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Empowering Youths as Agents for Peace and Social Cohesion in Solomon Islands Project

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Youth Takes the Floor

Empowering Youths as Agents for Peace and Social Cohesion
- ITC Training Program

24-28th May 2021, Honiara, Solomon Islands

Brief Report



This training has meant a lot to me. It is my first time to attend a program around peace and entrepreneurship promotion and I have not taken this opportunity for granted. With the tools and different strategies I have come to learn, I feel I have more of an ownership and confidence to tailor them to our local context for our work.

Ethel Diana Salini

Young Women in Parliament Group (YWPG)

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Background

Solomon Islands' diverse and growing population is one of the youngest in the world, with 70% of the population aged under 30 years old¹. Such “youth bulge” can be associated with an increased likelihood of violence and social unrest. The 2018 Solomon Islands State of Youth Report reveals challenges faced by youth: they feel disadvantaged, disempowered and have low self-esteem.

This large, frustrated and marginalized young population is considered as a risk to stability. In the 2018 National Peacebuilding Perceptions Survey, respondents identified youth as the group most likely to cause disputes.

However, the fact that youth make up a substantial part of Solomon Islands' society is also an opportunity, as younger people are also more likely to be receptive to new ideas and learning, and growing populations present significant economic opportunities for production for the local market and ample labour for industry and trade.

In support of this project, the ILO is undertaking the design of a one-week training course organised in partnership with International Training Centre (ITC) under the framework of the Project ‘Empowering youth as agents for peace and social inclusion’. In line with the objectives of the project, this training course aims to provide participants with knowledge, tools and techniques on how to empower young Solomon Islanders so that rather than being seen as potential threats to peace they can be advocates for peace and nation builders.

In December 2018 the ILO and the UNDP received funds for a joint project in Solomon Islands to empower marginalized young particularly young women, both to engage in decision-making and as pro- active social entrepreneurs to address local sources of grievances. This project, “Empowering Youths as Agents for Peace and Social Cohesion” aims to empower young Solomon Islanders so that rather than becoming frustrated and being seen as potential threats to peace, they can be effective advocates for peace and nation builders.

This tailor-made one-week training course is organised in the framework of the Project by International Training Centre (ITC) and funded by the United Nations Peacebuilding Fund as part of the ILO led component of the project.

*This brief report is collated and written by Millicent Barty -
Honiara-based consultant to ILO*



Summary

The “Youth takes the Floor” training course on empowering youth as agents for peace and social cohesion took place on Monday 24th – 28th May 2021 (afternoons 1pm – 5pm) at the Heritage Park Hotel, Solomon Islands.

The course was designed, facilitated and delivered by ITC (International Training Centre, Turin, Italy) and DevCurate (Bangkok, Thailand) with the support of a national consultant (Millicent Barty). The five-day training gathered over 35 participants from cross-cutting sectors inclusive of public, private, civil society groups and Youth beneficiaries.



Overall, the nature and delivery of the training program was received with great enthusiasm for its participatory nature and deemed by general consensus, a valuable learning experience.

The objectives of the course were as follows:

1. To create a space for sharing and dialogue among government officials, social partners and other stakeholders involved in youth empowerment
2. To allow participants to better understand the role of young people as decision makers and peace makers
3. To develop competences (skills, knowledge and attitudes) in creating conditions for youth participation and social entrepreneurship.

Venue & Course Outline

The Heritage Park Hotel (HPH) was booked as the training venue by Raj Bimlesh of ILO where Mr Bimlesh pre-organized the logistical details which was incredibly helpful. The supervisor, Seema and staff of HPH were incredibly responsive, attentive and offered great support to training needs during the entire program.

The training was delivered through Zoom and the venue's webinar facilities were of basic but good standard. There were some technical challenges experienced particularly with microphones (only 2 hand-held mics available) with the Logitech device not picking up sound clearly but overall, the connectivity was good and we managed to navigate around the microphone challenge by having groups present in the front and/or myself reiterating their feedbacks.

The outline of the program ran only in the afternoons kicking off with lunch served between 12:30 – 1:30pm in a buffet-style prior to official start at 2pm. This approach was effective to ensure participants were present and on time.

The afternoon was divided into two sessions and each session ran for 90 mins with a 15 minute break in-between. Whilst I tried my best to respect and manage the time, some sessions (particularly Day 2) took longer, finishing at 6pm as participants needed more time to grasp the activities and tools presented which were new to the majority.

Most participants gave feedback that they would have liked more time spent on some sessions such as Day 2 Session 1 specifically around the subject of understanding fragility, Day 3 Session 2 (The AI model and 4D's) as well as Day 4 sessions. This is due to the newness of the tools and methodologies introduced however, overall, participants feel they have grasped the basis of these activities well.

What?

