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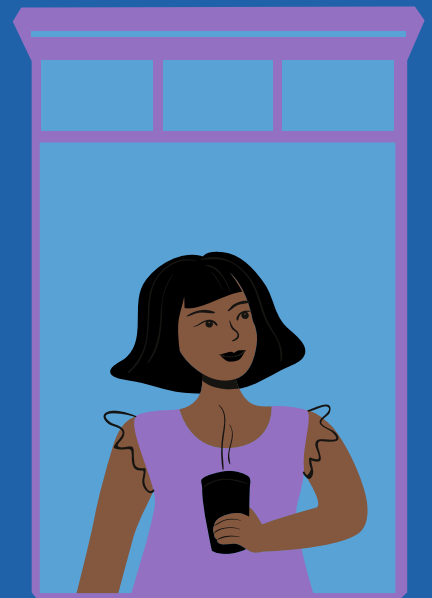
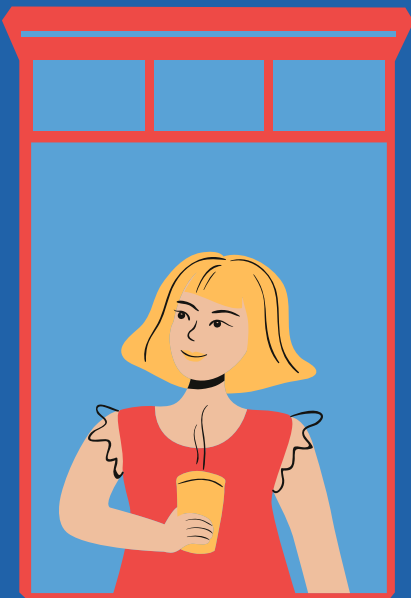
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# **GREETINGS FROM EDITOR**

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**Dear all my readers!**

How are you? I hope you and your family are doing well and you are safe and healthy during this global pandemic. This issue is my first issue as the Editor for Youth World so please be kind to me and wish me luck! To be honest with you all, I'm really excited to be the Youth World Editor. I promise you that I'll do my best for our magazine. It took me a while to think about the theme and the direction that I'll lead Youth World to after the great work by Stephanie. For this edition, I decided to create a special issue not only because it is Issue 80 but because in this year, we were supposed to meet each other physically at the International Youth Convocation 2020 in Denmark. Of course, because of the COVID-19 situation we had to cancel our Convocation but hopefully we will meet soon! I believe that in this hard time, when we have to stay home for months, what we miss the most is social interaction. We can't do much without it and we sometimes find ourselves only able to look back through our precious memories by scrolling through our phones, our computers and photo albums where we keep all our best memories. I'm pretty sure that when we look back at all the photos, it will remind us about the happy times that we have had together with friends, family and our Y's Men family. In this issue, I've asked our friends to share their favorite memories of being Y's Youth.

Let's look back through our memories together!

**PRAPINPORN P. (TONG)**

Youth World Editor

Youth Programme Assistant



***" CONGRATULATIONS  
TO ALL THE NEW  
AYRS AND RYRS "***



***" AND FAREWELL TO OUR  
PAST AYR FRIENDS  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
GREAT WORKS "***

**STEPHANE MBARGA (AFR)  
PARVATHY NAIR (IND)  
LEANDRO TOLEDO (LAM)**

# **Y'S MEN INTERNATIONAL**

## **AREA YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES 2020**

**AREA AFRICA**

**JOB CONSTANTINE**

**AREA ASIA PACIFIC**

**YVONNE HONG**

**AREA CANADA AND CARIBBEAN**

**CHRISTABELLE BROWN**

**AREA EUROPE**

**ANDREW KALMYKOV**

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**KWANG JIN KIM**

**AREA INDIA**

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**AREA LATIN AMERICA**

**GABRIEL INZUNZA**

**AREA USA**

**GARRETT PIERSON**





# Y'S MEN INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES 2020 - 2021



## AREA AFRICA

*Bamitale, Korede Peter : Africa Northwest*

*Naluswata Cynthia Doreen : Africa South East Region*



## AREA ASIA PACIFIC

*Aric Pierce : Australia*

*Yvonne Hong : Taiwan*

*Clarence Ling : South East Asia*

*Rukshan Enoch Sam : Sri Lanka*

*Ebenazar Ramos Bonbon : Philippines*



## AREA CANADA AND CARIBBEAN

*Dwight Tomlinson : Caribbean*



## AREA EUROPE

*Gert Gentalen : Finland / Baltic*



## AREA INDIA

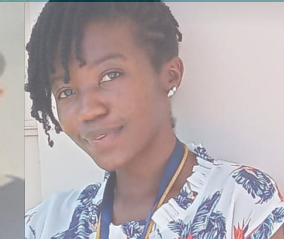
*John Jose : West India*

*Arya S Raj : Mid West India*

*Mathumitha Babu : South India*

*Veena Binukumar : South West India*

*Chavala Anil Kumar : Central India*



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## REGIONAL YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES

