, Applications, Facebook APAC
- **Sacha Eugster:** Director, Credit Suisse
- **Wei Ker-Chiah (Dr.):** Senior Consultant and Chief, West Region, Institute of Mental Health, Singapore



The final guest speakers were **Chris Morris** and **William Lucht** from the Asian Development Bank, who shared about **Youth and Inclusion**. The Regional Youth Leadership Summit closed on an inspiring note with a motivational speech by Haseeb Abbasi, Sargent Shriver International Global Messenger about 'going beyond my disability'.

# OUTCOMES



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## Youth For Inclusion Regional Youth Leadership Summit

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### BY THE NUMBERS



**101** Participants  
from **30** Unified  
delegations



**95** Youth Leaders  
with and without  
ID trained



**86** Adult mentors  
trained



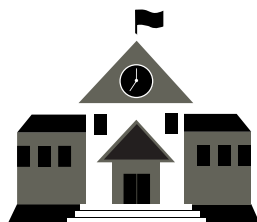
**13** Youth  
engaged in key  
leadership roles



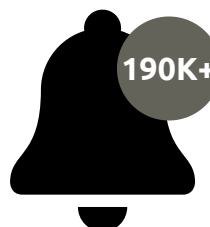
**15** Partnerships  
with external  
organizations  
developed



**14** Special Olympics  
Programs  
represented



**10** schools and  
**50** external  
participants involved



**193,917** social  
media  
impressions



# OUTCOMES



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## Youth For Inclusion Regional Youth Leadership Summit

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### POST-EVENT STATISTICS

**100%**

of participants were **very satisfied** with their project consultations with advisors

**100%**

of participants felt **very satisfied** with their experience pitching their projects, citing it as an **enriching learning experience**

**87%**

of participants were **satisfied** with their human library experience, **feeling impacted** by the stories of personal Special Olympics journeys

**85%**

of participants were **satisfied** with the team-building activities organized by the Youth For Inclusion Committee



# LEGACY OF THE YOUTH SUMMIT



# MOVING FORWARD



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## Youth For Inclusion Regional Youth Leadership Summit

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### INNOVATION GRANT PROJECTS

The 2019 Special Olympics Asia Pacific Regional Youth Leadership Summit offered the 30 attending delegations a platform for sharing best practices, discussing critical issues affecting both youth with and without intellectual disabilities, and creating strategies to address Regional youth involvement. Throughout the three days of Youth For Inclusion, Youth Leaders developed an understanding of how to drive social inclusion in their home countries and communities. 14 delegations received a Youth Innovation Grant ranging from \$1,000 - \$2,000 USD to implement a project in their Special Olympics Program or school/community based on the information they learned at the Youth Summit.



### NATIONAL AND LOCAL YOUTH SUMMITS

Special Olympics Asia Pacific Regional staff will oversee the planning and implementation of upcoming national and local level Youth Summits across the Asia Pacific Region. Participants of Youth For Inclusion will help to support the national and local-level Youth Summits and educate other Youth Leaders in their Program about the power of **#YouthForInclusion**.

# PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

## Special Olympics New Zealand



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Grace and Jack are two Youth Leaders from Special Olympics New Zealand who are leading a Youth Innovation Project focused on increasing post-school opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Their Youth Innovation Project will focus on providing travel opportunities to and from sport and social events, both geographically and socially, to decrease feelings of isolation and increase opportunities for inclusive activities. Grace and Jack have been active participants in their Special Olympics New Zealand Clubs, and with most spread across the country, they have seen others face challenges when going to events because of travel.

Through their Youth Innovation Project, Grace and Jack will create an app or online group with information on support and service organizations, resources available, local Special Olympics sports events and social opportunities, and other information for those part of the Special Olympics New Zealand Clubs. Through their app or online platform, Grace and Jack will link members of communities together and create more inclusive opportunities for individuals after they leave school.

Grace and Jack feel that their project will break down barriers currently stopping people from attend sporting event, leadership trainings, or other social activities. Through their new online platform, Grace and Jack are excited to bring people in a variety of communities together and form new friendships centered around inclusion.



# PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

## Special Olympics Pakistan



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Syeda and Maham are two Youth Leaders from Special Olympics Pakistan who are leading a Youth Innovation Project focused on strengthening mental health and wellness by reducing the stigma around mental health. Through their Youth Innovation Project, Syeda and Maham will host a seminar to launch the project, use technology to spread awareness, and host in-person workshops and seminars to engage youth with and without intellectual disabilities across Pakistan.