The one-week training cover will cover the following topics:

DAY 1: Setting the scene

- Session 1: Getting to know each other
- Session 2: Youth in the front seat to achieve sustainable development goals

DAY 2: Youth as agents of peace

- Session 1: ILO's normative and operational response for building peace and resilience through employment and decent work
- Session 2: Understanding youth through empathy mapping

DAY 3: Youth as decision makers

- Session 1: Stakeholder analysis and partnership building for youth participation
- Session 2: Instruments & structures for youth participation on decision-making processes

DAY 4: Youth as economic agents

- Session 1: Tools and methodologies to undertake sector selection that offers best economic opportunities for youth participation
- Session 2: Promotion of youth entrepreneurship

DAY 5: Young People as Leaders

- Session 1: Improving youth leadership and inter-cultural communication skills
- Session 2: Evaluation and next steps

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EMPOWERING YOUTH AS AGENT FOR PEACE AND SOCIAL COHESION IN SOLOMON ISLANDS

24 May - 28th May 2021, Heritage Park Hotel



International Training Centre

MONDAY 24		TUESDAY 25		WEDNESDAY 26		THURSDAY 27		FRIDAY 28	
Arrival 12:30pm - 1pm, Registration and Lunch									
14:00-15:30 (Honiara Time GMT+11)	Official Opening	ILO's normative and operational response for building peace and resilience through employment and decent work	Stakeholder analysis and partnership building for youth participation	Tools and methodologies to undertake sector selection that offers best economic opportunities for youth participation	Improving youth leadership and inter-cultural communication skills				
	Introduction to Forum Joel Alcocer, Programme Manager, ITCILO	Joel Alcocer, Programme Manager, ITCILO	Aanas Ali, Founder of Devcurate	Joel Alcocer, Programme Manager, ITCILO	Iris Caluag, Youth Engagement Specialist, Devcurate				
	Ice breaker Elisabetta Vitali, Programme Officer, ITCILO								
Break									
15:45-17:15 (Honiara Time GMT+11)	Youth in the front seat to achieve sustainable development goals	Understanding youth in Solomon Islands	Instruments & structures for youth participation on decision making processes	Promotion of youth entrepreneurship	Evaluation and next steps				
	Elisabetta Vitali, Programme Officer, ITCILO	Elisabetta Vitali, Programme Officer, ITCILO	Aanas Ali, Founder of Devcurate	Iris Caluag, Youth Engagement Specialist, Devcurate	Joel Alcocer, Programme Manager, ITCILO Elisabetta Vitali, Programme Officer, ITCILO				
Afternoon Tea & Close									



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Team

The diversity and expertise of the team as a collective offered great value to the training program.

Several virtual meetings took place prior to the course in order to familiarize ourselves with the team and content. Working with ITC (Italy) and DevCurate (Thailand) proved easygoing and relatable. DevCurate was inclusive in sharing the outline of their sessions where I was able to share comments as part of the contextualization of the course as well as mitigate some sessions that the venue facilities would not meet – namely, utilising ‘Slido’ for intended activities as the internet coupon provided was not multi-user. Feedback from venue supervisor stated that a multi-user connection would require external outsource from telecommunications company. Tiziana of ITC had oversight on the eCampus access for participants and was very responsive to supporting access to the resources.

Overall, the delivery of the sessions from the facilitators namely ITC and DevCurate were very professional, comprehensive and effective. Mr Bimlesh and myself added local and regional inputs where necessary to contextualise and the course was delivered successfully.

ITC



Joel Alcocer
ITCILO Manager, Turin

Joel Alcocer is currently Officer in Charge of the Jobs for Peace and Resilience Programme (JPR) in the ITCILO. The JPR Programme mission is to strengthen the capacity of governments, ILO's social partners and other stakeholders to design and implement strategies for promoting peace, preventing crises, enabling recovery and building resilience. The JPR Programme contributes to the achievement of Goals 8 (Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all) and 16 (Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development) of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.



Elisabetta Vital
ITCILO Official, Turin

Elisabetta Vitali is a Programme Office of the Jobs for Peace and Resilience Programme at the ITC-ILO. Before joining the ITC-ILO she worked for two years at the United Nations System Staff College as a legal and procurement officer. Prior to this experience, she worked for the ILO Regional Office in Bangkok. She holds a Master degree in Law at the College of Europe and at the University of Turin, Italy.



Tiziana Grassone
**Course Assistant,
Turin**

Tiziana Grassone is the administrative assistant to the course and joined this department last June 2020. She worked in the tourism sector for the American Express, Cisalpina Tours and other big companies and in 2008 she moved to ITCILO in quality of assistant. She speaks English, French and Spanish.

ILO



Raj Bimlesh
Senior Programme
Officer, ILO, Suva

Raj is the Senior Programme Officer with ILO Office in Suva from where the ILO cover 11 member countries. He provides overall programme management and coordination support to ILO member countries in the Pacific Countries with primary responsibility for Solomon Islands, Cook Islands, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. Prior to his current position he has had positions in programmes and projects, he has close to 16 years of experience in this area.



Millicent Barty
ILO Consultant, Honiara

Millicent Barty is an award-winning passionate social entrepreneur, educational designer and advocate for entrepreneurial pursuits to empower Youth and women from the Solomon Islands and the Pacific region.

DevCurate - The Experts



Aanas Ali
DevCurate, Bangkok

Impact-driven social entrepreneur with passion for social innovation and system design for social change with 10 years' experience in behaviour and social change campaign (lead and design). Previously worked and advised the United Nations and several NGOs with projects spanning human rights, mixed migration, employment/livelihood, enterprise development, and youth advocacy. Key competencies include high-quality project management, product development, impact strategy, partnership development, training design & facilitation, complex coordination and leadership.



