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VOLUNTEERING TOGETHER TO ENABLE CHANGE AND CREATE A BETTER WORLD

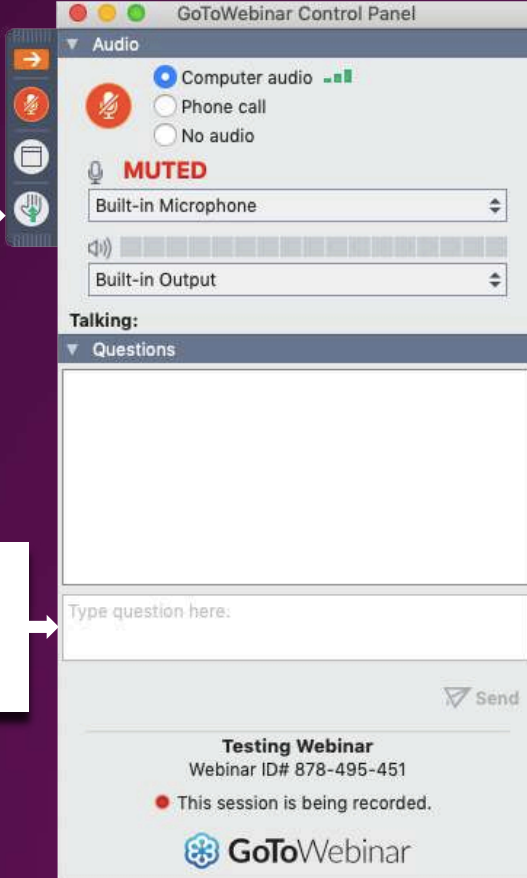


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# OVERVIEW OF MEETING ROOM CONTROLS

# SCHEDULE OF FORUMS



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JULY 22<sup>ND</sup>, AT 9:00 AM ET (Recording Available)  
Volunteerism and Community Resilience –  
Locally Owned Solutions Delivering Impact

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SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, AT 9:00 AM ET  
Future Leadership – The Role of Youth  
Volunteers

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SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, AT 9:00 AM ET  
Tolerance & Inclusion – Volunteering Enabling  
Community Cohesion & Embracing Diversity

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OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, AT 9:00 AM ET  
Volunteering & the Digital World – Extending  
the Power of Volunteering through New Tech

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OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, AT 9:00 AM ET  
Corporate Volunteering – Delivering Business  
Objectives through a Values Focused Mission

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NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, AT 9:00 AM ET  
Measurement & Impact – Providing the  
Evidence that Volunteering is Good for Society  
& Good for You

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DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, AT 9:00 AM ET  
Volunteering 2030 – New Paradigms



# FUTURE LEADERSHIP

THE ROLE OF YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

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## MODERATOR Felicite Walls



A passionate advocate of youth volunteering and leadership, Felicitie is professionally qualified in Youth and Community work with substantial experience leading programmes to enable young people to fulfil their potential.

Felicitie, currently appointed at WCVA as Volunteering Manager, leads on youth volunteering, including a youth led grant making initiative and as the Wales lead for a UK wide youth social action campaign inspiring organisations and businesses to value the power of youth in volunteering and leadership. Felicitie provides mentoring, coaching and training to young people and in her most recent appointment as lead of the Future Leaders Network Wales, brings young people together to connect, discover and become lead change makers.







- ▶ The world is changing, quickly
- ▶ Future generations need future leaders
- ▶ Coronavirus, lockdown and young people



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*“Young people, this is your time, your era, your chance to change the world”*

Nichole Cirillo, Executive Director,  
IAVE Asia-Pacific Youth Conference 2019





## KEY PRESENTER

### Mohsen Gul



Mohsen is a policy entrepreneur who works at the intersection of youth engagement, policy and governance systems in Pakistan and the Asia Pacific region. He has diverse policy and practice experience in systems strengthening from a community of action lens. Mohsen has over 8 years of diverse experience in the international development sector and is currently providing research support to UN Volunteers HQ in Germany on research evidence for the Volunteerism Agenda for 2020-2030. His doctoral research work at the Universities of Nottingham and Oxford is focused on critically analysing how youth volunteering can be mainstreamed in multi-level sustainable governance processes in Pakistan.