With the use of social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and WhatsApp, Syeda and Maham will start conversations for individuals with and without intellectual disabilities to learn more about mental health. Through their in-person workshops and seminars, Syeda and Maham will discuss opportunities to get involved in Unified Sports and provide Unified Sports Experiences.

While their Youth Innovation Project will focus on youth, Syeda and Maham are hopeful that parents, siblings, teachers, and other community members will learn more about mental health and how to support others. Syeda and Maham are confident that their project will help youth feel more empowered to discuss mental health and create acceptance of mental health conversations in communities across Pakistan.

# PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

## Special Olympics Nippon (Japan)



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Nana and Konasukawa are Youth Leaders from Special Olympics Nippon (Japan) who are leading a Youth Innovation Project focused on generating awareness around bullying and isolation in Japan. Through their project, Nana and Konasukawa will host a Youth Summit with Youth Leaders and adult mentors from communities across Japan to discuss the common issues youth face with bullying and isolation.

Nana and Konasukawa will not only lead a Youth Summit to discuss issues with bullying and isolation, but will have participants who attended lead a campaign focused at educating others about the importance of inclusion and advocacy for people of all abilities. While people will be the main source for communicating information and statistics about bullying and isolation, Nana and Konasukawa will use social media and radio to share information with a larger audience. They hope that the different communication platforms will reach more people and engage more individuals with the Special Olympics movement.

Through their Youth Innovation Project, Nana and Konasukawa will not only spread awareness about bullying and isolation through their Youth Summit, but they will also educate others about Special Olympics Unified Sports activities and how these events can create cultures of inclusion and acceptance. Nana and Konasukawa are excited to lead their project and for the impact it will leave on schools and communities throughout Japan.





# YOUTH SUMMIT ENGAGEMENT



# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



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## Youth For Inclusion Regional Youth Leadership Summit

### PRE-EVENT

Leading up to Youth For Inclusion, a series of videos were shared on Special Olympics Asia Pacific's Facebook and Instagram, including informative videos focused on the three topics to be discussed at the event.

 **Special Olympics Asia Pacific**  
November 24 at 7:00 PM · 🌐

Just a week away to our inaugural Special Olympics Asia Pacific Youth for Inclusion 2019! We're looking forward to welcoming close to 100 youth leaders with and without intellectual disabilities from 14 countries across Asia Pacific to Singapore, where they will co-create solutions using technology for a more inclusive world!

#youthforinclusion #leadtoinclude #choosetoinclude



 **Special Olympics Asia Pacific**  
November 25 at 7:00 PM · 🌐

Did you know? Half of young people worldwide have experienced bullying. People with intellectual disabilities are more likely to be victimized.

Youth for Inclusion 2019 brings together youth leaders with and without intellectual disabilities from all over Asia to tackle issues like bullying, to co-create solutions using technology for a more inclusive world. Will you be a part of the solution?

#youthforinclusion #leadtoinclude #choosetoinclude



HUMANRACE.ASIA

Youth For Inclusion 2019: Addressing Bullying and Isolation

[Learn More](#)



**soasiapacific** Did you know? More than 64 million youth worldwide do not have jobs, and people with disabilities are twice as likely to be unemployed. Youth for Inclusion 2019 brings together youth leaders with and without intellectual disabilities from all over Asia to tackle issues like post-school opportunities for people with ID, to co-create tech-solutions for a



259 views

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# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



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## Youth For Inclusion Regional Youth Leadership Summit

### DURING THE EVENT

Instagram stories were posted throughout the event, showcasing live updates and behind-the-scenes footage. The collection of stories are highlighted on Special Olympics Asia Pacific's account as 'YFI Summit.' Partners were also tagged to allow them to re-share the stories on their accounts.





# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



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## Youth For Inclusion Regional Youth Leadership Summit

### POST-EVENT

An ongoing post-event social media campaign will showcase impact stories and project outcomes as a result of Youth For Inclusion 2019. This campaign will be featured on Special Olympics Asia Pacific's Facebook, Instagram, as well as HumanRace.Asia platforms.

 **Special Olympics Asia Pacific** is with Kantar and 13 others. December 11 at 7:01 PM · 🌐

Close to 100 youth leaders with and without intellectual disabilities from across 14 Asian countries gathered in Singapore for Special Olympics Asia Pacific's #YouthforInclusion 2019, to co-create tech solutions for inclusion. We thank all our partners, volunteers, and participants for joining us in creating a more inclusive world!

