



#WeTheFuturePH



YOUTH AGENDA

Introduction

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, invoking the courage of our heroes, in order to build a just and humane society and establish a government that shall embody our ideals and aspirations, promote the common good, and develop our patrimony, and secure to ourselves and our posterity the blessings of independence and democracy under a regime of truth, justice, freedom, love, equality, and peace, gathering as descendants of a Nation of the Brave, do hereby declare:

We are the youth from across the regions in our country, young people from schools and communities, from various sections, organizations, groups and industries. Amidst our diversity, together we bring a collective voice of the youth of our generation.

We, the Filipino youth, have crucial roles to play in this battle. Our numbers, drive, and stake mean that our shared action can make or break our country's future. We, the youth are therefore taking the lead as change-makers to ensure that a shared vision of the Philippines becomes reality, joining our voices under the banner of **#WeTheFuturePH because we are the future of the Philippines.**

We, the youth, have played a significant role as catalysts of change. Our history as a nation has shown that we, the youth, have always been in the forefront of the struggle. It is innate in our nature as youth to be critical thinkers - to examine the social realities that surround us, to question injustice and oppression, to rebel against the norms, structures and systems that obstruct our development as human beings and citizens.

This country that is our inheritance has been forged by generations of heroes who have dedicated and sacrificed their lives in the name of rights, freedoms, and dignity. We take inspiration from the courage of our heroes, both popular and unsung.

The youth of previous generations have won for us the rights and freedoms we have today. We honor them by pursuing the path of heroic struggle they took.

Our generation persists. Amidst the chaos of our times, we, the youth, stand together to brave the challenges of our generation.

With our youth as our weapon, we have won battles and we will win again.

***#WeTheFuturePH** is a nonpartisan national movement of Filipino youth standing up for rights, freedom, and democracy.*

***#WeTheFuturePH** builds a road map of a shared vision of the Philippines by crafting a representative, collective and transformative human-rights-framed Youth Agenda through ongoing youth camps, art workshops, forums, and consultations, in addition to a national online survey.*

***#WeTheFuturePH** strengthens the youth's innate ability to claim rights and effect change through capacity-building workshops on topics such as modern leadership, digital activism, strategic communications, campaigning and more.*

***#WeTheFuturePH** unites youth in communities, cities, and regions all over the Philippines in harnessing their collective power to directly challenge unjust policies and practices through social change campaigns at the local, regional, and national levels.*

The Youth Agenda

We, the youth, embrace our role as agents of change.

We actively and strategically build a roadmap towards the realization of our vision through a representative, collective and transformative human-rights framed youth agenda.

The Youth Agenda as our shared vision as the Filipino Youth shall direct our strategic actions in the battles we will fight for and win. The Youth Agenda we carry is our labor of love for the country. It was born out of the initiative of youth leaders representing various youth groups across the country that convened in a series of youth summits, camps, assemblies and forums nationwide.

We face the battle for our future with our Youth Agenda as our weapon. With our 20 million-strong vote, we wield our power to create positive social change.

Knowing that the future does not happen overnight, the change that we are seeking must be realized in stages: immediate actions, short-term results, and long-term solutions. We, the youth, must build momentum and foundations so that our vision can become reality.

The #WeTheFuturePH youth agenda holds three characteristics imprinted in its core – representative, collective and transformative.

Representative

It is the agenda of the Filipino youth, by the Filipino youth, and for the Filipino youth. The voices of the youth themselves from all regions and sectors are represented in the document. It is advocated by these same Filipino youth, assuring general, national, and specific, regional issues to be surfaced.

Collective

The agenda is the expression of unity of the Filipino youth. Not an individual, nor a lone organization does the building of the agenda. It was done, and will continue to be done collectively through consultations and collaborations with as broad a network as it can reach. It connects the individual youth to the broader youth sector to collaborate and create strategies for action. It actively engages with the community both in forming and campaigning the agenda.

Transformative

The agenda is our road map towards genuine social change. It is not a wish list, nor a list of rants of the youth. It's a document that offers ambitiously attainable objectives the youth proposes towards achieving the vision of the Philippines they are striving for. The youth is calling for a transformation in society and the agenda allows us a practical guide towards attaining this change.

