

Religions for Peace 

ASIA AND THE PACIFIC INTERFAITH YOUTH NETWORK

2022 Asia Interfaith Youth Peace Camp

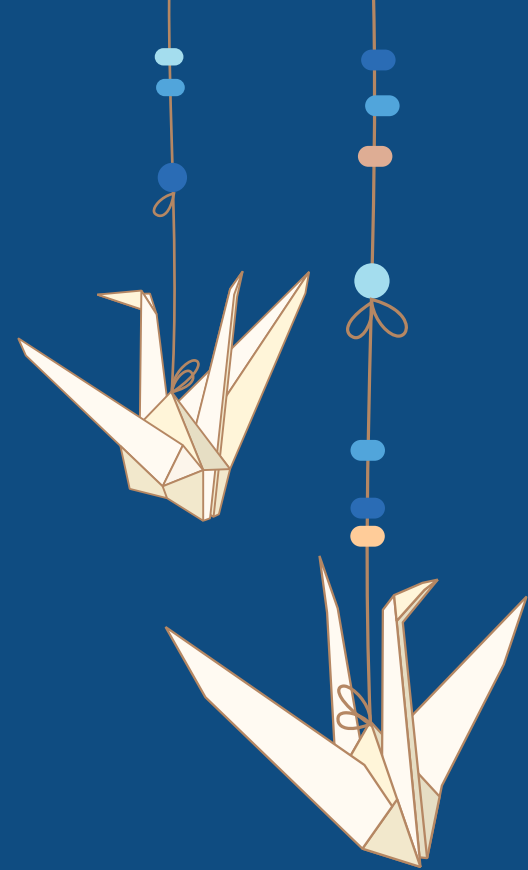
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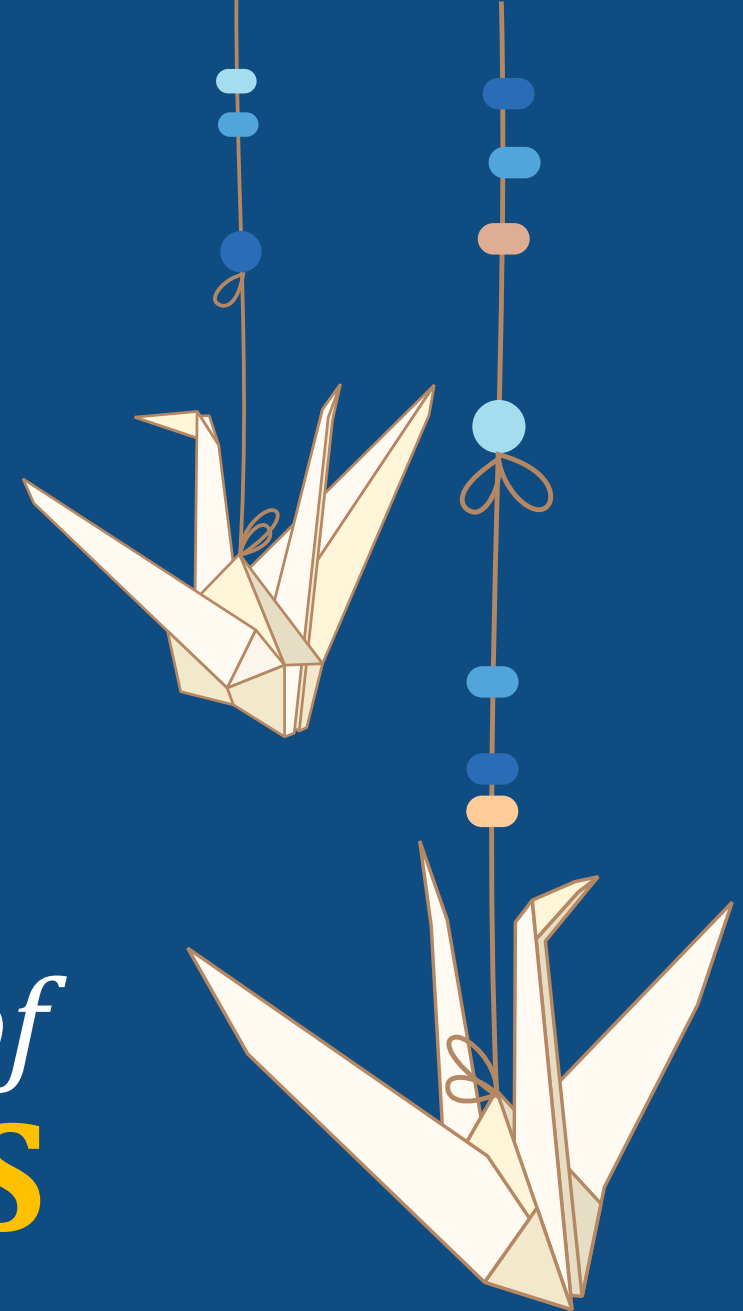
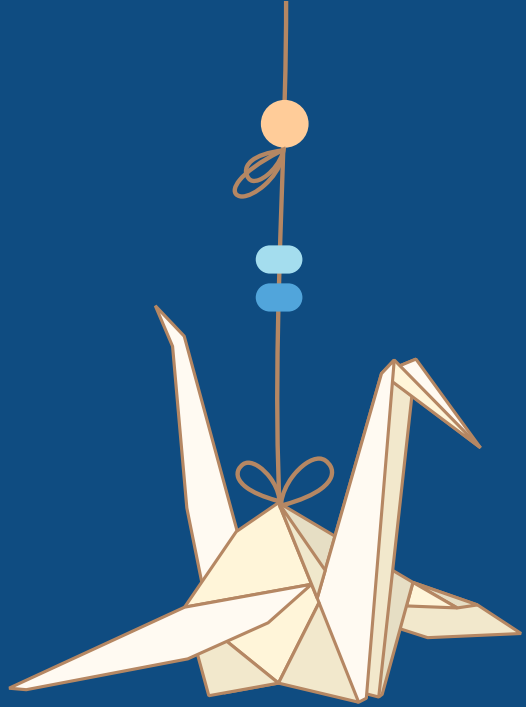
ADVANCING YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Report of the Asia & the Pacific Interfaith Youth Network

