

Week 7 Report

What Other Groups Did & Group Dynamics

Almost all of our groups reported “excellent” or “good” dynamics in their final week of discussions, with a number of facilitators reporting that they felt the last session was the best one they had and that students continued to engage one another directly and fully without any facilitator interaction.

Many groups wrapped up this week with Post Program - Staying Activated activity where they discussed how their lives and interactions will evolve after participating in the program, and how has the Soliya Program impacted the way in which they communicate around challenging issues, in an intercultural context. Some groups also put in advance several actions regarding their common Global and Social challenges, and how to engage in resolving those, visions for a more connected globe and more fruitful relations and insights on how to continue involvement. Most of these discussions were on topics that revolved around their roles in relation to positive change, youth empowerment and activation. Added to that, the majority of groups focused a large part of their sessions on discussions about youth empowerment and activation, where students spoke about their vision for the future and brainstormed together on how they can make a difference- individually and collectively, with a focus on the role of young people as change-makers.

Groups also used this time to reflect upon the semester, discussing the process they went through and the lessons they learned through the Recognitions activity. Many students spoke about how much they will miss each other, and how much they appreciate their facilitators’ assistance and guidance. Most groups ended the semester with the Recognitions activity in which students shared very deep reflection on their 7 week experience and their genuine appreciation of fellow group members. This process ended the semester on a positive note, with students exchanging their Facebook accounts to be able to keep in touch in the future.

Attendance & Technology Update

Attendance levels remained the same as last week, with the necessary number of students to have a dynamic conversation in the majority of groups. Thank you all for your support in ensuring their attendance! We have also noticed lower levels of technical issues amongst students. While we managed to address the technical challenges that arose during sessions, we would like to continue addressing the unresolved technical difficulties in your university labs with your respective technical coordinators, and it would be great if they can be collaborative with our technical team.

If you get the opportunity to do so, please also thank the other members of your university – such as your technical coordinators – on our behalf for their support, time and efforts throughout the semester!