We, the youth, choose to be proactive in that we are the ones setting the agenda, our vision of the Philippines. We're not only reacting to the wrongs of our nation and adjusting as we allow them to lead the way.

We, the youth, set the agenda. This is the nation we want and we, the sovereign Filipino youth, have the power to make that happen.

K.K.K. – Kalayaan, Kaginhawaan, Kapatiran

While our nationhood is reflected in our everyday life, livelihood, and lifestyle, it is also reflected in our common aspirations for freedom, progress, and solidarity.

We see it in our **Kalayaan**, our everyday freedoms that allow us to actively participate in building our nation. We aspire for the genuine empowerment of the citizenry.

We struggle for a comfortable and convenient means of living, the struggle for **Kaginhawaan**, where our welfare is secure and every day is a step towards our full development as a people

We strive for acceptance, respect, and solidarity with every equal member of our society---our humble act of striding towards **Kapatiran**.

We fight for these things because these are our basic fundamental human rights.

Thematic Clusters

Our agenda is framed based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It follows the thematic clusters of rights enshrined in the UDHR: civil-political, economic, and socio-cultural rights. It pays tribute to the ideals of the *Katipunan: Kalayaan, Kaginhawaan, at Kapatiran*.

Kalayaan - these are our civil-political freedoms, through empowering the citizenry by upholding their rights, freedoms, and dignity. **Kaginhawaan** are our economic rights through inclusive economic progress and sustainable welfare and development for all. **Kapatiran** are our socio-cultural rights through a united Filipino people that treats one another with respect, equality, solidarity, and acceptance of all.

The historic battle cry for freedom has been frontlined by the youth since, and even before, the days of the Philippine Revolution and up until today, the youth continue to rally for the vision of **KKK: Isang Pilipinas na may Kalayaan, Kaginhawaan, at Kapatiran**.

Our mission, as the Filipino youth of this generation, is to fight for a vision of a future of the Philippines where there is freedom, progress, and solidarity among its people by pursuing a rights-based agenda that represents our collective vision of social transformation.

KALAYAAN

Empowering the citizenry by upholding their rights, freedoms, and dignity

Human Rights everywhere, at all times

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, believe in the fundamental rights of every person. This world is not our ideal, but it is the one we live in and the one we will inherit. Universal measures have been thought out, considered, and formulated to continuously try to address these wrongs. We need to be able to trust and hold accountable those in power to stick to their word and responsibilities to genuinely protect and ensure equality and fairness in how each and every one of us lives.

Fulfilment of state obligations to international human rights law, standards, treaties and conventions that promote, protect, and defend human rights.

- Ratify all international human rights instruments such as, but not limited to, the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances; Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) Optional Protocol on Communications, ESCR Optional Protocol and the ILO Convention No. 169 concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Independent Countries.
- Re-ratify Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.
- Fully comply with the international obligation to submit periodic reports before the United Nations Human Rights Committee.

Protection of human rights defenders

- Enact the Magna Carta for Protection of Human Rights Defenders.
- Enact the Human Rights Defenders Bill into Law.
- Safeguard the rights of human rights defenders by putting a stop to the practice of terrorist-tagging, red-tagging, and political persecution of dissenters and progressive groups and individuals.

Civil Liberties and Civic Spaces

Protection of citizens' right to freedom of expression, peaceful assembly, and association

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, believe in the need and purpose of expressing oneself, in coming together and collectively expressing the experiences we go through, - the devastating and the joyous, through praise and likewise, through criticism in any and all forms. We shall fight for a country free to voice dissent and ideas without fear and for our right to speak out as individuals and as communities, be protected, encouraged, and heard. We condemn the threats, the lies, and attacks against those who speak the truth and unite in action. We shall organize and build an army to uphold our civil liberties and reclaim our civic spaces online and offline.

- Enact a legislation to make red-tagging a criminal offense.
- Provide mechanisms that assure citizens dissent without fear of government retaliation or suppression.

- Repeal the Anti-Terrorism Law of 2020 and replace it with a legislation that is better at ensuring that no person will be unjustly persecuted based on his/her political ideology or belief, for as long as that belief or ideology does not translate into violent acts that endanger the life and human rights of others.

