

ENGAGE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CIRCLE (YLC) TRANSNATIONAL WORKSHOP

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP:

The Youth Leadership Circle is a three-day transnational workshop that will be held in Hue, Vietnam, in June 2023. The workshop aims to bring together girls and young women with disabilities from South Africa, India, and Vietnam. Funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) within a Partnership Development Grant [2021-2024] and organized by the Decolonial Disability Studies Collective (DDSC), YLC is part of the DDSC's effort to engage young women and girls with disabilities and build transformative learning networks that support their multifaceted experiences and perspectives.



Although there have been increasing calls to include and highlight the knowledge and perspectives of people with disabilities from the Global South within disability studies, disability activism, and other fields, there have been very few examples of such endeavors in practice. This event offers an exciting opportunity to support decolonial disability knowledge and praxis by centering and prioritizing the experiences, views and leadership development of girls and women with disabilities from three distinct post-colonial contexts from the Global South.

This event will be attended by 8-10 girls and young women with disabilities (as well as their caretakers and interpreters) from South Africa, India, and Vietnam. The agenda includes arts-based participatory and storytelling workshops, which will allow participants the opportunity to work together to tell their stories and to develop their leadership skills. Additional sessions will include talks and performances by experienced youth leaders and disability activists from the Global South, as well as community engagement activities.

The goal is to foster decolonial knowledge and praxis among girls and young women with disabilities in ways that support more inclusive, resilient, and sustainable communities in the Global South. We also aim to learn how leadership and network-building emerge in these contexts and to explore the best ways to support these going forward.

CO-SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

We are seeking co-sponsorship from academic and non-academic programs, organizations, and institutions who are interested in supporting this unique event.

As a decolonial project that emphasizes accessibility and the inclusion of young women and girls with disabilities, this event cannot be successfully implemented without adequate supports for accessibility and accommodations. Many of these important expenses are not covered through our grant, leading us to seek additional support from likeminded groups and organizations.

As a sponsor of this event, the name of your program/organization will be recognized for its contribution to the event. You will also receive priority access to electronic and printed materials and reports resulting from this event.

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