APIYN LEADERSHIP

- Moderator:
Dr Renz ARGAO (Philippines)
- Deputy Moderator:
Mr Yusuke SAITO (Japan)
- Secretary General:
Mr Shameer RISHAD (India)
- Deputy Secretary General:
Mr John MEDINA (Philippines)
- Partnerships Officer:
Ms Gasun HAN (South Korea)





Report of
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

APIYN STRATEGIC PLAN FOR YOUTH PROGRAMMING

The APIYN Completed and Implemented the Strategic Plan for Youth Programming aligned with ACRP's Flagship Project on Advancing Youth Leadership

A USD 10,000 was allocated by the ACRP for the implementation of the Strategic Plan



Expected Outcomes:

ACRP through APIYN have the capacity to create awareness amongst youth across Asia and the Pacific. APIYN would strive to raise awareness on the following focal areas; Dignity for all forms of life, Anti-human trafficking, Peacebuilding and reconciliation, Advancing gender equality, Promoting peaceful just and inclusive societies, Nurturing a sustainable environment, Championing freedom of thought conscience and religion, Strengthening interreligious education, Fostering multireligious collaboration and global partnerships

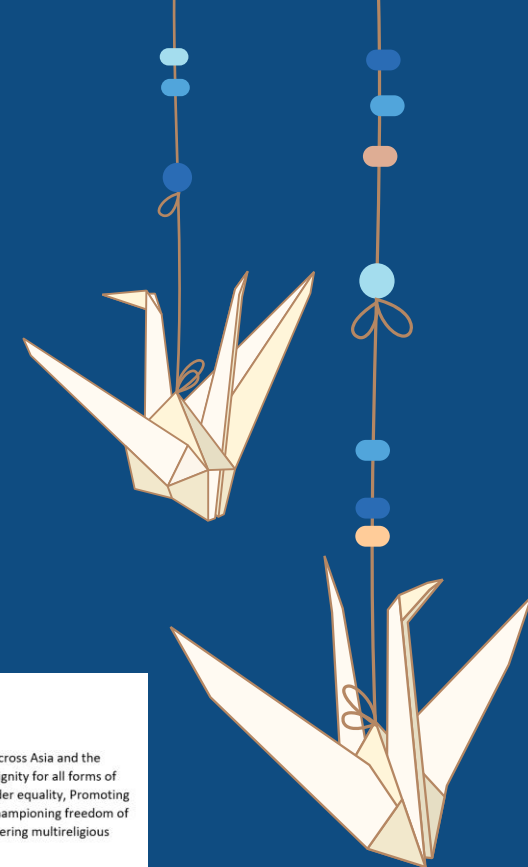
ACRP through APIYN will promote youth leadership by conducting intensive skill building workshops and also funding projects developed youth focusing on ACRP strategic goals.

ACRP through APIYN has the ability to create resource materials for the training & capacity development of youth across Asia and the Pacific.

Programs/Projects/Activities:

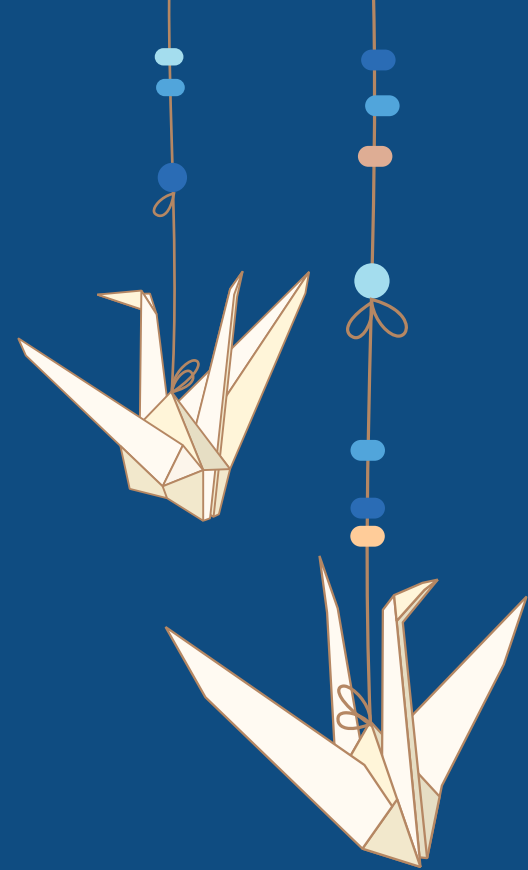
APIYN will utilise social media to create awareness further it will collaborate with other internal and external networks to cobrand awareness campaigns and organise online workshops in thrust areas.