Iris Cualag
DevCurate, Bangkok

Iris Cualag is an experienced practitioner in youth employment and entrepreneurship in Asia-Pacific. Having worked at national and regional levels, she has managed regional programs on YEE and young people's access to decent work; conducted capacity building initiatives on country teams; and led in research and advocacy related to promoting decent work for young people and their meaningful engagement. Iris led the development of a global strategic framework for YEE for an international NGO; roadmap on meaningful youth engagement (MYE) in youth employment; and the mainstreaming of MYE and YEE practices in the operations of development funders.

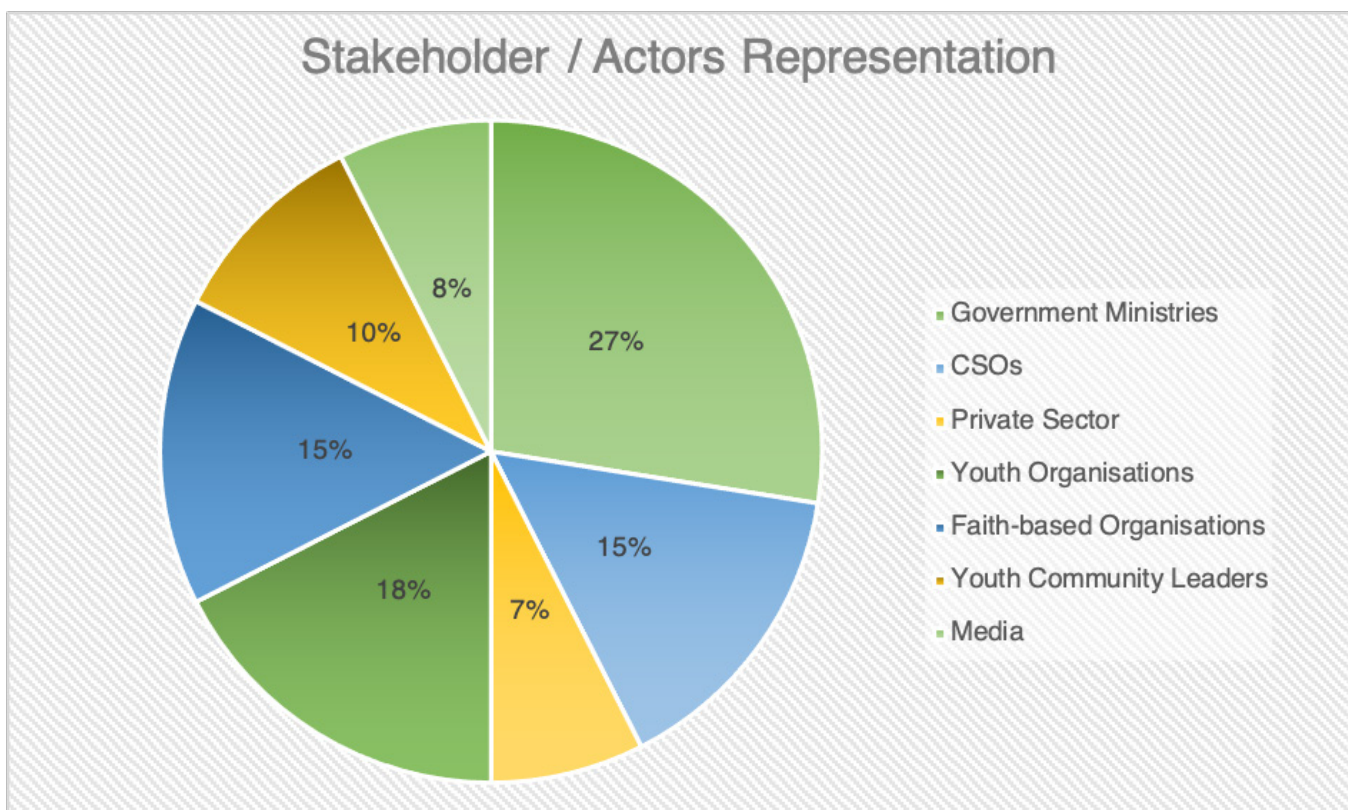
Participation

Selection Process

Invitations to ILO identified stakeholders (project team/board) were sent out on the 13th May followed by some suggestions from myself. The capacity for the training was 35 however, due to positive responses and keen interest, there was some flexibility to increase the number of participants. I believe the range of participants was great in diversity and representative of crucial actors within the Youth and peacebuilding space. Local knowledge and a previous mapping of stakeholders was used to support the selection process.

In total, 40 invited participants confirmed their attendance.

Participants Demographics



The course is specifically targeted to:

□ Government Officials whereby representatives from Ministry of Traditional Governance, Peace and Ecclesiastic Associations (MTGPEA), Ministry of Women, Youth, Children & Family Affairs (MWYCFA), Ministry of Commerce, Industries, Labour & Immigration (MCILI), the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF – Community Policing Dpt.) and the Correctional Services Solomon Islands (CSSI) took part.

□ ILO's Social Partners whereby representatives from UNDP and the Trade Union took part. SICCI (Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce and Industries) responded with YECSI's participation as part of their entity.