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## AREA KOREA

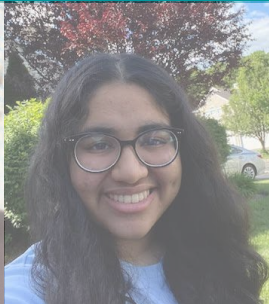
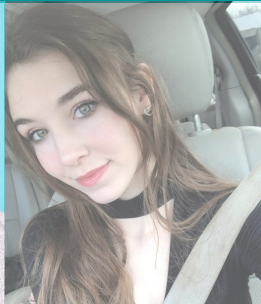
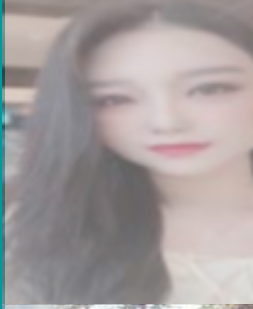
Chae Ran : Korea South  
Kang Ji-Hye : Korea Jeju  
Jin Manki : Korea Jeonnam  
Kim Hyun : Korea Chonbuk  
Haa Won Lim : Korea Seoul  
Song Young Sin : Korea West  
Chon Ji Min : Korea Joongang  
Jang Yoon Sik : Korea Incheon  
*Jang Ji Sol : Korea Bu UI - Gyeong*  
*Kang Seongmook : Korea Gyeonggi*  
*Kwon Taekmin : Korea Daegu Gyeongbuk*

## AREA LATIN AMERICA

*Viviane Ponciano Silva : Brazil*  
*Jose David Gomez Cruz : Latin America*

## AREA USA

*Kai Uyehara : Hawaii*  
*Alana John : North Atlantic*  
*Morgan Miller : South Atlantic*  
*Mateo Rodriguez : Pacific Southwest*



**" LET'S GO BACK  
THROUGH OUR  
Y'S MEN MEMORIES  
TOGETHER "**





# TONG'S FAVORITE MEMORY

Last year from 27-29 December, I had an amazing chance to join the India Area Youth Convocation. . When I arrived at the airport I got a very warm welcome from Mr. Mathewkutty Sebastian and his wife and I stayed at their lovely apartment. They took very good care of me and I had delicious Indian food for every meal. The next day, I met Serah and Ancella, who are both Y's Youth from South West India Region. They took me everywhere I wanted to go on their scooters. I'd say it was a fun experience to be on the scooter in India, especially with them. The Youth Convocation was held at the Coonoor Club in Tamil Nadu, in the south of India and I stayed there for 3 days and 2 nights with about 50 other young people attending. I went there with Paul, Serah, Ancella and Jithin. They took very good care of me also I really enjoyed their music in the car. They will be very good singers one day, I believe! Thank you for the ride Paul!



Tong and Mathewkutty Sebastian's family



Tong Serah and Ancella

When we arrived, I was nervous and excited but because of the warm welcome and hospitality from Area India, I felt relieved and felt like we are the same family. It was so much fun, both observing and participating, and I can confirm that young people in India are very active and I found that they are very good at dancing. On the last day, I felt a bit sad but like they always say, “all good things must come to an end”. We exchanged contacts and took photos together. Although we have not met each other again at IYC 2020 as we planned, hopefully we will meet again soon somewhere in the world. I went back to Bangalore and stayed at Paul John’s house for one more night. Thank you to Paul and Ancella, who also sent me off at the airport in time, with Paul’s great driving skills. I miss you guys! Now I’m sitting at my office in Chiang Mai and I really miss those moments and our friendship. I hope that everyone is safe and healthy and as happy as they always are.

