

Call for Applications

VIRTUAL YOUTH SAFE SPACES: Training of Trainers on Peacebuilding and Prevention of Violent Extremism

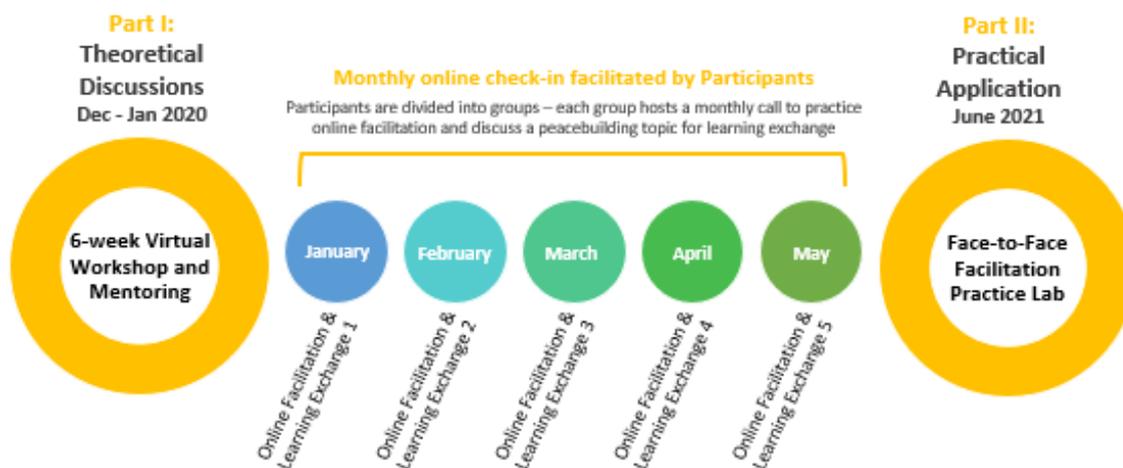
A combination of Virtual and Face-to-Face approaches
December 2020 - June 2021

- Are you engaged or interested in topics of peacebuilding, conflict transformation, and prevention of violent extremism (PVE)?
- Do you want to hone your training and facilitation skills and be a youth peace trainer to your fellow youth?
- Would you be interested to learn more about peacebuilding through interfaith dialogue?
- Do you want to create an impact to vulnerable youth in your community?

Then make sure to apply for the Virtual Youth Safe Spaces,
and be one of the 20 youth peace trainers!

What is the Virtual Youth Safe Spaces all about?

VIRTUAL YOUTH SAFE SPACES: Training of Youth Trainers on Peacebuilding and Prevention of Violent Extremism



“VIRTUAL YOUTH SAFE SPACES: Training of Trainers on Peacebuilding and Prevention of Violent Extremism” is a joint initiative by the Interfaith Dialogue on Violent Extremism (iDove), the Youth for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence in Mindanao (YOUCAP) project of GIZ, and the Mindanao Center for Resiliency of the Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT). This pilot activity adapts youth empowerment and peacebuilding to the ‘new normal’ of virtual approaches brought by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This activity includes two parts: a virtual workshop with mentoring sessions and online facilitation exercises, and a face-to-face training for practical application. The participants will also be given opportunity to lead discussions among themselves – building virtual safe spaces where they are encouraged to freely discuss concerns during these critical times.

The first part of the activity is a series of virtual approaches that will build the **Safe Spaces**. This is divided into three segments:

1. A 6-week virtual workshop from Dec 2020 to Jan 2021 (one module per week) on the training modules discussing the theoretical foundations of peacebuilding and PVE; Each weekly session will include:
 - a. 2-hr online workshop session
 - b. Readings, activities, and assignments (these will require about 6-8hrs of work)
2. Virtual mentoring sessions from Dec 2020 to May 2021 between the facilitator and a smaller group of participants;
3. Once a month online calls from Jan to May 2021 among participants, facilitated by the participants, where the virtual safe space will be expanded for them to check-in on each other and to practice online facilitation on their chosen peacebuilding topic.

