PROJECT DOCUMENTATION & HISTORICAL ARCHIVE REPORT

Item	Details
Project ID	IYCM-PROJ-YFC-2024-11-07
Project Title	Youth for Children
Project Location	Kabi Nazrul Shikkha Manjil, Meherpur, Bangladesh
Implementation Date	7 November 2024 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Organized by	International Youth Change Maker (IYCM)
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1. Project Overview

Youth For Children is a rights-awareness and advocacy initiative of International Youth Change Maker (IYCM), carried out through the Equal Rights for Children Project. Its core principle is that every child, without exception, has the right to fair treatment and dependable protection.

The project works in five key areas: non-discrimination, protection from harm, education for every child, the responsibility of society and government, and freedom of thought.

Project description: The primary purpose of the session was to promote awareness of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and emphasize the importance of protecting children's rights, dignity, education, safety, and overall development.

The session highlighted the responsibility of young people and communities to create a child-friendly society where every child receives proper education, love, care, guidance, and opportunities to develop their full potential.

Through the Youth for Children initiative, International Youth Change Maker (IYCM) seeks to encourage Change Makers across Bangladesh to raise awareness of children's rights and contribute to building a society in which children can grow up safely, confidently, and with dignity.

2. Background and Problem Statement

Children are the foundation of a nation's future. Their physical, emotional, intellectual, and social development depends on access to education, protection, care, love, and a supportive environment.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child establishes fundamental principles for protecting children and ensuring their rights to survival, development, protection, and participation. However, limited awareness of children's rights and the importance of positive childhood experiences can prevent children and communities from fully understanding these responsibilities.

Children need more than formal education. They also need respect, emotional support, safety, equal opportunities, and protection from neglect, exploitation, abuse, and discrimination. Positive guidance during childhood can help children develop responsible attitudes, confidence, empathy, and respect for others.

Young people have an important role in addressing these challenges. By becoming aware of children's rights and speaking out against injustice, they can help create safer and more inclusive communities.

The Youth for Children session at Kabi Nazrul Shikkha Manjil was organized to promote these values among students and reinforce the importance of collective action in building a child-friendly Bangladesh.

Identified needs:

- To increase awareness of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).
- To improve understanding of children's rights, dignity, education, protection, and development.
- To encourage positive attitudes toward children's education, care, and emotional well-being.
- To motivate young people to speak out against injustice and harmful practices affecting children.
- To promote youth participation in child rights advocacy.
- To encourage schools and communities to provide safe and supportive environments for children.
- To strengthen the role of Change Makers in promoting children's rights across Bangladesh.
- To inspire collective efforts toward building a child-friendly society.

3. Project Objectives

General Objective

To create a participatory educational environment that supports the development of education, awareness, self-confidence and positive values among disadvantaged children from a school community.

Specific Objectives

The main objectives of the session were:

1. To introduce students to the importance and fundamental principles of the UNCRC.

2. To raise awareness of children's rights and the responsibilities of individuals and communities in protecting them.
3. To highlight the importance of education, love, care, protection, and positive guidance during childhood.
4. To encourage students to develop empathy, respect, responsibility, and a sense of justice.
5. To motivate young people to raise their voices against injustice and discrimination.
6. To promote the participation of Change Makers in creating a child-friendly Bangladesh.
7. To encourage students to become responsible citizens and contribute to positive social change.
8. To support the broader Youth for Children mission of spreading child rights awareness among children and communities throughout Bangladesh.

4. Project Implementation

Activities Conducted

The one-hour session focused on child rights awareness, positive childhood development, and the role of young people in social change.

The session's thematic areas included:

- Introduction to the concept and importance of children's rights.
- Awareness of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).
- Discussion of children's rights to education, protection, development, and participation.
- Emphasis on the importance of love, care, proper education, and guidance during childhood.
- Discussion of the responsibility of young people to challenge injustice and promote fairness.
- Encouragement of youth engagement in building a child-friendly society.
- Promotion of collective action by Change Makers to advance children's rights in Bangladesh.
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Implementation process: The session was held at Kabi Nazrul Shikkha Manjil in Meherpur on 7 November 2024, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

Md. Shimul Hossain, the Meherpur District Change Maker, facilitated the session. A total of 32 students attended the event.

The session was intended to connect the principles of children's rights with the everyday responsibilities of students and the wider community. It emphasized that children should receive proper education, love, care, protection, and opportunities for personal development.

The discussion also highlighted the importance of youth leadership in addressing injustice and creating a society where children's rights are respected.

Through this local awareness initiative, Youth for Children sought to contribute to the wider goal of making child rights knowledge accessible to children and young people across Bangladesh.

Participating organizations and volunteers: International Youth Change Maker (IYCM) (organizer); Kabi Nazrul Shikkha Manjil, Meherpur District; Md. Shimul Hossain (project coordinator and session facilitator); 2 local youth volunteers.

5. Beneficiaries and Participation

- **Total participants:** 35
- **Direct beneficiaries:** 32
- **Indirect beneficiaries:** About 150 (family members)
- **Target groups:** Children (ethnic and minority children, children with disabilities, girls, children from low-income families), youth, parents and Local children members
- **Area covered:** Kabi Nazrul Shikkha Manjil, Meherpur District

6. Project Outcomes and Impact

The Youth for Children session aimed to promote awareness of children's rights and encourage students to recognize their responsibilities toward creating a child-friendly society.