**PRAPINPORN P. (TONG)**

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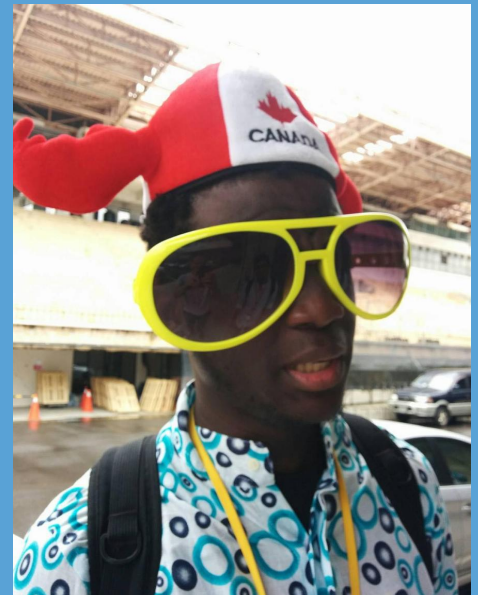
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# ANDREW' S FAVORITE MEMORY

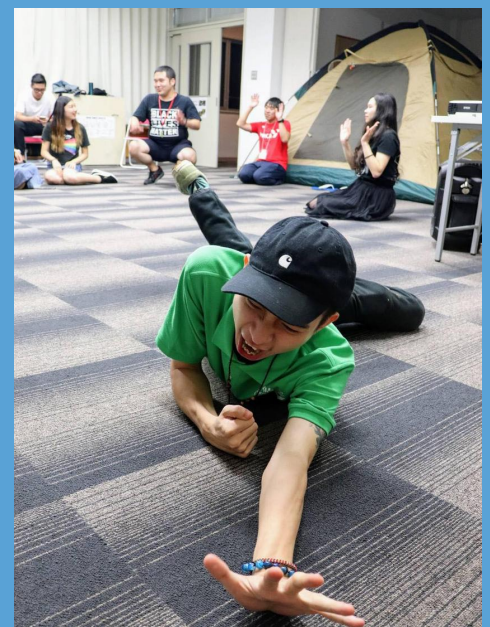
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Hi! Andrew here. I joined Y's Youth in 2012, and as time went on, I grew to appreciate the Movement and its valuable impact on my life. There are plenty of reasons why I enjoy being in the Movement; however, the major one is undoubtedly networking and making new friends. You see, before I joined Y's Youth, the idea of communicating with someone from the opposite side of the world would seem unlikely, to say the least. Now I have more friends than I could have ever asked for, all over the world. How neat is that? I am truly grateful for the opportunity to be a member of a worldwide family. As I think back on all the hundreds of people I have come across since I joined Y's Youth, I am dumbfounded on how much of an impact they have had on me.

Have you ever met someone and felt like you have known them for a long time? That is how I felt when I met all those wonderful people at the IYC in Norway in 2012.



**Stephan Mbarga**  
**IYC 2016 Taipei, Taiwan**



**"Just Tobi being Tobi"**  
**AYC 2019 Sendai, Japan**

Through them, I learned the most important lessons about what it means to be Y's Youth, lessons I will carry with me forever. Meeting new people is always exciting, particularly so if you share a common goal. Sharing ideas with others can prove to be invaluable. You can learn so much from other Youth Clubs. Likewise, others can learn from your experience. If someone hosted a highly successful fundraiser, would you not want to learn how they did it? Cooperation is what makes us move forward as a community. Y's Youth is a sizable family with many clubs across numerous regions, but that should not stop you from reaching out and talking to each other. Just send a message or write an email. Set up a video conference. Discuss your service and projects. Expand your worldview, experience, and opinions. We're all best friends, some of us just don't know it yet. Take the initiative, and don't hesitate to say hi. The better world starts with you!



**Yukiko and Fuji**  
**AYC 2019 Sendai, Japan**



**IYC 2014 Chennai, India**

**Andrew Kalmykov**

**Area Youth Representative**  
**Area Europe**

**2020**



# DIYA' S FAVORITE MEMORY



**Diya Vijayan**

I am Yy.Diya Vijayan from India Area representing 's Men's Club of Muvattupuzha Towers of Mid-West India Region and Member of Men's Club of Youth Ministry. As a Y's Youth,I have numerous memories...I was motivated by my father Ym.P Vijayakumar PAP and PICM who was in forefront in undertaking numerous projects and activities in Ysdom.