Safe, free and, empowered media

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, stand on the side of truth in these times of lies and deception. We pledge to hold the line by supporting those who experienced threats, harassment, and violence for upholding press freedom. We condemn the attacks against the truth such as media suppression, orchestrated spreading of disinformation, and the weaponizing of trolls to lambast dissent. We believe that an attack against the watchdogs of our society is an attack on every Filipino's capacity to speak truth to power. We demand for a safe environment with accessible and credible information through an independent and empowered media.

- Repeal the Campus Journalism Act and replace it with the Campus Press Freedom Act to promote academic freedom and freedom of expression and provide for the financial capacity of student publications.
- Enact proposals such as the “Magna Carta for Journalists” and reject provisions that will impose government control or regulation on journalists and publications.
- Direct the Presidential Task Force on Media Security to provide public access on the data related to the killings and all forms of repression to media personnel.
- Monitor and investigate physical, financial, and legal attacks and threats against journalists and publishers from state and non-state entities.
- Extend the privileges and rights on the freedom of the press and freedom of information to prevent the government from barring members of the mass and popular media from covering key and critical official government functions and issues.

Public access to accurate, credible, and complete information

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, acknowledge that in this age of information, knowledge is power. The process of accessing and acquiring new information today has removed traditional obstacles to information such as inaccessibility, but on the other hand, made it susceptible to misinformation and disinformation. Together, we rally for effective public access to accurate, credible, and complete information for all.

- Strongly enforce the Freedom of Information Order that sufficiently promotes transparency and accountability in the national and local government.
- Streamline the processes and requirements of the Freedom of Information Executive Order.
- Investigate ICT/Internet policies which render restriction to exercise the right to freedom of information and expression.
- Investigate and penalize government officials and agencies who engage in misinformation and disinformation.
- Strengthen the avenues and platforms where the public can access credible and accurate public documents.

Protection of the right to privacy of citizens

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, live in an age where each innovation in technology aims to ease the ins-and-outs of the society we live in. But no compromise in safety and privacy should be overlooked in the name of convenience. We believe in the right of every Filipino to their privacy and maintain control and security over their personal information.

- Uphold citizens' right to privacy in all State laws, policies, programs and operations.
- Protect citizens' rights against unlawful surveillance.
- Implement an oversight and accountability mechanism for police and intelligence agencies guided by robust legal framework that upholds principles of integrity, legitimacy, proportionality and necessity to ensure that any interference with privacy is targeted and not arbitrary, as well as legislate for prior judicial authorization, independent oversight, user notification, and access to remedy in case of violations.
- Review all laws and policies affecting the privacy of data to ensure security measures are set against data breaches.
- Ensure appropriate safeguards against expansive surveillance capabilities of government and its inability to secure against data breaches in the efforts to establish a National ID system.

Justice and the Rule of Law

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, are devastated by the violence and bloodshed spreading across our nation. We call to end the State's current "war on drugs" that has taken the lives of thousands of Filipinos, including children and has victimized mostly the poor. We condemn the killings and threats to activists, farmers, workers, indigenous peoples and artists in the name of warrantless "terrorist crackdowns" and red-tagging. We refuse a society that does not value human life. We, the youth, shall never tolerate an environment where children are branded as criminals and will grow up in violence.

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, stand on the side of justice. We yearn for a country where killings are not normalized and emboldened, and where perpetrators of these crimes are held to account. We oppose the prevalence of populist rhetoric; fear-mongering capitalizing on mistrust on our democratic institutions; undermining of the Rule of Law; impunity and the failures of the justice system; the politicizing of the legislative, the military and security agencies and the Supreme Court. As the spate of violence and impunity continues, we, the youth, demand the government to uphold the rule of law - our right to due process, to a fair and just trial, and to equal protection before the law.

Strict implementation of laws and policies against human rights violations

- Oblige all government agencies to stringently comply with the Anti-Enforced Disappearance Law, Anti Torture Act, and on laws on criminal procedures.
- Compel the security and judiciary sector to stop the extrajudicial killings, unlawful arrests, illegal detention, torture and other forms of cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment.
- Reject proposals to reinstate the death penalty.
- Resist all proposals to lower the minimum age of criminal responsibility.

