

THE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
PERIOD OF AUGUST 2023 – 30 MARCH 2024

INTEGRATION OF KNOWLEDGE, CRITICAL THINKING, AND INTERFAITH YOUTH MOVEMENTS FOR NARRATIVE CHANGE



Introduction

YKPI has once again launched an internship program for interfaith youth, a program supported by funding from the Cox Internship Cohort. This internship program provides opportunities for the youth to develop their knowledge and work in the humanitarian field, especially related to issues of freedom of expression for minority groups and other vulnerable groups, gender and equality, democracy and justice, and freedom of religion and belief.

YKPI sees that the youth have a strategic opportunity and encourages them to develop movements for change, both within themselves at the personal level, in their social relations, and even at the structural level, where the youth's voices are also needed. Through an interfaith internship program, YKPI and its partners provide capacity building for the youth so that they have concern and ability to respond to social problems and take a role in making changes, both personally and by means of collective work.

Through this internship, the young can also develop new ideas to show their existence in their communities, on campus, and their involvement in Organization Civil Society (CSO) movements as well as in the lives of people in their areas of residence. A series of internship activities was arranged and carried out with Flower Aceh, our partner organization, and supported by other CSO partner organizations. There was a series of activities carried out for eight (8) months from August 2023 to March 2024 with the stages starting from the selection process, which was carried out openly, orientation for program introduction with participants and YKPI partner organizations, in-class and out-class (field studies) learning unit classes, and actions for network expansion.

Participan

The direct beneficiaries amounted to 317 persons, consisting of 17 internship program participants, 9 Flower Aceh personnel who were directly involved in the program management, 13 persons from the partner organizations involved in mentoring and internship program activities, 17 persons as resource persons for in-class activities and thematic discussions, 8 facilitators, and discussion participants as many as 253 persons.



Photos from the Event in class

The resource persons and facilitators came from various backgrounds, namely CSOs (Balai Syura, LBH Banda Aceh, SP Aceh, Kontras Aceh, Flower Aceh, LKIS, YIPC, KOMPAK, YKPI, and other social activists) and academics (UIN Ar-Raniry, Teuku Umar Meulaboh University, and Jentera Campus). And a total of 253 persons have join inclass thematic discussions.

Results and Impact

The 17 interns had an increase in the knowledge and understanding of FoRB issues as well as social and structural issues, gender and feminist issues, and human rights issues. This is indicated in the results of the

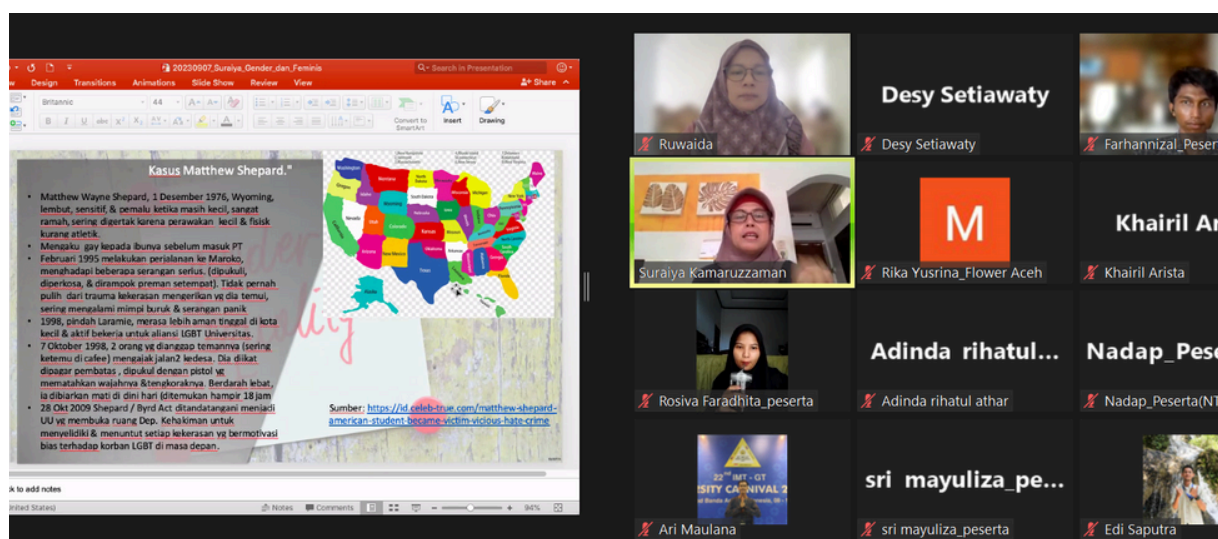
pre- and post-tests (the pre- and post-test recaps attached). They began to promote human rights values on social media and be involved and become active in discussion forums, and became a resource person to ask thought-provoking questions in the thematic discussions that they managed.

There are 3 articles written by advanced interns which are available to be used as material for further discussions with youth networks both on campuses and in other communities, as well as to be published in various campaign media.

There have been held 8 thematic discussions that were directly managed by the interns on the themes of gender & sexuality, FoRB, women and climate change, and SOGIESC. Collaboration has been established at the university level (with UIN Ar-Raniry, UTU), and with the HAKKA Aceh ethnic Chinese community, RRI Aceh Singkil, youth communities and other civil society networks in the Aceh and Kupang regions. The discussions involved 253 participants (167 women, 85 men, 1 person of other gender).

"My opinion, transformation of values can be sufficiently done, but when I learned more deeply it turns out that understanding the knowledge requires quite a long process, and knowledge must be acquired from experts because it requires a deeper analysis to understand. Changes towards equality and eliminating inequality must be done collaboratively, and cannot be done independently, but needs to be done with colleagues from other regions through collaboration, to produce knowledge and perspectives to create joint actions." —Ghevin, Banten.

Direct benefits are obtained by the interns from the activities that have been carried out, such as growing confidence to participate in discussion forums, and having the opportunity to learn more about FoRB, gender and feminist issues. Even the theme of advocacy has become an interesting choice for them to learn more deeply.



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