Strategy			
1. Promoting Flagship Projects Protection of the Environment (SG 1, SG 3, SG 6)	ACRP and its national chapters have the capacity of educating and awareness raising on the protection of the environment. ACRP and its national chapters recognize and are engaged in carrying out the Flagship project on the Protection of the Environment. The members and association of ACRP movements adopt their lifestyle changes to reduce consumption and energy use. ACRP and its national chapters collaborate with intergovernmental organizations such as ASEAN, UN/EP, WHO and G20, RFP International and RFP Europe (FCR) and business sectors, which pay attention to ESG (Environment, Social, Governance).	Advocacy campaign for Social transformation, including people's life-style change, through SCS and other media Decarbonization, renewable energy application and food security The well-balanced relationship between development and environment Climate change synergy/transition, focusing on the Pacific Agencies, COP 26 and world-on-the-capacities oriented from religious traditions on the co-existence between nature and humanity Promotion of research undertakings for the relationship between infectious diseases and environmental destruction in a drastically changing eco-system Projects for tree planting, mangrove planting and the reduction of plastic wastes.	Four selected countries for the awareness raising activities are: China, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Australia. ACRP Office Bureau All the national chapters, including RFP India, RFP Mongolia, RFP Australia, RFP Cambodia and RFP Korea, which have already contributed to the environmental protection.
1. Promoting Flagship Projects Youth Leadership Development (SG 2, SG 3, SG 5)	The expected outcome for Youth Leadership Development will be achieved through its realization with the APIYN leadership.	The programs/Projects/Activities for Youth Leadership Development will be achieved through its realization with the APIYN leadership.	The entry/exit for the implementation for Youth Leadership Development will be determined through its realization with the APIYN leadership.
2. Building Effective Partnership	The office leaders and the leaders of ACRP and national chapters with the extended secretariat take initiatives for building an effective partnership with:	Outreaching of potential partners Convening of workshops and seminars on various issues, including sustainable development	Office leaders and Executive Presidents Leaders of the all the national chapters The Extended Secretariat



THE ASIA INTERFAITH YOUTH PEACE CAMP

The Seoul Peace Education Center has committed to support the APIYN in the annual conduct of the Asia Interfaith Youth Peace Camp, a gathering of Asia-Pacific Youth to discuss issues that affect the youth.



2022 ASIA INTERFAITH YOUTH PEACE CAMP



Asia Youth as Peacebuilders

05-08 February 2023

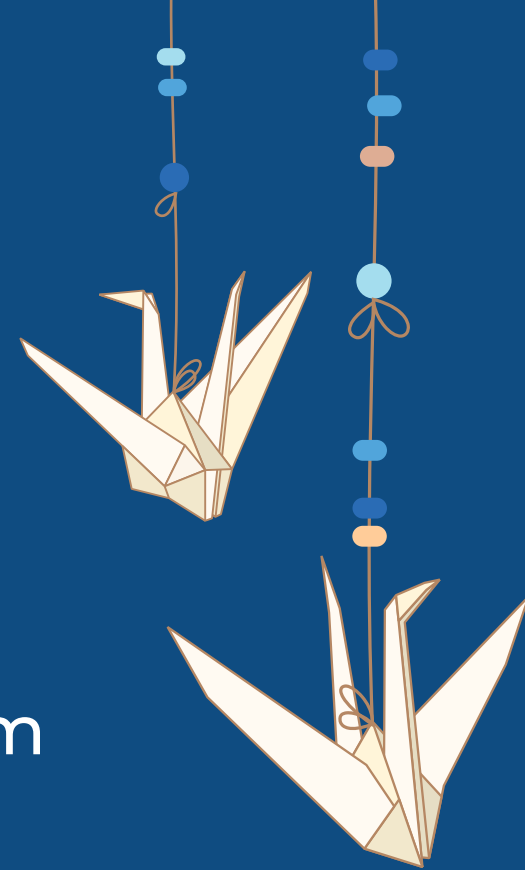
Manila, Philippines



Attended by ~60 Youth Leaders from
12 countries

Sponsored by: ACRP Seoul Peace Education
Center

Hosted by: Religions for Peace Philippines
Co-Hosted by: University of Santo Tomas
Senior High School and the Church of Jesus
Christ of Latter-day Saints



THE APIYN YOUTH ASPIRATIONS STUDY

In 200 words or less; Can you make bullet points/list out the projects that your Youth Committee is involved in?

12 responses

yes. Our youth committee is involved in volunteering. In some donation like blood donation, money and accessories need.

NA

about gender /law / many knowledge/ improved my communication and social skill.

We are participating in various task forces, including climate change. As a youth committee, we organize public study sessions, summer camps, and Korea-Japan youth exchange meetings.

Our youth group, RMO Interfaith Youth, had been volunteered in the projects of following sectors:

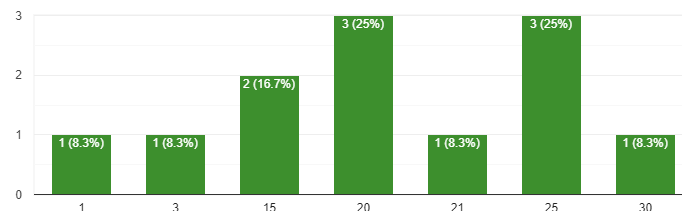
- Peace and Education
- Environment and Disasters
- Child Protection and Child Labour
- Communication and Media

Street children's rights

What is the total estimated membership (number) of your Youth Committee at your National Chapter?