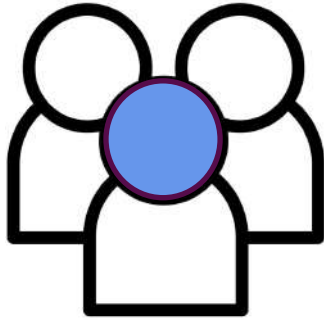


# Future Leadership: Role of Youth Volunteers

Mohsen Gul

Doctoral Researcher, The University of Nottingham, UK

# Youth volunteering is on rise



Every **third** young person volunteers

600 million  
young volunteers

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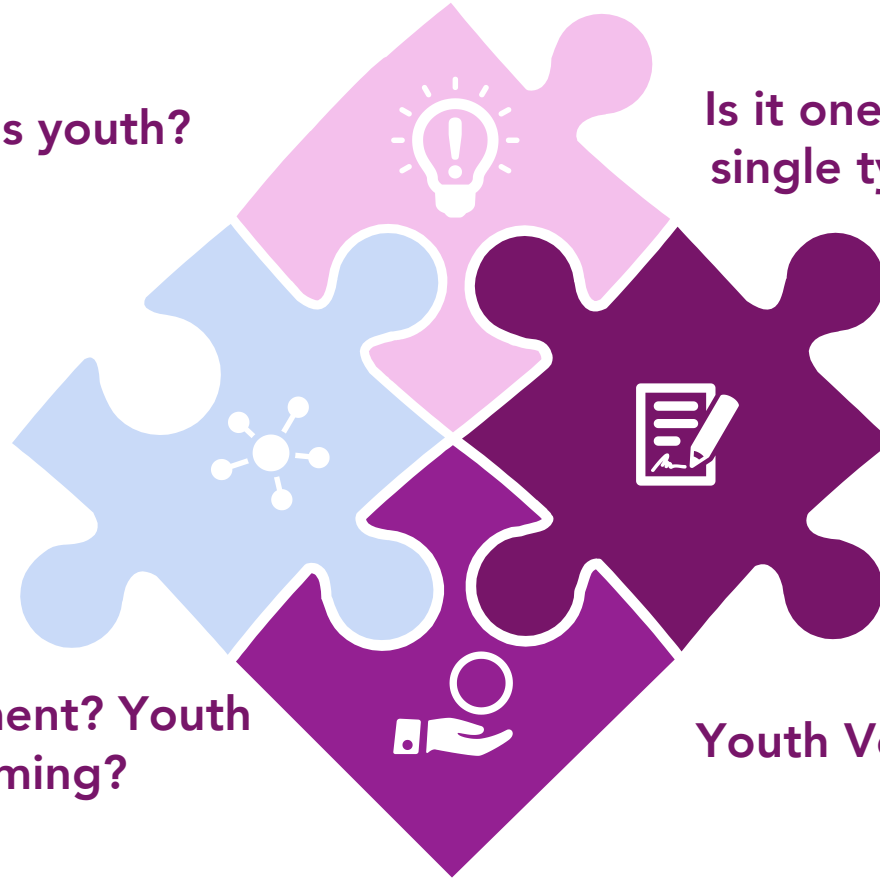


One in five young  
volunteers globally  
volunteers through  
organisations



What is youth?

Is it one big group of a single type of people?



Youth Engagement? Youth Mainstreaming?

Youth Volunteering?



# Volunteer infrastructure is evolving



National  
Schemes,  
Networks,  
Alliances

Non-  
government  
al initiatives

Global and  
regional  
schemes

Laws and  
Policies

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# Case study: youth volunteers responding to COVID-19



