



# WEBINAR: HOW TO RESOURCE YOUTH-LED MOVEMENTS IN THE 21st CENTURY

**JUNE 26 @ 12:30 GMT  
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## Background

Youth-led civil society groups and social movements in the Global South face massive constraints and power imbalances to access resources, as they usually have fewer spaces for participation, are less well-positioned to attract funding compared to more traditional and established civil society organisations (CSOs) and struggle more to comply with donor requirements.

In the last few years, CIVICUS has stepped up efforts for and by young people to better understand the resourcing challenges, trends and opportunities for youth-led groups and movements, and to support more suitable resourcing initiatives and practices, including the renowned [Goalkeepers Youth Action Accelerator](#) and Youthopia, a special funding mechanism that is being [co-designed with youth individual](#) activists. These experiences have provided valuable learnings that could help guide the funding practices of donors, grantmakers and other actors who support youth-led actions, and could also inform and inspire youth activists who are trying to access more adequate resources and support.

## Objectives

- To share the key findings identified in CIVICUS' [“Landscape and trends analysis on resourcing youth-led groups and movements”](#) and discuss how these can help funders and youth activists provide and access better resources
- To present youth perspectives on resourcing challenges and opportunities
- To share lessons from two programs supported by CIVICUS, designed to experiment with different ways of providing support and resources to the new generation of activists: case of Youthopia and Goalkeepers Youth Action Accelerator

## Target audience

The webinar is particularly relevant for funders, grantmakers, and any other group interested in better supporting youth-led groups and movements. Young activists and other civil society representatives are especially welcome to join this conversation!



### Webinar sequence and duration

1. Welcome and Introduction: Why should we care more about resourcing youth-led movements and why is it a [priority for CIVICUS](#)?
2. Presentation: Findings of the “Landscape and trends analysis on resourcing youth-led groups and movements” and why they need differentiated resourcing models.
3. Case Studies: Goalkeepers Youth Action Accelerator and Youthopia
4. Q&A Session

Estimated duration: 60 minutes

\* We will host an additional 30-minute session for those interested and available to have a more in-depth dialogue with the speakers about their resourcing experiences and perspectives.

### Moderator

Betty Barkha, CIVICUS Youth Action Team and CIVICUS Board member

Betty Barkha works with various youth and feminist based movements in the Asia-Pacific region on areas of education, peacebuilding, conflict resolution, climate change, resilience, sustainable and youth development. She is a graduate of MA in Sociology and BA in Sociology and Psychology. Betty’s prior experience includes working with the Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD) in Thailand, Ecumenical Centre for Research, Education and Advocacy (ECEA), Pacific Theological College, 350.org Pacific and UNDP Pacific office in Fiji and the recruitment team of Teach for India. She is a passionate activist around issues of climate change, gender equality, youth development and human rights.

### Speakers

- [Gioel Gioacchino](#), director of research at [Recrear](#), an organisation that designs and implements participatory youth-led research

Gioel Gioacchino is a passionate action researcher committed to developing communities of practice that promote deep human connections. Gioel recently finished a PhD program at the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex, UK. Through a cooperative inquiry model with a group of ten Colombian youth organisations, Gioel’s PhD project explores how different funding models affect organisational culture as well as the quality of social organisations’ internal and external relationships. Gioel is leading CIVICUS’s [“Landscape and trends analysis on resourcing youth-led groups and movements.”](#)

- [Elisa Novoa](#), CIVICUS Youth Engagement Coordinator

Elisa is a young community organiser from Colombia leading CIVICUS youth workstream since 2016. She coordinates all the engagement opportunities for young members within CIVICUS and advocates for meaningful youth participation in civil society across the globe. Her priority is to share the learnings of CIVICUS Youth with intergenerational platforms of civil society and prove the valuable contributions



young people bring to the sustainability, relevance and efficiency of the civil society sector. In the last months, Elisa has been dedicated to co-designing and coordinating alternative resourcing mechanisms for youth-led organisations and young activists working across the world.

- [Wilson Villones, Goalkeepers Youth Action Accelerator Advocate](#)

Wilson Villones is a researcher of the Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in East Asia and the Pacific. He is from the Philippines and has worked on a variety of projects relating to improving governance by connecting citizens and governments, designing programs on monitoring for citizen groups, government institutions, international development partners and various other stakeholders. Wilson became a Goalkeepers Youth Action Accelerator Advocate in 2019, receiving resources and support to advance his work focused on the Sustainable Development Goals (4), specifically developing the app *Check My School* to empower citizens to hold their governments accountable to deliver quality education.

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