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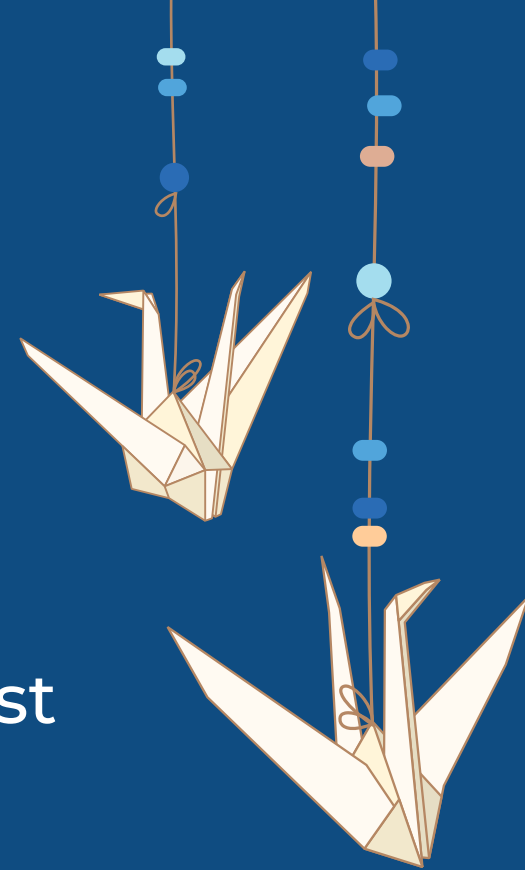
12 responses



To understand what the youth expects from APIYN

20 Members from 7 National Chapters participated in the first phase

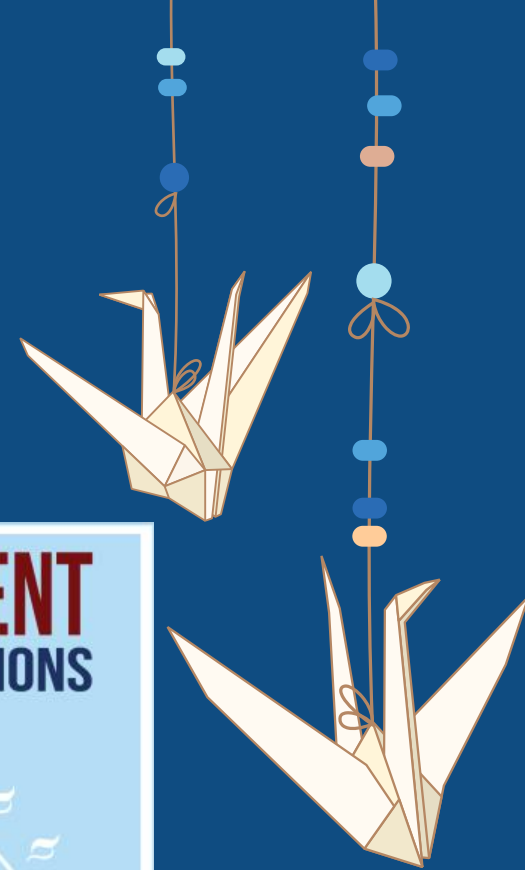
Top three strategic goals that youth want to work on are:
Promoting Peaceful Just and Inclusive Societies, Advancing Gender Equality, & Nurture a Sustainable Environment



APIYN SELECTED TO PRESENT A WORKSHOP AT THE 2023 PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS IN CHICAGO, USA

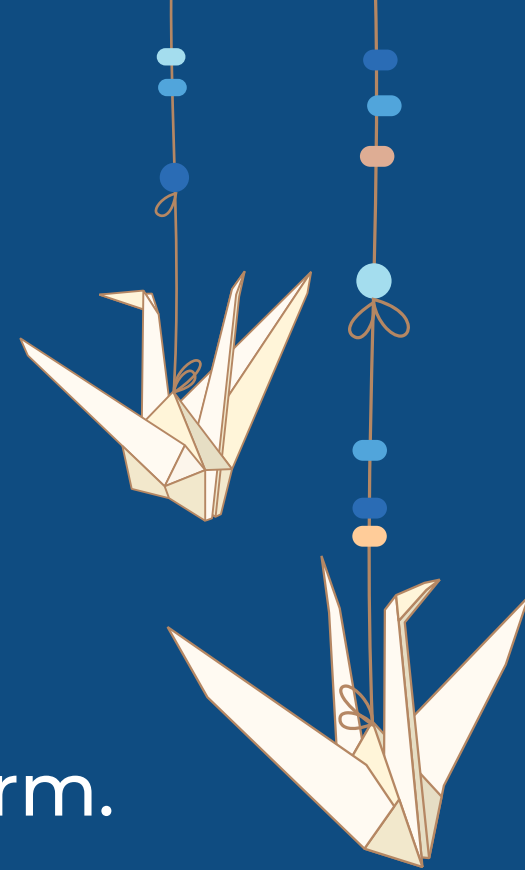
The APIYN Proposal for a workshop on protecting the environment was selected for the 2023 POWR in August 2023.

APIYN is the only regional youth network of Religions for Peace to present a workshop, together with the International Youth Committee.



