

GENDER JUSTICE BEYOND BORDERS

YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

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Program Description

The “Gender Justice Beyond Borders Leadership Program” is an initiative by WoW (With or Without) and the Center for Migration, Gender, and Justice (CMGJ).

The program equips migrant youth / youth with a migration background with the skills and knowledge to advocate for migrant rights and gender justice in Europe.

The six-month program consists of three components:

Education: Online Course on “Gender and Migration”

Research: Workshop Series / Policy Briefs "Istanbul Convention"

Advocacy: Campaign Development "16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence "

The program is funded by the European Network Against Racism (ENAR).



Program Objectives

The program trains migrant youth / youth with a migration background for collective action at the intersection of migration and gender.

The program's advocacy focal area concerns gender-based violence experienced by women*, girl, LGBTQIA+, and gender diverse migrants. The program will result in a campaign for this year's 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence (November / December 2021) and centers lived experiences of migrants.

The campaign calls for the prevention, mitigation, and response of gender-based violence in the context of migration and is framed within the ten year anniversary of the Istanbul Convention.



Program Team

WoW e.V. and the Center for Migration, Gender, and Justice are partners in facilitating this program.

WoW e.V. is a non-profit human rights NGO that addresses intersectional discrimination in the German labor market through a community-based approach.

The Center for Migration, Gender, and Justice is a non-profit human rights NGO that seeks to shrink spaces between migrant communities and governing bodies through shared agency, representation, and accountability at the intersection of migration and gender.

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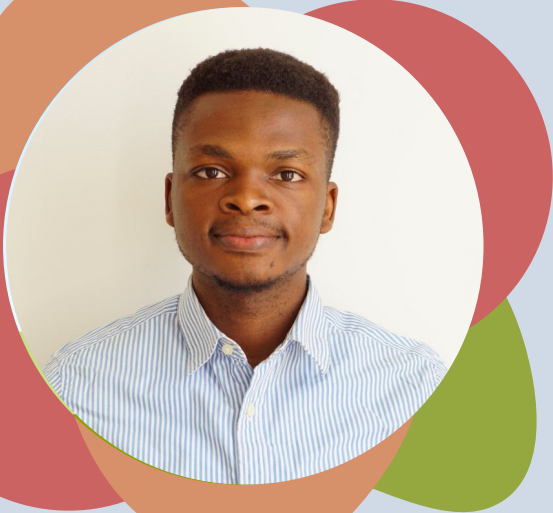


ANGE NSANZINEZA

PRONOUNS: SHE / HER

Ange, born and raised in Antwerp, is a Social Sciences student in Brussels. After studying for two years in New Mexico, she felt inspired to continue her studies in English while also continuously engage herself with social impact initiatives such as CHange, StampMedia and UNYA Brussels. Her main interest lie in the power of language, storytelling, the voices of youth and disadvantaged people. She is currently doing an internship at IOM Belgium & Luxembourg on a project on sexual and gender-based violence and diaspora, and will start her masters in Anthropology in the fall.

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GREAT UDOCHI

PRONOUNS: HE / HIM

Great Udochi is a Master of Public Policy candidate at the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy, specializing in socio-economic development policies and international/global public policy. He holds a bachelor's degree in Philosophy from the University of Uyo, Nigeria, and has over two years of experience working in Nigeria's civil society sector.



JERAN BERNABELA

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Jeran, born to a Dutch mother and an Aruban father, is a student in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences at the University of Amsterdam. After the summer he will be following a minor in Gender & Sexuality Studies and later on a minor in Violence. He identifies as queer in his sexuality, gender and politics and is interested in combating LGBTQIA+ issues and decolonizing the grand narratives on queer identities. Furthermore, he believes in the importance of seeing non-academic sources of knowledge as valuable input.

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EMAD YOSUFI

PRONOUNS: HE / HIM

Emad Yosufi, the NGA alumni of American University of Central Asia. He is also the recipient of AUCA and AUW four years of full scholarship and Rome International Model United Nation 2018 partial scholarship. He has attended various conferences such as UNODCMUN and GCC at the American University of Central Asia. He is also one of the Y-PEER Afghanistan trainees of 2017 4th season. He interned at the Finance Office of MOBY group Afghanistan and currently admitted at the Studienkollege of Kassel University. His interests include conducting Gender researches and investing on Young generation abilities.

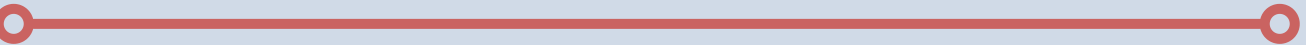


DILANAZ GULER

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Youth activist and intersectional feminist who recently graduated from high school. Previous works include writer, radio show host and activist dedicated to achieve full access to human rights regardless of identity. Experiences in both NGOs and IGOs. Residing in Turkey.

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ISHA MANDAL

PRONOUNS: SHE / HER

Isha Mandal is an intersectional feminist from Nepal. She has a BA in International Business and Political Science with a concentration in international law and gender studies. Currently, she is pursuing a Masters in European Policy and International Organizations. Isha has diverse interests ranging from public policy to poetry and literature to astrophysics. Therefore, she actively makes time for traveling, binge watching series and finding new ways to smash the patriarchy.



Rebecca is a graduate from the University of Manchester with a degree in Politics and Modern History. She has experience working for various charities mentoring children and teenagers. Currently, she lives in London working for a charitable trust that supports the implementation of youth social action in England. In addition, she is pursuing a masters in International Relations at the London School of Economics. Her research interest is in migration, peacebuilding and humanitarianism.

REBECCA BASSEY

PRONOUNS: SHE / HER

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Sitara is currently completing her M.A. in Philosophy and Economics with a focus on global governance at the University of Bayreuth, Germany. Her research interests in philosophy are focused on race, racial capitalism, and migration. She has previously worked as a community organiser around issues facing migrant youth in the United States and has exposure to activist initiatives for migrant women in Germany. In her free time, she writes short stories, crochets, and watches Bollywood movies.

SITARA NATH

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