The second part of the activity is the **Practice Lab**, where the value of face-to-face practical application is still essential. Training facilitation is a skill that cannot be simply learned in theory, let alone virtually. The activity should be conducted when health and safety situation in the country allows. For now, this is scheduled in June 2021 with the following activities:

1. An interfaith roundtable discussion;
2. An evening youth camp;
3. Training and facilitation skills and practical application exercises

What can I benefit?

- Deepen understanding on conflict and its root causes, as well as its various forms
- Learn about conflict transformation through different analysis methods and tools
- Gain a deeper understanding of violent extremism and its linkages to peacebuilding regionally and globally
- Benefit from a wide range of experts in peacebuilding and conflict transformation
- Utilize interfaith and intercultural approaches on conflict transformation and PVE
- Practice training and facilitation skills on conflict transformation and PVE
- Develop innovative solutions for your organization and/or community
- Build virtual safe spaces with your fellow youth to regularly exchange on peacebuilding, PVE, and further topics that interest and concern you
- Become part of the iDove network across Asia, Africa, Europe and the Middle East and get access to knowledge, good practices and a community of likeminded youth

Can I apply?

- You are between 18 and 30 years old;
- You are based in Mindanao, Philippines (resident?);
- You have an affiliation with a youth organization, government agency, academic organization, or Sangguniang Kabataan to redeliver learning from this activity;
- You have experience and interest in peacebuilding, conflict transformation, PVE;
- You have experience in training and/or workshop facilitation and;

- You or your organization deliver activities or have access to marginalized youth, such as out-of-school youth, youth in armed conflict, internally-displaced youth, etc.;
- You are committed to learn about interfaith dialogue and collaboration;
- You are open to engage with people of diverse backgrounds, faiths, and views;
- You have access to stable internet connection;
- You are committed to complete the whole process (Part I to Part II of the activity, Dec 2020 – Jun 2021)

How to apply?

Only 20 youth participants from Mindanao will be selected for this activity!

Please submit your **Application Form** and **Curriculum Vitae** to mia.simpao@giz.de and laura.steinacher@giz.de with email subject: "LASTNAME – Virtual Youth Safe Spaces Application." Deadline for applications is **09 November 2020, Monday**.

Participation costs, including travel and accommodation of participants in the Practice Lab in June 2021 will be covered by the organizers. Selected applicants will be notified via email.

For more information on iDove and GIZ Philippines, please kindly visit our [website](#). You can also find us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter (@iDove00) and Instagram (idove0).

We are looking forward to receiving your applications!

By the way – what is iDove, GIZ YOUCAP, and the Mindanao Center for Resiliency?

Cognizant of the central role of youth, the African Union Commission (AUC) through its Directorate of the Citizens and Diaspora Organizations (CIDO) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH through its Sector Programme Religion and Development, commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), jointly launched the Interfaith Dialogue on Violent Extremism (iDove) project in 2017. iDove aims to highlight the importance of the soft power of religion in preventing violent extremism (PVE) through innovative, youth-led approaches. By building on existing initiatives and supporting young people's engagement and ideas, iDove strives to develop non-violent approaches and solutions that strengthen social cohesion and create a forum for exchange and learning.

Youth for a Culture of Peace and non-violence in Mindanao (YOUCAP) is a project of GIZ Philippines, funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Together with OPAPP as future implementing partner, it aims to strengthen youth-focused and gender-sensitive peacebuilding and non-violent conflict transformation in Mindanao through a multi-stakeholder approach in cooperating with state actors, academe, and civil society.

The Mindanao Center for Resiliency (MCR) serves as the MSU-IIT's coordination and knowledge-generation center for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and Climate Change Adaptation. Acknowledging the strong linkage between environmental sustainability, inclusive social development, and peacebuilding, MCR also delivers conflict transformation activities for the youth of Mindanao.