□ Youth and Community Leaders whereby UNDP provided 5 nominees from the Youth Caucuses as part of this joint project and I extended an invitation to Side By Side (Oxfam Gender Equality project) as well as media youth leaders (a recognized youth radio personality and an emerging social media influencer). MTGPEA also submitted 2 nominees from the Ren-Lau Community where they had recently facilitated a successful peace and reconciliation process.

□ Representatives from youth and women's groups whereby invitations were extended to the Young Women in Parliament Group (YWPG), The Disabilities Association, faith-based organizations (youth leaders from 4 denominations), Ola-Fou (works with youth workers across country), Dreamcast Theatre group and YECSI. Unfortunately, there was no response from SIWIBA (Solomon Islands Women in Business Association) and NYC (National Youth Congress).

□ ILO, UN Staff and Development Practitioners assisting governments promoting decent jobs and supporting peace and social cohesion; whereby one UNDP staff took part as well as 2 from the Trade Union.

Given the constraint of time, we only had 2 provincial representatives from namely Malaita Province – it is recommended to heavily take into consideration the participation of provincial actors as well especially as dissemination of information or these valuable tools to provincial level can be an impediment due to a fragmentation in communication channels within certain stakeholders.

With the pre-selected seating arrangements for participants, objective 1 and 2 were achieved effectively with each group consisting of reps from different sectors. Admittedly, for many, particularly the Youth, this would be the first time for them to be in this kind of setup where they are blended with “elders” as opposed to the traditional youth and elders cliques we often find at such forums. Similarly, Rev. Dr Edward of Solomon Islands Christian Association (an ‘elder’) made mention of how impressed he was on the confidence and dynamic youth contributions in his group and overall.

Please see Annex for complete participant list.



The blend of experience of the participants from young and old made the training exciting because there's more interaction from different lines of work.

I've attended a lot of trainings and I normally steer away but I've completed this and it is a sign that it is very interesting. It is very focused and helps us identify good practices and processes that are very practical.

Adrian Tuhanuku

Trade Union Consultant

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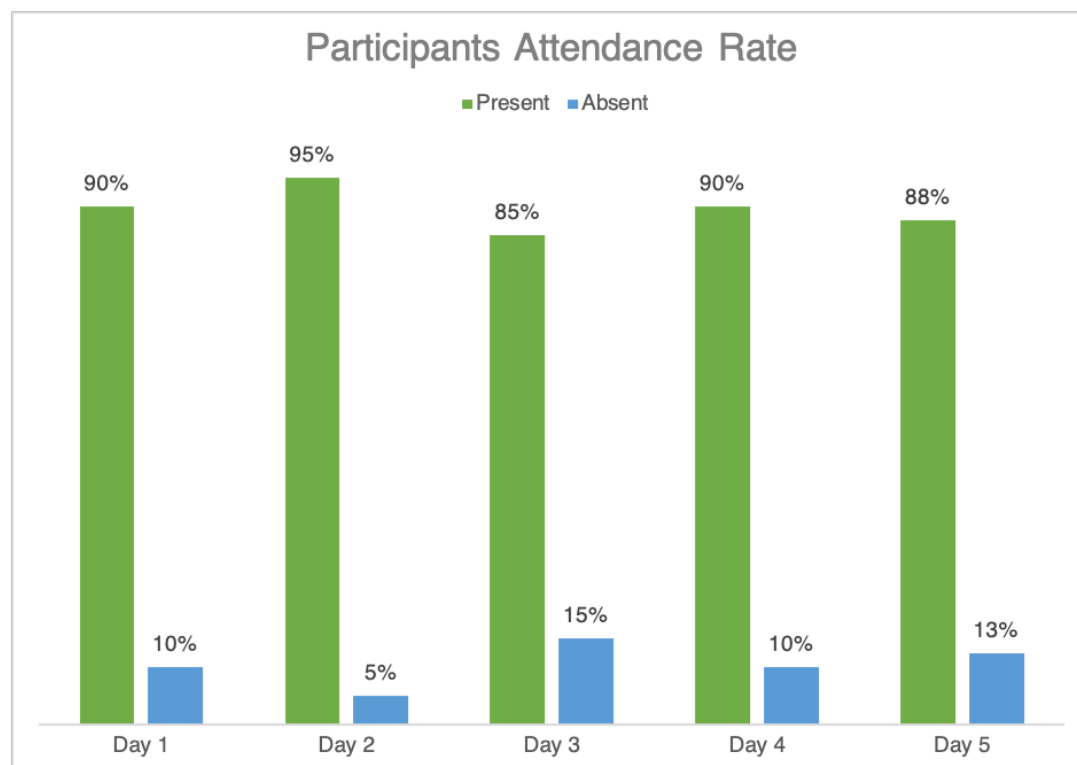
Attendance

Attendance over the duration of the course averaged at 89.6%.

Absenteeism were all notified a day in advance and some of the reasons were subjected to Malaria (2) and other engagement requests from Ministries.