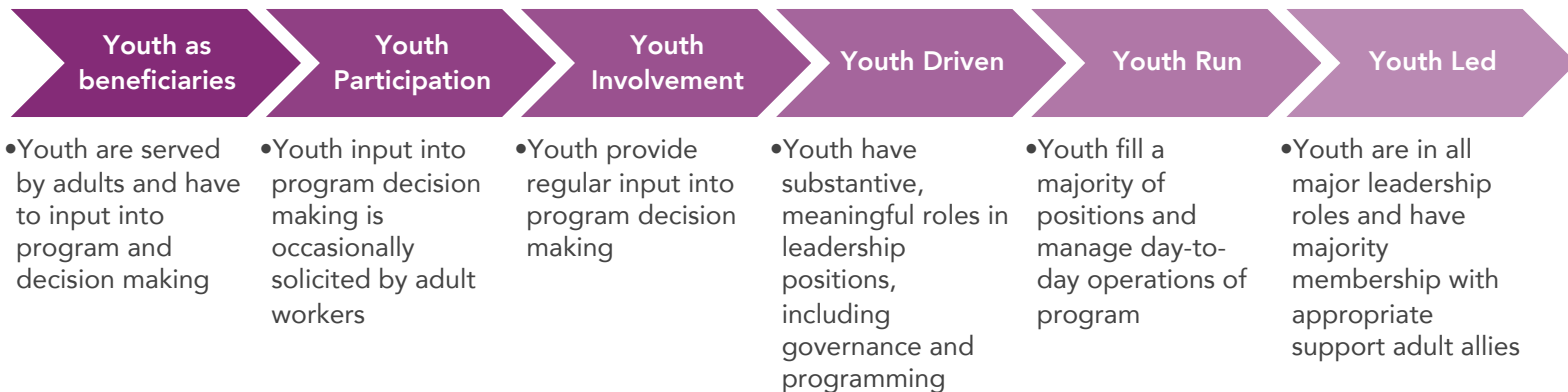
## HerStory Network 300 volunteers



**Creating a Wikipedia**



# Can it be youth-led?



# Case study: CIVICUS Youth Action Team



Good model of insitutionalising the role of young volunteers across organisational structures and activities



design and  
delivery of  
communities  
of practice

meaningful  
youth  
engagement  
practices

internal  
accountability  
mechanism  
for youth  
engagement  
in CIVICUS



**But is it all  
good?**

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Once upon a time, I asked for a seat on the table..



..but, did it work?

# Case Study: UNESCO study on youth-led initiatives



Youth-led/membership confined to youth

Active



38%



60%

808

Organizations & Networks identified

# Challenges faced by youth-led initiatives



Lack of appropriate  
youth friendly support  
and capacity building

Bureaucratic  
governance structures

High Burnout

Discouraging  
intergenerational  
relationships

Lack of trust and  
support

Limited funds and  
resources

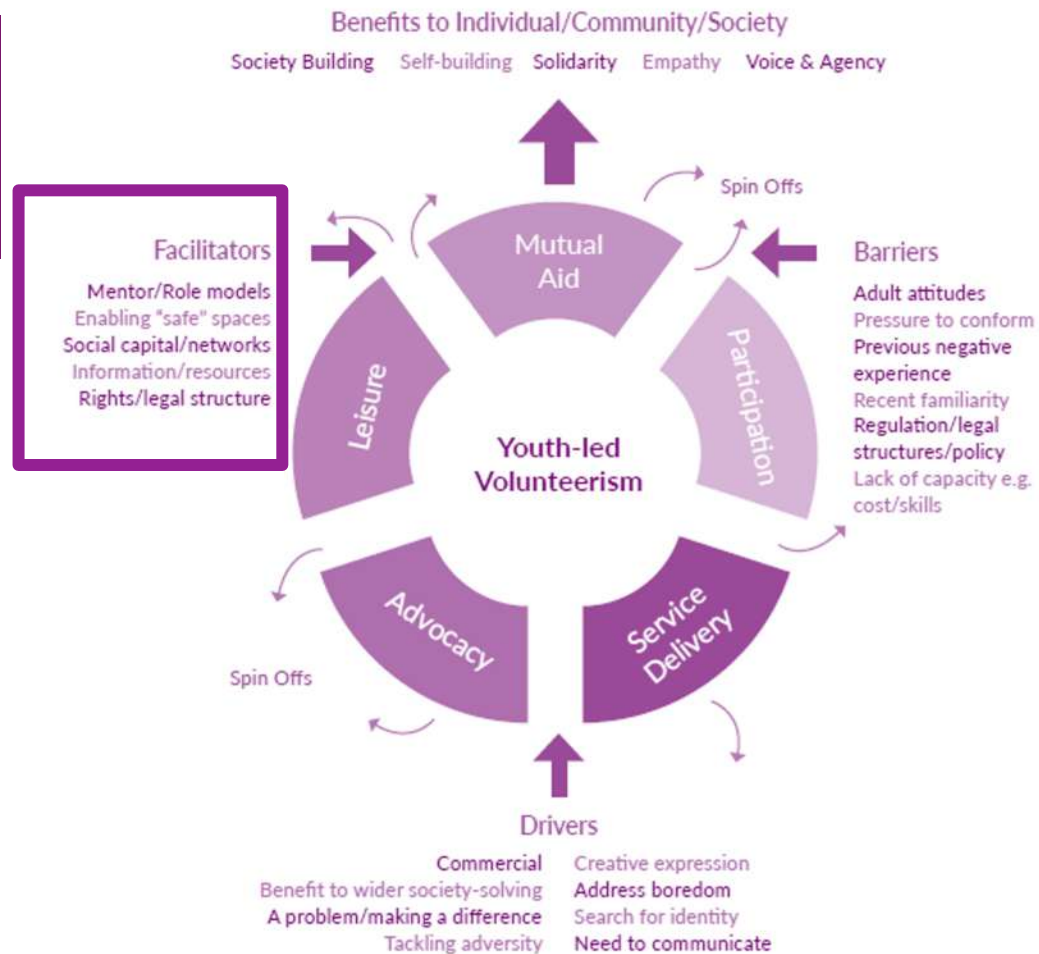
Limited capacity  
building  
(communication,  
project management,  
policy making)

