

GYC Rwanda

Winter 2018/2019

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The December/January 2018/2019 TURIKUMWE (We are Together) program brought together 8 young leaders from the United States, Canada, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda and Rwanda, for an intensive two-week program exploring human rights and peace education in a national and international context.

Human Rights and Peace Education Delegation



Exploring different notions about human rights and peace cultivation through group discussions, workshops, site visits, homestays and volunteer placements.

Turikumwe Delegates touring the city on their first orientation day

"This program has gradually changed me as an individual to stand up and engage in community work. GYC program effectively demonstrates the role of individuals in promotion of human rights and peace." – GYC Delegate

Schedule of Meetings & Site Visits



One minute of silence for victims of the Genocide against the Tutsi

This year's Turikumwe delegation met with various governmental and non-governmental organizations working on the protection of human rights and promotion of peacebuilding. We would like to thank:

- Health Development Initiative
- Football for Hope Esperance
- Inalás
- Aegis Trust and Kigali Peace School
- Gisimba Center
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Youth
- Ministry of ICT
- Mind Leaps
- Parliament of Rwanda
- ITORERO Commission

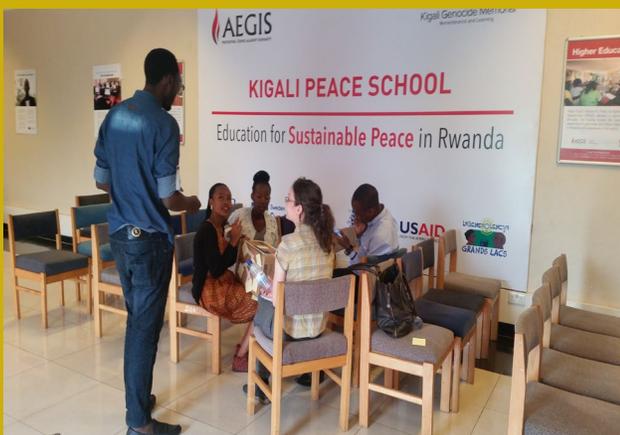
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2018/19 Turikumwe Delegation Members

- Rachel Bryant (United States)**
- Scott Fenwick (Canada)**
- Denise Bongwa Kayitesi (Rwanda)**
- Fida Umwari (Rwanda)**
- Charlotte Ineza (Rwanda)**
- Jimmy Ruva (Uganda)**
- Romain Ndikumuzima (Dem. Rep. of Congo)**
- Theoneste Harerimana (Rwanda)**

"This program has primarily given me many examples of how human rights and peace education can be institutionalized. I now have more faith in how far peace promotion can take a society." - GYC Delegate



On the second day of orientation, local and international participants met for the first time. In this picture, they are working on their individual definitions of human rights, after reading the text of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. <http://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/>

Organizations (VSOs)



“This program demonstrated the complementary role system individuals have in ensuring human rights.” – GYC Delegate

“The program helped me critically think toward human rights and peace promotion. The program also helped me learn about different cultures. This program was special for me as it taught me about empathy, tolerance and critical thinking. “ – GYC Delegate

Advocacy in Action: GYC Rwanda's work moving forward



The GYC delegation participated in dancing class at MindLeaps, an NGO founded by Rebecca Davis, a GYC alumna from the USA. MindLeaps creates dance and educational programs for street children and out-of-school youth in post-conflict and developing countries.

“The advocacy strategies I learned are or include the way vulnerable people access justice through non-governmental organizations.” – GYC Delegate

“I learned that you don’t need to have great resources to give what you have. You can do a small action that can impact lives of many people” – GYC Delegate

“I have understood well that peace starts within me and that I have to implement its stages, without forgetting to critically think. ” – GYC Delegate

“Before this program, I had not given much credence to small arts-based NGOs in development and human rights. Now I feel that such organizations are the key” – GYC Delegate