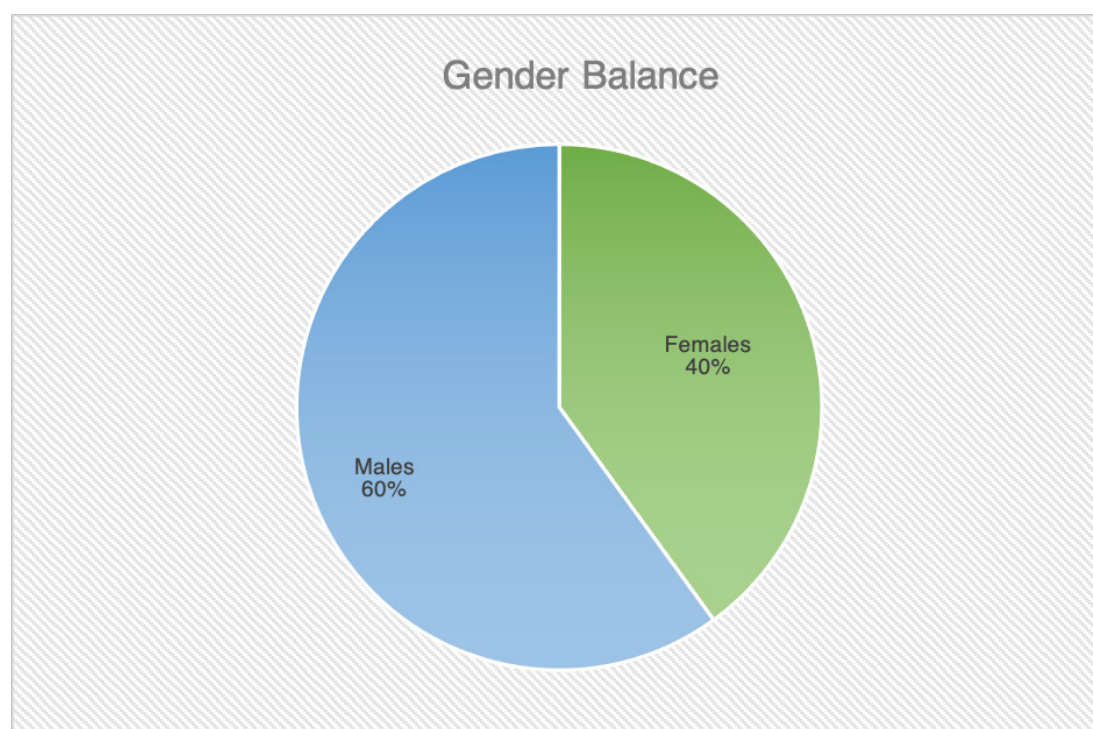
On 3 occasions, those that could only make 1 of the 2 sessions were recorded as present.

(Please see Annex for more detail on individual attendance).



Gender Balance & Inclusivity

A total of 24 males and 16 females were part of the cohort. The Honiara Disabilities Association were also provided 1 space for their representative.



Whilst gender was not balanced at 50/50, the seating arrangements of each group ensured that there were at least 2 females per table (6). Facilitating the group work, I walked around to encourage the females in each group to share by asking them to share their experiences and views for the activities. Gender balance was also encouraged in the group reporting back activities.





I really learnt a lot from the last week's workshop. I came to understand more clearly the importance and the need of empowering youths as agents of peace, decision makers and economic agents.

It's important to make good use of Youth potential in creating a peaceful, resilient and inclusive/equal society where everyone can enjoy life.

Melvina Voua

People With Disabilities Solomon Islands (PWDSI)

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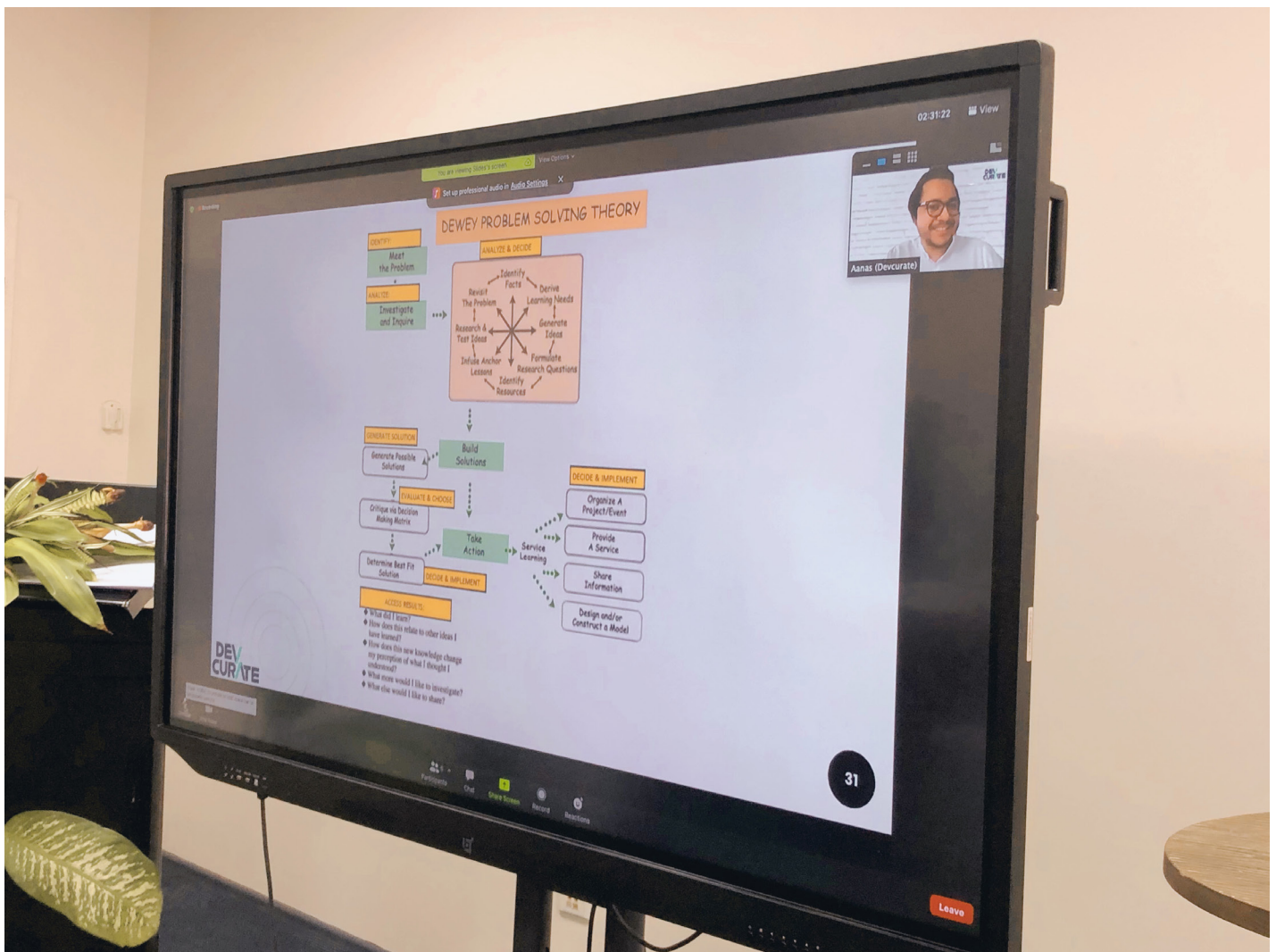
Approaches & Tools