Existing youth  
vulnerabilities





# Opportunities to explore



# THANKS!

Any questions?

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## PANELISTS

# Amani Aruri & Ryan Crowley



Amani Aruri is passionate about linking, improving, and increasing support to women and youth peacebuilders and increasing young people's pro-social civic engagement and democratic participation, particularly in a high-risk contexts. She holds a master's degree in Economics from Birzeit University and has utilized her skills in managing innovative programs that serve marginalized groups especially youth and women in Palestine, with a special focus on gender issues in the Palestinian society. She was elected for the Youth Local Council of Eastern Bani Zaid in Palestine, a member of the assembly of the UN Women gender innovation program-AGORA, and a member of the Global Youth Task Force on Beijing 25, and recently was selected as a member of task force on the Generation Equality Compact on Women, Peace and security and Humanitarian Action.



Ryan is the Deputy Wales Lead for the Future Leaders Network. Since he started volunteering with his local youth forum in Merthyr Tydfil, eventually becoming its Chair, it has become Ryan's goal to devote his life to the inspiration and empowerment of young people. Over the last 3 years, Ryan has aimed towards enhancing the potential of young people, whether it be through the youth ambassador scheme with Public Health Wales, acting as a Wales representative for the British Irish Parliamentary Assembly, or in his current post as Deputy Wales Lead for FLN. Ryan has been guided in his work by his unmovable support in the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act, and the UNCRC, particularly Article 12 which guarantees that all young people have a right to a voice in all public decisions, no matter how big or small.

## PANELISTS

# Yvette Tackie & H.E. Hessa Tahlak



Yvette is a passionate youth leadership enthusiast with an academic background in Nutrition and Food Science, who as strategically transferred her skillset to the world of youth and volunteerism since she joined AIESEC in 2016. She has four years of active participation in youth development and empowerment; tackling the SDGs towards economic empowerment. AIESEC is the largest youth led organization in the world, present in 120 countries and territories. Currently, she serves as the Regional Manager for Business Development for Middle East and Africa, managing partnerships and collaborating with organizations that work with AIESEC. Prior to this, she served as the Country Director for AIESEC in Tanzania. Yvette joined the IAVE International Board of Directors in 2020.



During her years of experience, Her Excellency Hessa Tahlak held prominent positions in different government, semi-private, and nonprofit organizations. Her roles varied from strategic planning, research and studies, marketing, development, and community service. H.E. Hessa currently holds the position of Assistant Undersecretary of Social Development at the Ministry of Community Development, and Chief Innovation Officer. Of her most notable achievements during her time at MOCD, she founded a volunteerism axis within the ministry, alongside execution of projects pertaining to The Year of Giving which included 13 projects, policies, and laws. In addition, she is a member on the board of directors of Dubai Foundation for Women and Children and the Emirates Gender Balance Council.

# SAVE THE DATE



## Tolerance & Inclusion – Volunteering Enabling Community Cohesion & Embracing Diversity

Volunteering is vitally important to providing a sense of belonging to one's community, it is a practical way to showcase resilience by including everyone in helping themselves and others to overcome problems whether they are, for example, economic, social, humanitarian or environmental. Volunteers are working across divisions and between cultures showcasing in practical ways the respect for others that builds more tolerant societies. Organizations that involve volunteers also need to be committed to the value of inclusion, showcasing tolerance and embracing diversity in their involvement of volunteers.



# THANKS!

## SESSION RECORDING & CONTEXT PAPER

The recording of this session and the context paper will be emailed to participants shortly. They will also be available online at [www.iave.org/virtualforums2020](http://www.iave.org/virtualforums2020).

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