#choosetoinclude #leadtoinclude



 **Special Olympics Asia Pacific** is with Grace Payne. 9 hrs · 🌐

Enjoy some #MondayMotivation from Special Olympics New Zealand athlete leader Grace Payne.

#youthforinclusion #leadtoinclude #choosetoinclude



 **Special Olympics Asia Pacific** 18 December at 09:00 · 🌐

Some #WednesdayWisdom from Special Olympics Thailand athlete leader Jidapha Kaewjan. Word.

#youthforinclusion #leadtoinclude



 **Special Olympics Asia Pacific** 23 December at 09:00 · 🌐

Wishing all our athletes, volunteers, partners and staff a most #unified Christmas and #inclusive new year!

#youthforinclusion #leadtoinclude #choosetoinclude





# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



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## Youth For Inclusion Regional Youth Leadership Summit

### YOUTH FOR INCLUSION FACEBOOK GROUP

Participants shared constant updates on their excitement, learning and appreciation throughout the event with **#YouthForInclusion** and **#LeadToInclude**!



**Laura Huynh** is with Kien Partrick Le and Viet Tam.

December 1 at 9:21 PM

Hi everyone! 🙌 Our team from Vietnam have arrived at Singapore. Although we're a bit tired from the long day, we are still very excited to meet everyone tomorrow. Sweetnight 🌙  
**#youthforinclusion #leadtoinclude**



**Alicia Sum**

December 3 at 11:22 AM

Day 1 of Youth For Inclusion with Table 14 🤗

**#YouthForInclusion #LeadToInclude**



**Kaye Chastine**

December 3 at 11:18 AM

"I'm enjoying this summit because I've met a lot of friends." - Quadr, Singapore

**#YouthForInclusion**

**#LeadToInclude**



**Agnes Lee**

Admin · 4 December at 11:08

In case you missed it this morning, here are the key takeaways for Day 2!



- Marginalised youth are unable to effectively communicate their skills and link to suitable economic opportunities. Technology has much potential – unless we intentionally include the marginalised, we will unintentionally exclude.
- "KISS" stands for: Keep it specific, simple and short.
- Coding is how our favourite games, apps and websites are made.
- Social media can be a useful tool to build community e.g. Facebook Groups

# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

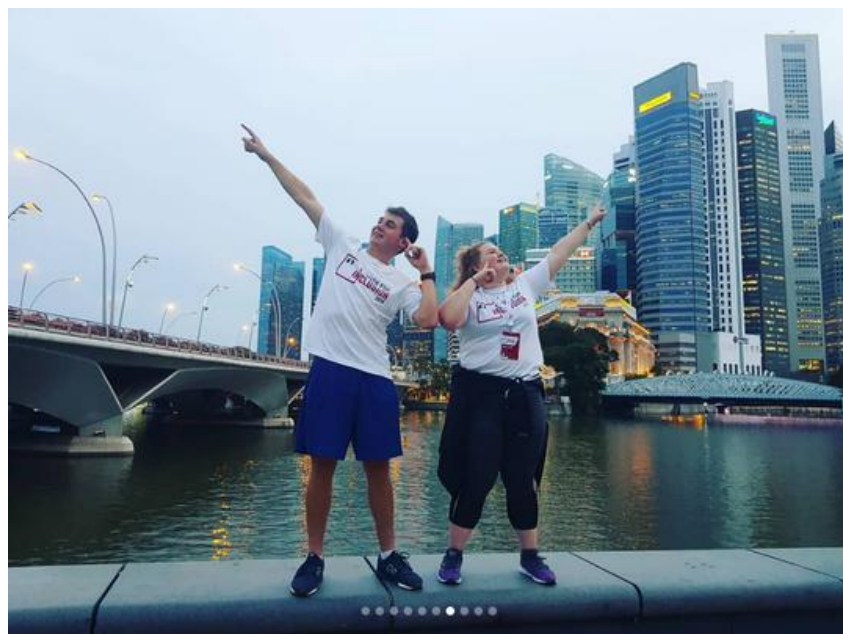


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## Youth For Inclusion Regional Youth Leadership Summit

### INSTAGRAM

Over 50 public posts were shared by participants, Programs and partners on Instagram with **#YouthForInclusion** and **#LeadToInclude!**



**\_gracie\_lacie\_** • Follow  
Singapore



**\_gracie\_lacie\_** Youth for Inclusion Summit 2019 sg 🌟 (part 1, hehe) It has been an amazing last few days! I've learnt so much over there, made heaps of friends and I can't wait for our project to come to life next year! 😊  
Also thank you Jack and Row for the best few days working with you two, I'm so excited to see what next year will do with the project 🤗 (and also

47 likes

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Log in to like or comment.