New tools that groups shared a liking towards consisted of the empathy mapping, the fragility compass, stakeholder mapping and the AI model with the 4 D's from DevCurate.

I believe recognizing and understanding Fragility groups to prioritize sectors, exercising empathy as well as shifting the perception to address issues by starting from 'what works/is working' as opposed to 'problems' provided in the 4 D's model was a game-changing enlightenment for the group.

The Gallery Walks were engaging and would have benefited with more time as going around the room, from observation, most feedback and comments were predominantly like a teacher's marking on students on effort as opposed to critically thinking and/or suggesting/recommending.

Overall, the interactive and participatory as opposed to the traditional lecture approach in this training program proved to be a highlight for all participants. Participants felt it was engaging, valuable and to an extent, thought-provoking. The group work activities were admitted to have been incredibly useful to apply the theory of the tools in a practical manner which helped them comprehend its purpose better. The flexibility of these tools and methodologies were received positively with a majority expressing they can use it through their work.





The tools and structure of the training are all new to me. These new ideas help me have a different angle to how I approach work which will be more effective now.

Vincent Kagovai
Trade Union

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Recommendations

- Considering the newness of these tools and methodologies introduced, more time to complete the course would be recommended for Solomon Islands context. I believe stretching the course over 7 days would have been sufficient.
- Since peace-building is seen as the best interest of the collective, capacity to deliver this training to more actors would also be a recommendation.
- More time to explore and learn of Youth and Entrepreneurship particularly in opportunities is also recommended.
- A networking event to follow up and maximize on the forged friendships to support participants with stakeholders is also a recommendation – I have asked for group consent to compile a contact list of the cohort to share with each participant so they can stay connected.







My role within the UNDP and ILO joint project on empowering youth in peace and social inclusion mostly deals with finance. This training especially through the ‘Empathy Mapping’ exercise has provided me a better understanding of the project and the sentiments of Youth in Solomon Islands. Not just in town but also in the rural areas too.

Angelina Halumae
UNDP Officer

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My background is in teaching and as a newcomer to the Ministry of Peace, this training program has equipped me with better understanding on how to go about working with Youth to entice employment opportunities as a means of peace building.

James Basi
Ministry Traditional Governance, Peace & Ecclesiastical Affairs



Personally I've learnt a lot and the experience has been enriching. Thank you ILO.

There's a lot of tools I have learnt to be able to implement especially for the young people I look after at my organisation. It's been eye-opening, fun, interesting, productive and I cannot wait to evangelise these tools to support my youth group!

Emmanuel Iyabora
Youth Leader - Holy Cross Catholic Youth Group

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I'm so happy to have participated in the Youth Peace and Social Inclusion training.

The stakeholder mapping and networking is very helpful to see where the actors are so that, as a youth community leader, we can identify channels to support our activities.