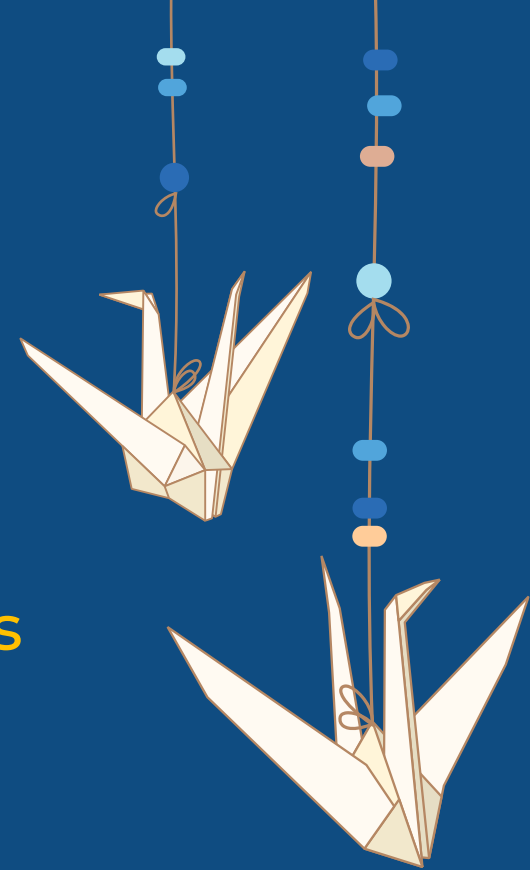
APIYN LEADERSHIP AT THE FOREFRONT

Dr Renz ARGAO, APIYN Moderator/Chair, was appointed as a Member of the World Health Organization Strategic and Technical Advisory Group on Infectious Hazards (STAG-IH) with Pandemic and Epidemic Potential for a 3-year term.



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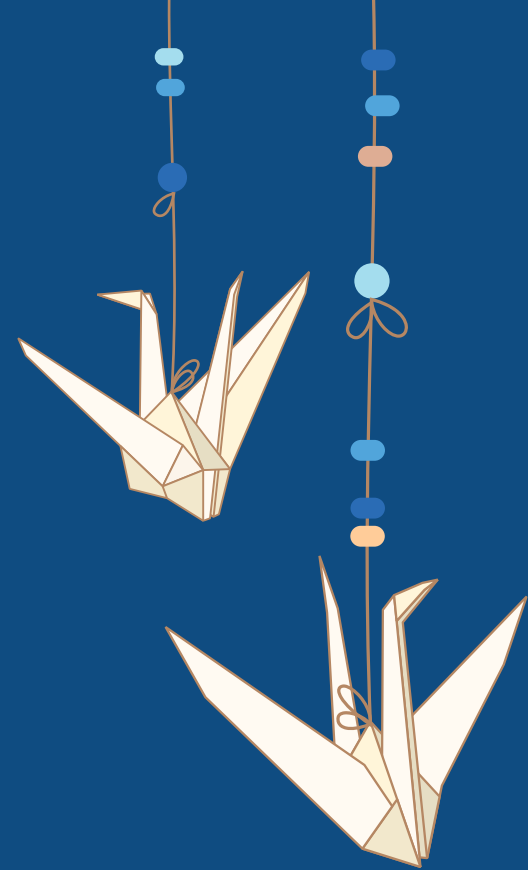
Mr Shameer RISHAD, Secretary General of APIYN, has been selected as United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY) Asia Youth Advocacy Team Member & United Nations Office of Counterterrorism Youth Engagement and Empowerment Program Fellow



APIYN GRANT & YOUTH JUMPSTART FUND

APIYN is launching the APIYN Grant to provide a funding of USD 1,250 to two projects from the national youth networks.

APIYN will also launch the Youth Jumpstart Fund, a micro-grant project that will provide USD 250 seed funding to ten capacity building programs from national youth networks.



G7 HIROSHIMA SUMMIT PRAYER AND SYMPOSIUM BY RELIGIOUS LEADERS

On 10 May 2023, the APIYN Officers attended and led a prayer at the G7 Hiroshima Summit Prayer and Symposium by Religious Leaders hosted by WCRP Japan.

Dr Renz Argao, Moderator, spoke on the nexus of disarmament and climate action.



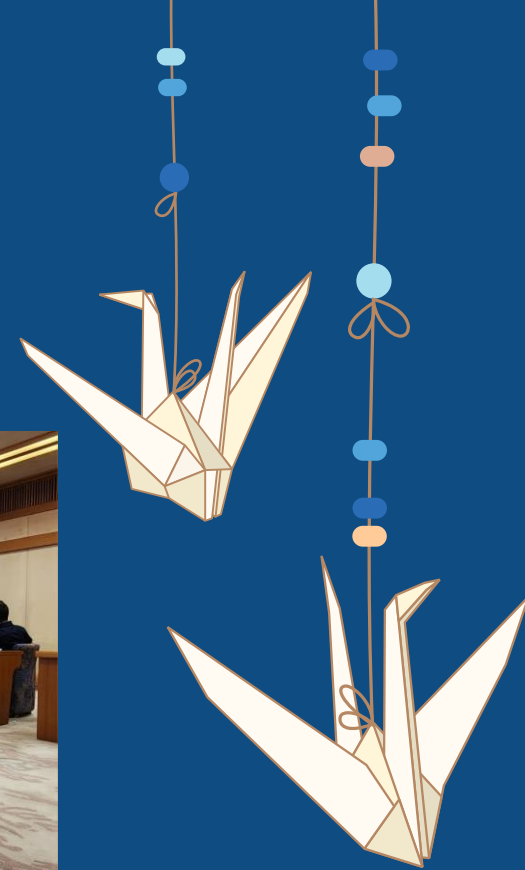
WCRP JAPAN YOUTH COMMITTEE 50th ANNIVERSARY

