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INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY GLOBAL COMMUNITY CALL

YOUNG CHANGEMAKERS COMMUNITY WELL-BEING & CONNECTEDNESS



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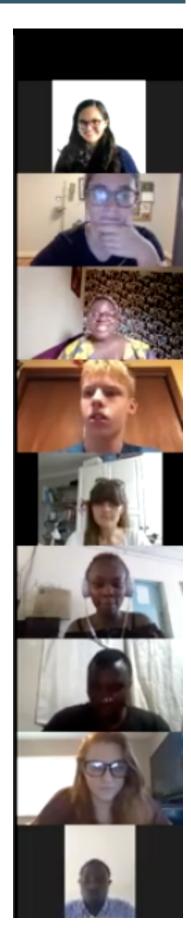
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ABOUT THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY CALL

To commemorate International Youth Day, 50 young leaders within the global Peace First community participated in a 1-hour virtual global call via Zoom. The objective of the call was to create a space for the Peace First global community to share and reflect on the key findings from the research project around the collective community impact of youth-led initiatives, with particular emphasis on social connectedness and belonging. To increase accessibility of the virtual event, SCSC provided mobile data vouchers to 20 youth attendees who would have been unable to participate without this support.

THE FORMAT

The global community call began with my presentation of the research questions, methodology and key learning from the qualitative study. This was followed by 5 breakout discussions facilitated by Peace First staff, where young leaders reflected on the research findings. All participants returned to the main room to wrap up the call with brief highlights from the discussions in each breakout room.



THE IMPACT

The research findings deeply resonated with participants. In particular, participants the appreciated the nuanced findings leaders' young on challenges based on cultural diversity and nuances within their respective regions.

Participants affirmed the recommendation to invest in young people's capacity building impact measurement. around They also acknowledged the need for youth-led initiaives to impact express in nonquantitative terms such as attitudinal changes.

This report really speaks volumes to the unique struggles that youth face...whether bureaucratic governments or internet connectivity, and it took into consideration their geographic location. - Young Leader