The session's broader impact message was that the principles of the UNCRC should reach children throughout Bangladesh. Through the collective efforts of Change Makers, the initiative seeks to promote respect for children's rights and encourage communities to create environments where children can learn, grow, and thrive.

The session also emphasized the relationship between positive childhood experiences and the development of responsible, empathetic, and socially conscious individuals.

By highlighting the importance of education, care, love, and guidance, the initiative promoted the idea that investing in children is essential to the long-term development of families, communities, and the country.

Key achievements:

- Successfully held a Youth for Children awareness session at Kabi Nazrul Shikkha Manjil in Meherpur.
- Engaged 32 students in a session focused on children's rights and youth responsibility.
- Conducted a one-hour session facilitated by Md. Shimul Hossain, Meherpur District Change Maker.
- Promoted awareness of the UNCRC as an important framework for children's rights.
- Highlighted the importance of education, care, love, protection, and positive childhood development.
- Encouraged the principle that young people can contribute to positive change and challenge injustice.
- Supported IYCM's broader vision of building a child-friendly Bangladesh through youth engagement.

Observed changes: The session emphasized that children should be treated with dignity and provided with opportunities for proper education, care, protection, and development.

It also promoted the understanding that young people have a responsibility to support children's rights, challenge injustice, and contribute to positive social change.

Evidence of impact: Attendance list, children feedback , brief conversations with children's family, photographs & video of the session and a news report.

7. Documentary Photo and Video Archive









- Photo Archive Link: Google Drive Link

8. Beneficiary and Stakeholder Testimonials

Participants' feedback: Students who took part in the campaign expressed joy at the session. They said they enjoyed having the chance to speak for themselves and working together in groups. They called for such creative activities to continue in the future.

Teacher/community representative feedback: The school's teachers found the session lively and effective. In their view, initiatives like this play an important role in the mental and social development of primary-level students, and such youth-led efforts deserve more encouragement at local and international levels

Volunteers' experience: Volunteers learned that children open up easily and take part eagerly when spoken to through games and stories. They also came to appreciate how important it is to listen carefully to children and to give everyone an equal chance.

9. Financial Summary

Item	Amount
Approved budget	USD 15$
Total expenditure	USD 15$
Remaining funds	USD 0$

10. Challenges and Lessons Learned

Challenges faced:

- Ensuring that child rights concepts are clearly understood by participants.
- Making learning materials suitable for different educational backgrounds.
- Encouraging active participation and discussion.
- Maintaining engagement beyond a single awareness session.
- Collecting attendance, feedback, and impact evidence systematically.
- Arranging follow-up activities to reinforce key messages.

Lessons learned:

1. Awareness is an important starting point.
Students and communities need accessible information about children's rights to understand why those rights matter.

2. Childhood experiences shape development.
Education, care, love, protection, and positive guidance can help children develop confidence, empathy, and responsible attitudes.

3. Young people can contribute to meaningful change.
Youth participation can help promote fairness, challenge injustice, and strengthen community awareness.

4. Child rights require collective responsibility.
Families, educators, young people, and community organizations all have important roles in supporting children.

5. One session should lead to continued engagement.
Follow-up awareness activities can reinforce learning and help translate knowledge into practical action.

11. Recommendations and Future Plan

- Organize regular Youth for Children sessions in schools and communities across Meherpur and other districts.
- Develop age-appropriate educational materials explaining the UNCRC and children's fundamental rights.
- Encourage students to discuss practical ways of promoting safety, respect, equality, and protection.
- Involve teachers, parents, caregivers, and community representatives in future awareness initiatives.
- Train Change Makers and volunteers in child safeguarding, child-friendly communication, and responsible youth engagement.
- Introduce simple pre-session and post-session questionnaires to measure learning outcomes.
- Maintain complete event documentation, including attendance sheets, photographs, session plans, feedback, and financial records.
- Ensure that children's privacy, dignity, safety, and consent requirements are respected in all activities and documentation.
- Develop follow-up activities that encourage students to apply the principles of child rights in their schools and communities.

Proposed Future Activities

- Conducting follow-up sessions on child rights and protection.
- Arranging school-based awareness campaigns on education, equality, safety, and dignity.
- Encouraging youth volunteers to organize small community-based child rights activities.
- Distributing child-friendly information materials about the UNCRC.
- Developing partnerships with educational institutions and community stakeholders.
- Collecting participant feedback to assess the usefulness of future sessions.
- Monitoring activities and documenting results to support long-term learning.
- Encouraging Change Makers to promote child-friendly practices in their respective communities

12.Conclusion

The Youth for Children session held on 7 November 2024 at Kabi Nazrul Shikkha Manjil in Meherpur was a child rights awareness initiative facilitated by Md. Shimul Hossain, Meherpur District Change Maker. The one-hour session engaged 32 students and focused on the importance of children's rights, education, care, protection, and the responsibilities of young people in promoting social justice.

The initiative reflects the belief that every child deserves the opportunity to grow in a safe, supportive, and respectful environment. It also reinforces the importance of youth participation in challenging injustice and contributing to positive social change.

Through continued awareness activities, responsible youth engagement, and collaboration with educational institutions and communities, Youth for Children aims to support the broader vision of a child-friendly Bangladesh where children's rights are understood, respected, and promoted.

13. Documentation and Verification

We confirm that this report has been prepared based on the available project records, implementation evidence, and verified information. Any photographs, testimonials, beneficiary data, and other supporting materials included in this report should be used with appropriate permission and in accordance with applicable privacy and safeguarding requirements.

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