I have attended several RYC's, three AYC's and IYC at Chennai and Korea in 2014 and in 2018 which gave lot of exposure to International movement. In addition, I was in the organizing team of four AYC's for year 2015-16,2016-17,2017-18 and 2018-19. Visiting clubs and attending programmes along with parents helped me a lot to understand about various aspects of Y'sdom. Some of those precious memories and moments were during my tenure as AYR of India Area (2017- '19). I had the golden opportunity to honour the great Ys Men leader, Ym.V Justin who was instrumental in starting the first Y's Lings Club at Trivandrum in the year 1971.



**" Meal of Joy"**



**Diya Vijayan**

During the interactive session with Ym V Justin, he shared his experiences and best moments in Ysdom and his words really motivated all of us in serving the society and organisation in the best possible way. Along with India Area youth, I could serve the community through RESCUE, RELIEF and REBUILDING activities during Chennai and Kerala floods. Moreover, we had priceless moments with inmates of old age homes, orphanages and specially challenged kids through different projects like "Care the Kids", "Food on Wheels", "Meal of Joy", "Spend a day, Spread your love". All these would never have been possible without the support of other leaders and youth of our movement. Ysdom has helped me gain many friends from India and abroad. Even now we keep in touch and make sure that they are all safe and healthy during this pandemic. These golden memories will stay with me forever.

Life is short, Live it to the fullest !



**PAYR Diya Vijayan and youth of SIR with inmates of Sneha Care Home, Sarjapur Road**



**Interactive session with YM V Justin at YMCA Trivandrum**

## **Diya Vijayan**

**Past Area Youth Representative  
India Area  
(2017-2019)**



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# DWIGHT' S FAVORITE MEMORY

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"I joined Y's Men in 2013 and from then on I have had many blissful memories to date. However, the one that stands out most to me was in 2014, my very first Global Leadership camp, held at the Sydney Pagon Stem Academy, in Jamaica. It was my very first youth experience and I honestly didn't know what to expect at first. But, it has been one that laid the foundation and training for my now acumen in active selfless service in the world that we live. That year we had a representation of Y's youth from Tuscon, Arizona in the US. I was elated to note the extensive work with young people in the Y's movement internationally, which removes barriers in accessing youth provision and facilitating the inclusion of all young people in activities taking account of our individual needs and differing cultural backgrounds.



**Global leadership Camp 2014**

We were taught how to use our own initiative to get tasks done as a unit and to strive at all times to be positive role-models to each individual, and to better our craft. To date, a statement from then resonates with me and has propelled me to become better every day in active service to others; this statement is, "Learn how to use who you are and what you can do to serve God, and to be of service to others, and have fun!" Profound right?!As you go forward as Y's youth, this is my very advice to you-enjoy and appreciate the moments of using your gifts and talents in making a positive impact in the lives of others."



**Global leadership Camp 2014**



**Caribbean Regional Meeting**



**Global leadership Camp 2014**

# **Dwight Tomlinson**

**Regional Youth Representative 2020  
Caribbean Region  
Area Canada and Caribbean**



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# STEPHANIE' S FAVORITE MEMORY

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It was Day Six of the 17th International Youth Convocation (2018 IYC) at Chunnam National University in Yeosu, Korea. A Saturday. The day's schedule included a joint community service and sports activity with children from a local orphanage in the university gym. The scene was just as you'd imagine. Approximately, 100 IYC delegates and children broke up into smaller groups to play games that even I didn't recognize. The gym was filled with laughter that rose up to the high ceilings, and for those two hours we were all kids again.



As we tried to communicate with the children with the help of the Korean IYC delegates, one Y's youth, Sneha Elizabeth Joseph, caught my attention. She was cradling a toddler named Seung-hoon, a little boy with bright eyes and a quiet personality. His older sister was playing a skipping game not too far away. My heart warmed at the attention Sneha gave the child.

Naturally, I was curious as to what bonded her so quickly to Seung-hoon. Once I learned her story which included a personal loss in her family that she still grappled with, I knew that her story was one many of us could relate to. I'm truly grateful Sneha agreed to share her story with us in Youth World. I won't presume to retell Sneha's story here when she'd already done it so eloquently. You can read Sneha and Seung-hoon's story herein the 74th Issue of Youth World (October 2018) pages 12 - 13. In the five years that I've served as Youth Intern, International Youth Coordinator and Youth World Editor, there have been many memorable moments from my interactions with talented Y's youth, but Sneha and Seung-hoon's story remains one of my most authentic and best memories. I wish them both well, and I hope they'll be able to meet again in the future.



Delegates after lunch with students from the Yeosu

## Stephanie Spencer

Past Youth Intern (2015-2016)

Past Youth World Editor (2015-2020)

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