Jerry Bobongi
Youth Leader - Ren-Lau Community





ANNEX

Participation (Detail) and Attendance



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Details

Heritage Park Hotel, 24-28th May 2021

Participants List

No.	Organisation	Names	Gender	Email	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
GROUP 1 : TIME-BOMB									
1	MTGPEA (Ministry Traditional Governance, Peace & Ecclesiastical Affairs)	Glins Clay	M	gclay@mtgpea.gov.sb	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
2	Correctional Services Solomon Islands (CSSI)	George Walahoula	M	gwalahoula@cssi.gov.sb	Y	N	N	N	N
3	People With Disabilities SI (PWDSI)	Melvina Voua	F	pwdsiclimatechange@gmail.com	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4	Community Leaders : Youth Caucus (Malaita) & YOC SI	Philip Subu	M	psubu2@gmail.com	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
5	Church Leader (Youth - Catholic)	Emmanuel Iyabora	M	manuivabz@gmail.com	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
6	Church Leader (Youth - United)	Silas Savara	M	savarasilas126@gmail.com	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
GROUP 2 : GAME CHANGERS									
7	Church Leader (Youth - SSEC)	Freddie Luiramo	M	fluiramo@yahoo.co.uk	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
8	RSIPF (Royal SI Police Force) - Community Policing	Robert Malo (Supervisor)	M	Robert.Malo@rsipf.gov.sb	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9	Community Leaders : Youth Caucus (White River)	Jessie Kwaeta	F	JayKwaeta@gmail.com	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10	UNDP : Youth Caucuses (Burns Creek)	Bartholomew Michael Wanega	M	s11143732@student.usp.ac.fj	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
11	UNDP : Youth Caucuses (Burns Creek)	Kisaea Kafo	F	N/A	Y	Y	N	N	N
12	MTGPEA (Ministry Traditional Governance, Peace & Ecclesiastical Affairs)	Hubert Valeintine Telena	M	vtelena@mtgpea.gov.sb	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
GROUP 3 : KOINONIA									
13	MCILI (Ministry Commerce, Industries, Labour & Immigration)	Elirose Fagagweka (Senior Labour Officer)	F	elirose.fagagweka@commerce.gov.sb	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
14	MWYCFA (Ministry Women, Youth, Children & Family Affairs)	Margareth Ilisia	F	ilisiamargie@gmail.com	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
15	SI Christian Association Rep	Rev. Dr. Edward Kolohai	M	sicags418@gmail.com	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
16	MWYCFA (Ministry Women, Youth, Children & Family Affairs)	Abel Watesae	M	awatesao@mwycfa.gov.sb	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
17	Dreamcast / SIDE BY SIDE	Samantha Niunara	F	N/A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
18	YEC SI (Young Entrepreneurs Council)	Cedric Takilmwa Williams	M	ctwilliams4biz@gmail.com	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
GROUP 4 : PENDULUM PEACE KEEPERS									
19	MTGPEA (Ministry Traditional Governance, Peace & Ecclesiastical Affairs)	James Basi	M	james.basi@mtgpea.gov.sb	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
20	Young Women in Parliament Group	Ethel Salini	F	saliniethe@gmail.com	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
21	Youth in Media - PAOA FM	Bonnie Pauku	F		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
22	Correctional Services Solomon Islands (CSSI)	John San	M	JSanJunior@cssi.gov.sb	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
23	Church Leader (Youth Division - Anglican)	Anthony Maelasi	M	amaelasi@gmail.com	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
24	YEC SI (Young Entrepreneurs Council)	Sandra Maefti	F	esem6213@gmail.com	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
GROUP 5 : HULK									
25	MWYCFA (Ministry Women, Youth, Children & Family Affairs)	May Palataru	F	mpalataru@mwycfa.gov.sb	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
26	Community Leaders : Youth Caucus (White River)	Junior Benjamin Toata	M	benjaminjunio0129@gmail.com	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
27	YEC SI (Young Entrepreneurs Council) - Memberships & Partnerships Officer	Rosslyn Ramoifuala	M	yec.communications@solomonchamber.com.s	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
28	Media Association Solomon Islands	Georgina Kekea (Chairlady)	F	georginakekea@gmail.com	Y	Y	N	Y	N
29	SI Council to Trade Unions	Vincent Kagovai	M	vincentkagovai@gmail.com	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
30	SI Council to Trade Unions	Adrian Tuhanuku	M	atuhanuku@gmail.com	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
GROUP 6 : SI-PEACE-6.0									
31	Dreamcast (Youth Org - Theatre)	Cedella Nongebatu	F	cedellalnongebatu@gmail.com	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
32	Dreamcast (Youth Org - Theatre) / Social Media Influencer	Salote Ziru	F	zirusalote96@gmail.com	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
33	SIDE BY SIDE / Youth Artist	Lester Kisina	M	lestabibao677@gmail.com	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
34	Youth Community Leader - Ren-Lau Community	Jerry Bobongi (Secretary)	M	bobongijeremiah@gmail.com	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
35	Dreamcast (Youth Org - Theatre)	Henry Darren Oti	M	henzzoti@gmail.com	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
36	UNDP Rep.	Angelina	F	angelina.halumae@undp.org	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
37	Correctional Services	Jeff Rave	M	JRave@cssi.gov.sb	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
38	Ola Fou (Youth Org - Youth Workers)	Patricia Samuel (Programs Coordinator)	F	patricia@olafou.org	N	Y	Y	N	N
39	Youth Community Leader - Filmmaker	Jonathan Levo	M		N	Y	Y	Y	Y
40	Youth Community Leader - Ren-Lau Community (Chairlady)	Albertina Diake	F		N	Y	Y	Y	Y



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 1 WEEK

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Information Note



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OVERVIEW

SNAPSHOT OF THE COURSE

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Who?