**kane\_aricayos** • Follow  
Parkroyal Hotel on Beach Road, Singapore



**kane\_aricayos** So thankful to be invited to Singapore as a special Olympics Guam unified leader. Thankful for the fun times and the opportunity that I had. #youthforinclusion

2w



**kiana.jade23** proud of you dude

1w 2 likes Reply



**jac.kgreen** Aww miss u too bro 🥺

1w 1 like Reply



**\_gracie\_lacie\_** Thank you for an amazing week! 😊 It is really nice



115 likes

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Add a comment...

Post



# TESTIMONIALS



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## Youth For Inclusion Regional Youth Leadership Summit

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*An enriching and personal journey Special Olympics has taken me on, and all that made the difference was listening to people, and having an open mind and an open heart. I was passionate to ensure a more inclusive society. This summit left me knowing there's so much more to be done, but either way.. I want us to enjoy the moment and appreciate the people and this life around us...The summit was so funnn!! And so, thank you to everyone for their energy :) The organisers did an amazing job... looking forward and excited to continue volunteering with Special Olympics!*  
– Youth Leader

*I learnt and heard different insights from people coming from different perspectives. Consistency, courage, friendship, commitment and passion are the feelings and keywords that struck me.*  
– Youth Leader

*The SOAP Youth Summit was a huge eye opener for Team SOPNG.. The amazing experience of all was meeting and hearing from the Human Libraries, in the likes of Ben Haack, Brian, Kaitlyn, Lynn Tan, Hasseeb and many more. You all are living Heroes! Your stories are our Hope. We had an amazing time. Bringing with us are lots of fond memories. #Youthforinclusion leading the #InclusionRevolution*  
- Jenny Sike, Mentor, SO Papua New Guinea

*Thank you so much for these past 3 days! So well-planned and thought through. Super educational and eye-opening experience! <3 :)!*   
– Youth Leader

# THANK YOU



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Thank you to the following individuals for being part of the inaugural SOAP Regional Youth Leadership Summit, Youth For Inclusion 2019!

### **Guest Speakers and Partners**

- Aaron Tsai, Empire Code
- Bridgit O'Donovan, Facebook APAC
- Chris Morris, Asian Development Bank
- Delane Lim, Character & Leadership Academy Limited
- Esther Ng, Coalition Against Bullying for Children & Youth (CABCY), Singapore
- Felicia Chua, Empire Code
- Grace Clapham, Facebook APAC
- Haseeb Abbasi, Sargent Shriver International Global Messenger (SSIGM) 2019-2023
- Jasmine Wong, KPopX Fitness
- Kaitlyn Hamrick, Special Olympics International
- Lionel Paul Dorai, FutuReady Asia Singapore
- Maria Hycinth Umaran, Plan International in Asia
- Melissa Lim, Facebook APAC
- Poh Yok Chia, Coalition Against Bullying for Children & Youth (CABCY), Singapore
- Trang Quynh, Facebook APAC
- Wei Ker-Chiah (Dr.), Institute of Mental Health, Singapore
- William Lucht, Asian Development Bank

### **Panel of Judges for Final Project Presentations**

- Adrian Gonzalez, CEO, Kantar North Asia, South East Asia, Pacific
- Ben Haack, Board Member, Special Olympics International
- Chris Morris, Head, NGO and Civil Society Center, Asian Development Bank
- Kaitlyn Hamrick, Special Olympics International
- Raj Kamal, Manager, Applications, Facebook APAC
- Sacha Eugster, Director, Credit Suisse
- Wei Ker-Chiah (Dr.), Senior Consultant and Chief, West Region, Institute of Mental Health, SG

### **Webinar Speakers**

- Ben Haack, Board Member, Special Olympics International
- Carmelo (Dacki) Sebastian Sandiego, Youth Input Council Member, Special Olympics Asia Pacific
- Elaine Chia, Director, Good Pathways Singapore
- Grant Javier, Executive Director, Project Inclusion Network Inc.
- Wei-Ker Chiah (Dr.), Senior Consultant and Chief, West Region, Institute of Mental Health, Singapore

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