On 13 May 2023, the APIYN Officers joined the celebration of WRCF-J Youth Committee's 50th Founding Anniversary in Kyoto, Japan



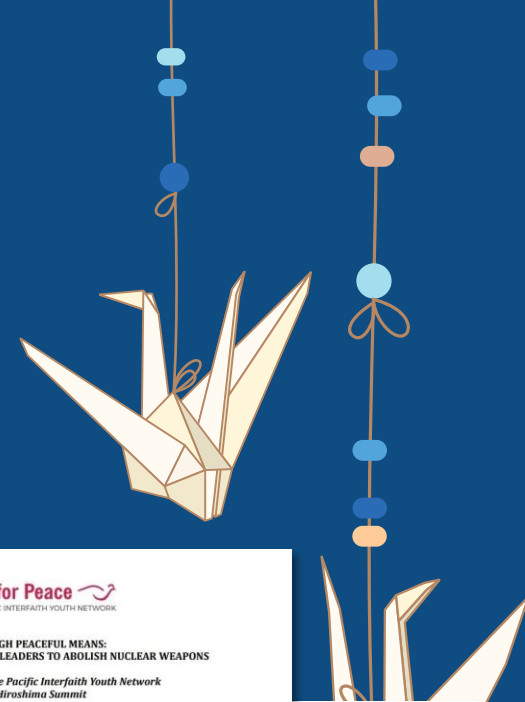
APIYN LEADERS RETREAT & PLANNING WITH ACRP SECRETARY GENERAL

On 11-12 May 2023, the APIYN Officers held a retreat, meeting, and planning with the ACRP Secretary General, Rev Dr Shinohara, in RKK Kyoto, to discuss the plans for the APIYN and Youth projects of ACRP



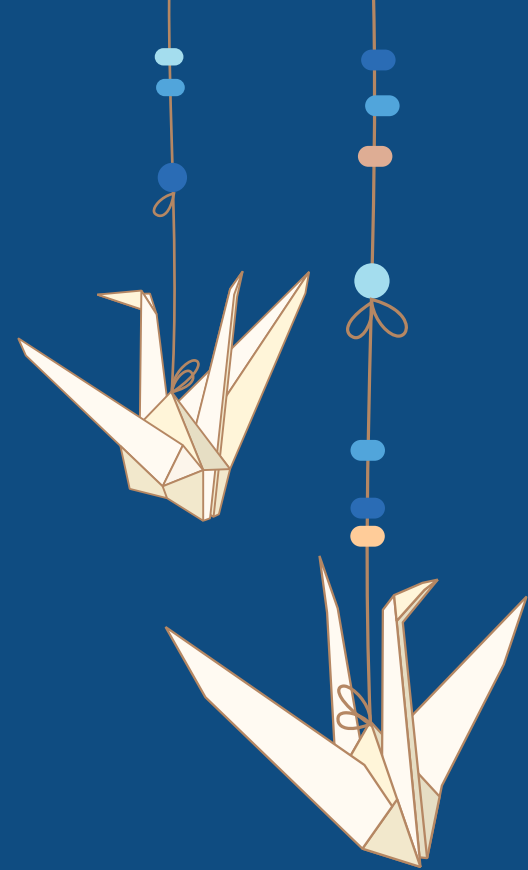
APIYN STATEMENT FOR THE G7 HIROSHIMA SUMMIT

On 10 May 2023, the APIYN Officers adopted and issued the statement: **Peace Through Peaceful Means: A Call to G7 Hiroshima Summit Leaders to Abolish Nuclear Weapons** in line with the G7 Summit in Hiroshima.



OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Launched APIYN FPCC campaign on Child Rights, collecting videos from members in support of child rights
- Formed first permanent committee of APIYN, held two meetings to develop projects and programs
- APIYN Officers participated & were involved in the planning of the Manresa 2022 Forum: At A Crossroads





THE APIYN 2026 AGENDA

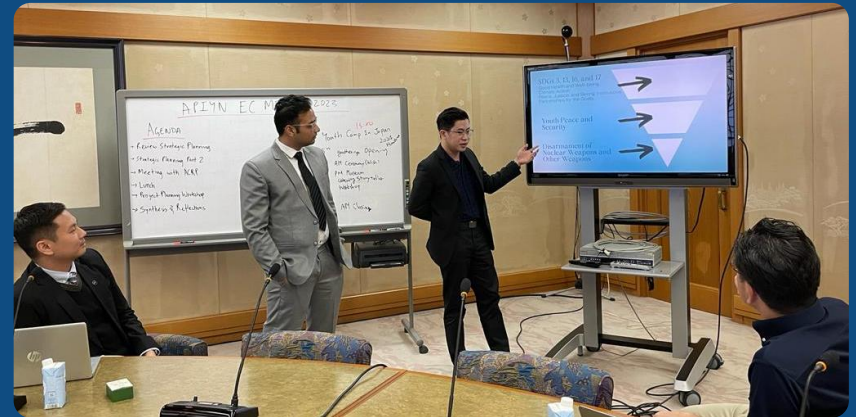
THE ASIA-PACIFIC YOUTH JOURNEY TO THE
ACRP 50TH ANNIVERSARY



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On 11-12 May 2023, during the APIYN Retreat, the APIYN Officers formulated **The APIYN 2026 Agenda** with the guidance and support of Rev Dr Yoshinori SHINOHARA, ACRP Secretary General.

The APIYN 2026 Agenda is a **three-year plan** for APIYN's Global Flagship Projects leading to the 50th Anniversary of ACRP in 2026.

