

YOUTH CO-DESIGN TEAM

WHO ARE WE?

The **co-design team** is a group of young, positive and innovative change makers from the Global South challenging the traditional structures, working to envision new ways of doing, working, and designing programs for civil society in a more collaborative and experimental manner. The co-design team is committed to testing new ways of relating and questioning power dynamics within INGOs to enable young people to flourish with their communities.

This co-design team is a multicultural and international team working remotely with the CIVICUS Secretariat through open platforms and virtual conference calls to deliver a protocol for a pilot programme to support the work of ten young fellows/activists coming from different communities and networks across the globe.

OUR VISION

To disrupt traditional structures within civil society by co-creating innovative, safe, active, inclusive, collective, representative and connected spaces for grassroots activists that thoughtfully consider diverse contexts and eco-systems.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- Develop a new model of governance for youth activists working along with NGOs
- Create a resourcing mechanism which is sustainable to assist the work of youth activists in the Global South
- Develop capacity building and training mechanisms for youth activists to develop skills in policy making
- Increase the political solidarity, collectivity and connectivity of youth activists in the Global South through networking, shared experiences, support and resources to improve the causes across youth movements



OUR VALUES

We call ourselves “**The Ubuntu Team**” as we believe global issues are too complex to address in an isolated manner, but require a collective and connected approach in solving them. The team is centred around the philosophy of “Ubuntu,” meaning “I am, because we are”. With diverse and complementary wealth of experiences, this team has a collective average of 7 years of expertise around the topics of citizen participation & human rights, democratic innovations, community development, gender equality, diversity and inclusion, education, environment, food security, and international organizations.

TEAM MEMBERS



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Ana is a lawyer passionate about designing and implementing participatory mechanisms to include excluded voices in the policy cycle.



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Latoyaa is the president of the Tobago Youth Council and is an advocate for youth engagement in Trinidad and Tobago, and the Caribbean.



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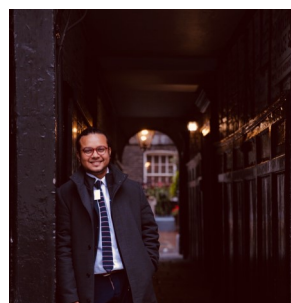
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