

The Different Generation Network (DGN) initiative empowers and supports youth-led organizations in post-conflict and post-authoritarian societies by building a global platform for exchange of experience and knowhow, common advocacy and technical support through the establishment of an international network.

- **Advocating for state responsibility in guaranteeing non-recurrence of violence and atrocities.**



GRASSROOTS
PARTNERSHIPS



DATABASE
COMPILATION

- **Development transitional justice and historical dialogue as disciplines actively engaged by youth.**



EXPERT/ACTIVIST
TRAINING



IDENTIFYING
ADVOCACY
MECHANISMS

- **Seeking justice, accountability, truth and memory of past atrocities, learning from them and working to promote and support transitional justice mechanisms.**



NETWORKING



ACTIVITY
BASED RESEARCH

- **Increasing the level of responsibility that post-conflict and post-authoritarian governments have towards guaranteeing non-recurrence of violence and widespread human rights violations**



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BACKGROUND

Millennials have shown to be an outstanding socially and politically engaged generation worldwide. Across the globe we are seeing young people emerge as leading voices and actors in human rights and political campaigns. DGN believes in the power and influence of millennials and their capacity to create and participate in transitional justice today for their collective future.

There is great potential for young people working in the realm of transitional justice. Amongst youth today it is more common that they would not have played an active role in the atrocities of the past. With a different experience than those directly involved youth are able to take on a more objective standpoint in response to histories of violence.

A different inheritance is placed into the hands of youth today. Although not directly exposed to the conflicts or atrocities themselves, they have the responsibility of dealing with these legacies of violence. Today youth in all post-conflict post-authoritarian societies find themselves in amongst the complex residue and aftermath of their past. It is their task to care for the way memory will be administered and how it will influence the generations to come. For victims directly affected by this violence, youth organizations involved in transitional justice are a valuable symbol of a new generation sensitive about human rights abuses. The continual dedication of youth to transitional justice work build a strong foundation for a future that is very different from the past.



Youth groups and organizations have worked tirelessly on projects of transitional justice. They have demanded that past abuses are adequately and appropriately responded to, and advocated for truth-telling and historical dialogue. However, it has been found that these organizations often find themselves in circumstances aware of what must be done but without the tools and knowledge to do so. Currently, few if none transitional justice mechanisms exist, or are accessible, that are aimed towards youth involvement. Organizations engaged in this work that find themselves in this position are in need of capacity-development and empowerment.

OUR IDEA

Our idea is to establish the Different Generation Network (DGN) built on shared vision, particular expertise, and harmonious collaboration. DGN seeks to create a platform to empower and contribute to the capacities of organizations working across the lines of transitional justice, historical dialogue, and human rights. The goal is that this would provide a platform to learn from each other and collaborate to promote and support transitional justice mechanisms to minimize the risk of recurrence of widespread violations of human rights.



A clear gap in the field of youth transitional justice work exists. We must insure that these groups continue to have the support and access to tools necessary to effectively participate in this work. With many youth-led initiatives active in post-conflict or post-authoritarian development in societies around the world, a platform for coordination, cooperation and exchange of experience amongst them could help fill this gap in resources and capacity. The creation of DGN has been stirred by this need for connection of youth organizations to the tools and resources needed for this work.

Tapping into the global solidarity among youth and youth organizations, the network aims to build a platform for the exchange of practices, knowledge and experience. Such a network is the prerequisite for sustainable and constant global cooperation among 'new generation' organizations tackling the legacies of violent past in their societies.

Through its activities, DGN hopes to contribute to further development of transitional justice and historical dialogue (as disciplines) as well as elevate the level of participation of youth in relevant social and political processes.

Finally, the DGN, as an advocacy platform, seeks to give a clear and strong voice to this global generation advocating for a global shift towards state responsibility guaranteeing non-recurrence of violence and atrocities.

WE INVITE YOU TO COLLABORATE

In the process of forming of the concept of DGN, potential action-items emerged out of existing needs in Transitional Justice. Here are some we have considered, and invite you to collaborate through your contributions.



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We would like you to add to the idea board. It is a priority for us to incorporate your organizational needs and ideas for future collaboration with DGN.

We would like to hear about how your organization could benefit from or be a part of this network and any concerns or critiques that you may have about the present structure.

Be on the look out for a comprehensive needs assessment survey that will be coming your way soon.