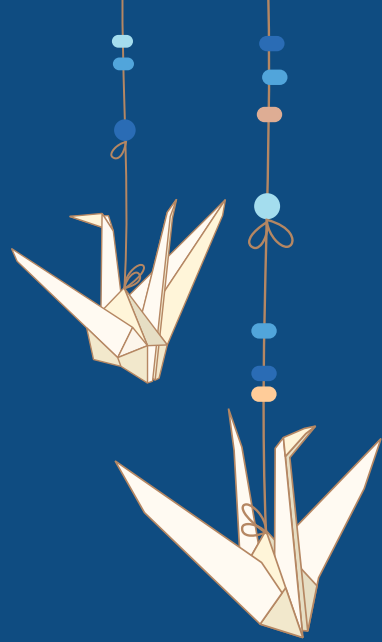




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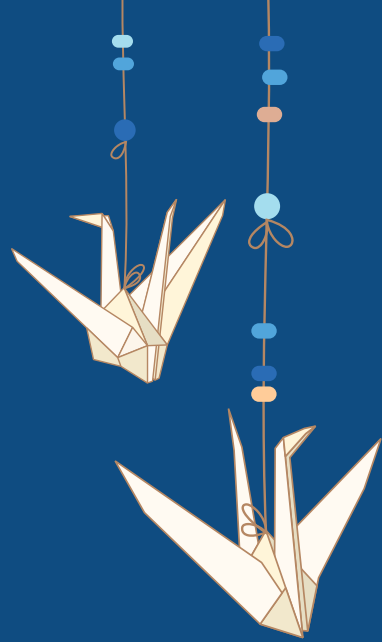


The Agenda was inspired and deeply influenced by the **APIYN Officers' visit to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial** on 10 May 2023





THE APIYN 2026 AGENDA



SDGs 3, 13, 16, and 17

Good Health and Well-being
Climate Action
Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions
Partnerships for the Goals



Youth Peace and
Security



Disarmament of
Nuclear Weapons and
Other Weapons



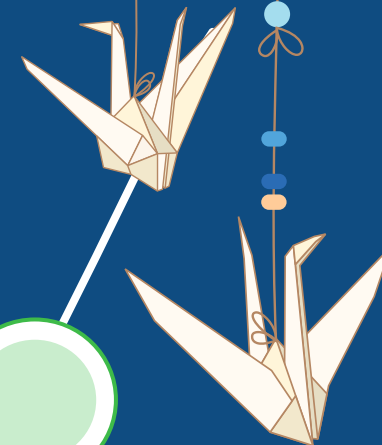


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2023 – 2024
Youth Action on
Disarmament

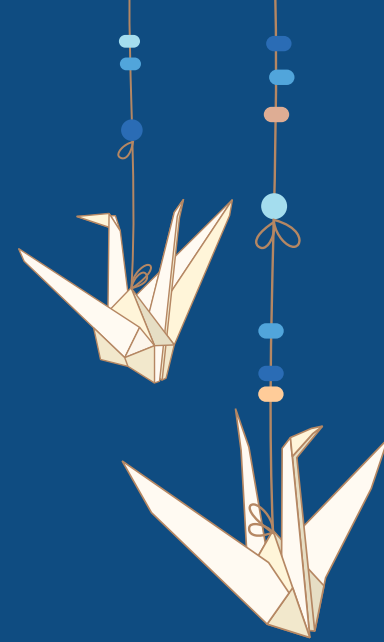
2024 – 2025
Youth, Peace,
and Security

2025 – 2026
Youth
Empowerment
for the SDGs





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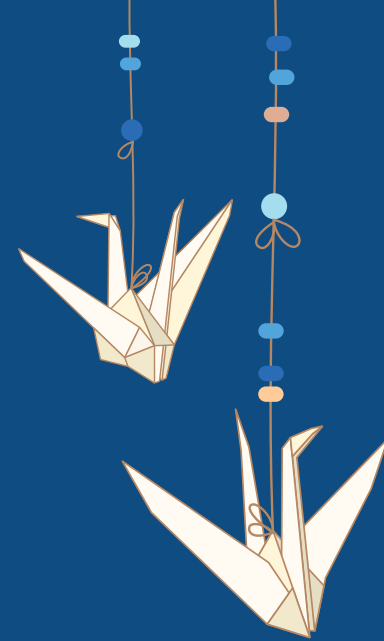


Action Plan for Each Campaign:

- Inaugural Conference on the Campaign
- Online Video Campaign to spread awareness and collect online signatures and pledges for a petition related to the campaign
- Interfaith Day of Prayer and Action with all ACRP National Chapters



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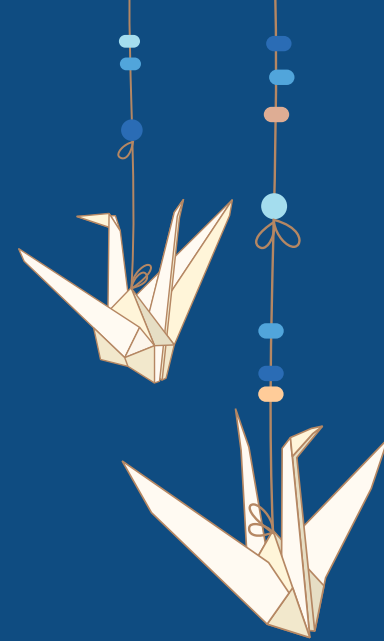
- The APIYN Grant and Youth Jumpstart Fund Projects will be selected based on the priority campaign for the year
- Culminating Activity of each campaign during the Annual Youth Peace Camp
- Culmination of the APIYN 2026 Agenda during the ACRP 50th Anniversary Celebration or the 10th General Assembly