The course is addressed to participants who want to learn more on how to empower youth as agents of peace and social cohesion. The course specifically targets:

- Government officials;
- ILO's social partners
- Youth and community leaders;
- Representatives from youth and women's groups
- ILO, UN staff and development practitioners assisting governments promoting decent jobs and supporting peace and social cohesion.

How?

The training programme will be held for five days for 24 May to 28 May 2021 start at 2pm Honiara time. Each day participants will have access to two live sessions of 90 minutes each. Participants will get together in one training room that will be connected by Zoom with the trainers. The sessions will be conducted using a highly participative methodology.

Participants will have access to the ITC-ILO eCampus where they will be able to:

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- Download presentations and other reference materials
- Interact with other participants and;
- Access the recordings of the webinars.

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- Session 2: Promotion of youth entrepreneurship

DAY 5: Young People as Leaders

- Session 1: Improving youth leadership and inter-cultural communication skills
- Session 2: Evaluation and next steps

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Language: The course will be held in English.

Diploma: An ITCILO Certificate will be awarded at the completion of the course.

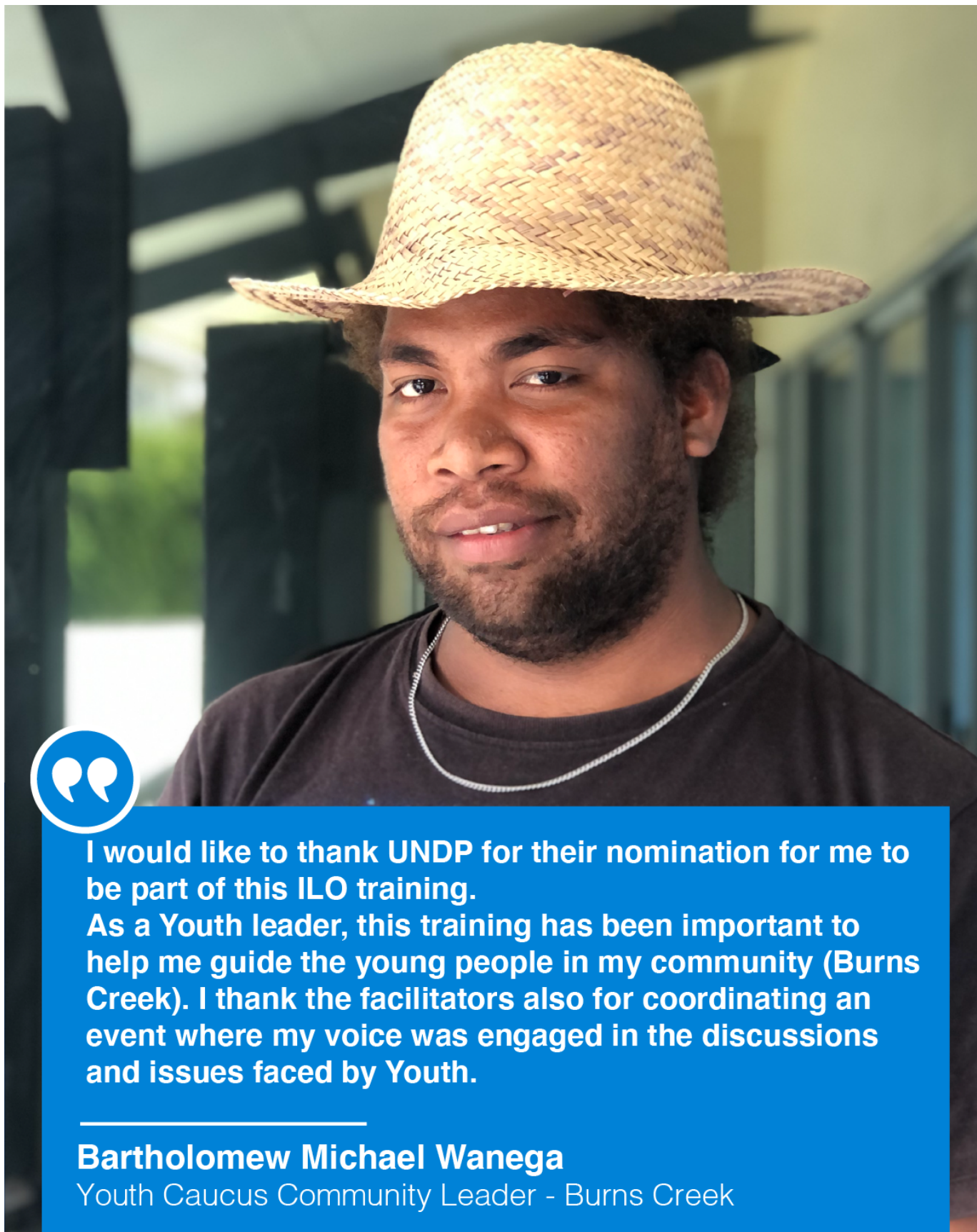
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I would like to thank UNDP for their nomination for me to be part of this ILO training.

As a Youth leader, this training has been important to help me guide the young people in my community (Burns Creek). I thank the facilitators also for coordinating an event where my voice was engaged in the discussions and issues faced by Youth.

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