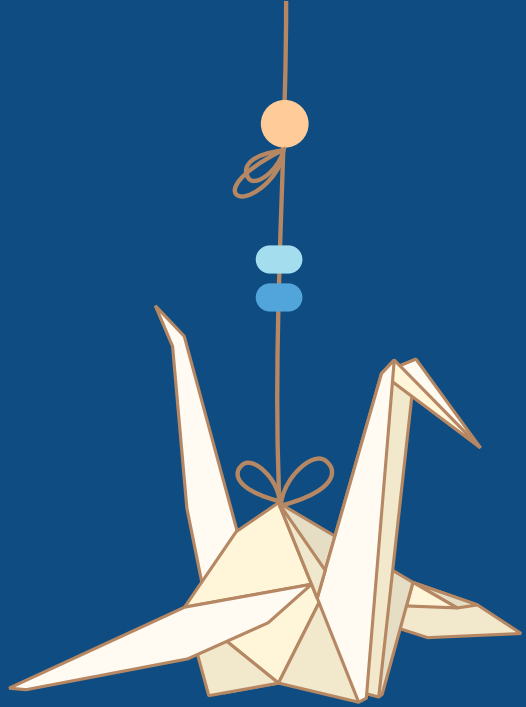


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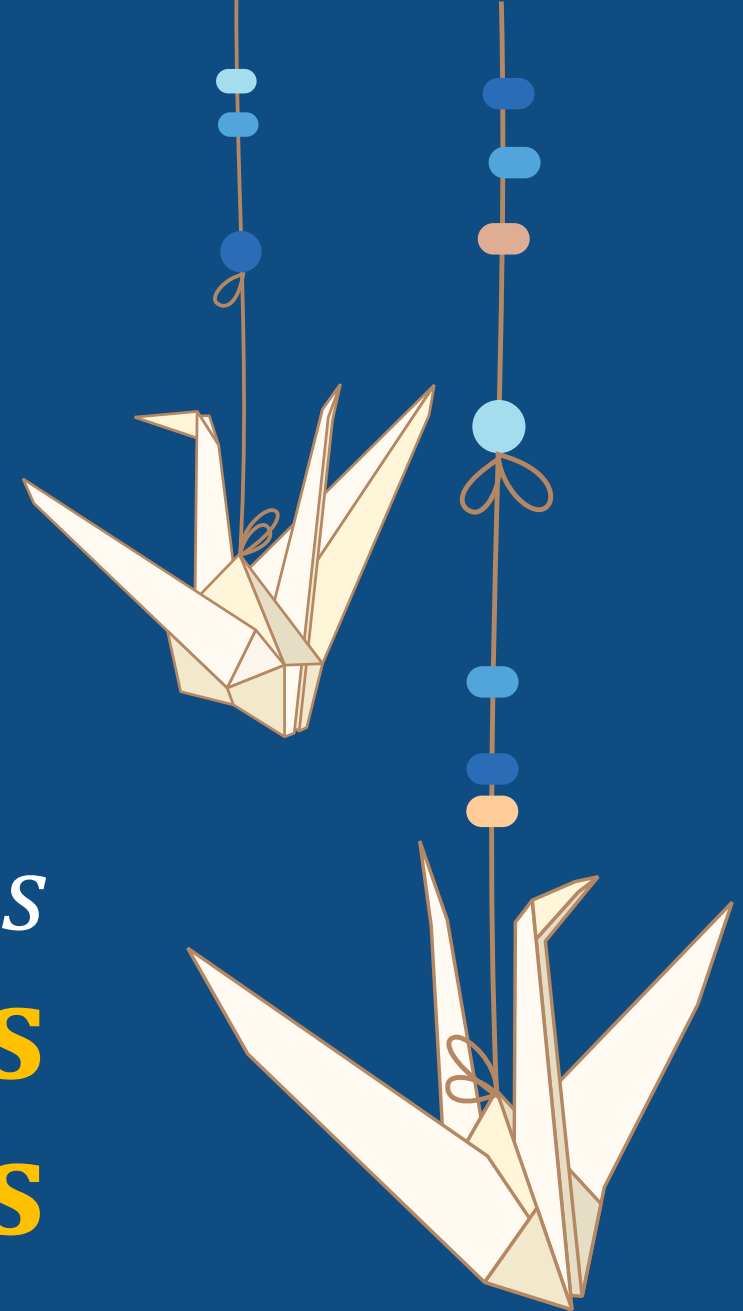
2023 – 2024: Youth Action on Disarmament

- APIYN Online Conference on Disarmament
 - 28 October 2023, 04:00 PM (Tokyo Time)
- Asian Youth Petition to Asia-Pacific Leaders to commit to disarmament and to sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW)
- Interfaith Day of Prayer and Action on Disarmament and Ban of Nuclear Weapons
- Asia Interfaith Youth Peace Camp in Hiroshima in August 2024





Call for Nominations
APIYN Office-bearers
due to some vacancies



Call for Nominations

- We request National Chapters to nominate a candidate who can serve as Communications Officer of APIYN.
- We also request National Chapters to nominate a youth leader who can serve the vacant seat in the International Youth Committee – representatives from Asia
- Please send nominations to rcargao@argaocenter.com