Equal access to a fair and efficient justice system

- Push for continuous institutional reforms that will ensure delivery of swift, fair, and equal justice.
- Enforce filing civil and criminal cases against perpetrators of the victims of the war on drugs.
- Review the current witness protection program towards its strengthening and with a view of securing justice for the victims of Human Rights Violations through the enrollment into the program of credible witnesses who would otherwise not be motivated to give their testimony.
- Ensure transparency on court procedures and access to information.
- Improve court efficiency and processes to prevent delay of justice.

Effective implementation of full range of services to achieve justice

- Sensitize courts to ensure testimonies of sensory disabled people are documented properly.
- Review, improve, and invest in correctional and detention facilities to meet human conditions and international standards.
- Introduce effective measures to have a national quick response hotline whereby families of victims of arbitrary or warrantless arrests can access and seek recourse through a quasi-independent body.
- Increase access to legal aid especially of the poor and the marginalized sector.
- Strengthen and promote restorative justice programs and mechanisms.
- Build the capacity of the Katarungan Pambarangay and recognize and strengthen indigenous practices as a community-based mechanism towards achieving justice.

Adherence to the rule of law at all levels towards accountability and ending impunity

- Strengthen the independence of oversight agencies like the Ombudsman, CHR, and COA and the monitoring mechanisms of gross HR Violations including but not limited to Torture, Extra-Judicial Killings, Enforced Disappearances.
- Enforce that the arrest and detention procedures followed by the police and military comply with local and international human rights laws and standards, by implementing appropriate sanctions for those who fail to follow such human rights-based procedures.
- Ensure the transparent, independent, judicial investigations of any credible allegations against anyone suspected of enforced disappearances and extrajudicial executions, particularly those who are deemed untouchable because of their political, economic or military positions.
- Hold accountable government and military officials who have committed human rights violations in the Philippines especially counterinsurgency efforts.

Transitional Justice, National Reconciliation, and Healing

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, heirs to the brave youth of the past, vow to #NeverForget their sacrifices and struggles to keep our country free from the iron fist of tyranny. United, we say #NeverAgain to an authoritarian rule that tramples on the rights and liberties of our people. We shall remain vigilant and resist all persons and policies that attack the rights, freedoms and dignity of all. Just as individuals experience trauma and suffering, as does a nation. Through the strengthening of our collective memory shall we strive towards genuinely learning from our history to finally heal and rebuild our nation. Only through true acknowledgement and accountability can we truly achieve true progress.

On the Marcos Era Martial Law

- Intensify efforts on truth-seeking and truth-telling.
- Provide correct and critically vetted information on textbooks and other materials on the Martial Law era in the Philippines.
- Push for the implementation of the critical study of Martial Law in the Philippines to be integrated in the academic curriculum from primary to tertiary level.
- Safeguard the human rights victims of the Marcos-era Martial against re-victimization due to insensitivity to their plight by putting an end to historical revisionism and political distortions.
- Open government archives to allow truth-telling on human rights violations and atrocities done during Martial Law.
- Fully provide reparations to victims of the Marcos-era Martial law violations as established by the Human Rights Victims' Claims Board (HRVCB).
- Pursue actively the ill-gotten wealth of the Marcoses, the cases against the architects of the Marcos-era Martial Law and perpetrators of its human rights violations.

Historical Injustice to the Bangsamoro People and Non-Moro Indigenous People

- Respect the right to self-determination of the Bangsamoro people and Non-Moro Indigenous People
- Recognize narratives of grievances of the Bangsamoro as reported by the Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC) and seek legal mechanisms to achieve justice for the victims.
- Review and implement recommendations by the Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC) towards remedies to the historical injustices suffered by the Bangsamoro such as human rights violations, land dispossession.
- Pass and properly implement the Marawi Siege Victims Reparations Bill.
- Enact a law that will criminalize all forms of terrorist profiling, discrimination, and prosecution of Moro peoples and practitioners of the Muslim faith.
- Investigations on HRVs during the Marawi Siege.
- Actively promote and ensure the Marawi Rehabilitation efforts are just and determined by the people of Marawi.
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Peace, Security, and Safety

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, are one with the struggle for peace and security in our communities. We recognize that the roots of armed conflict and criminality are the absence of genuine social justice and the glaring economic inequality. As long as there are Filipinos who remain unheard, unseen, unrepresented, and unable to fully harness the resources of our land and access the wealth of our nation, peace is far from us. We, the youth, vow to pursue a just and lasting peace based on the principles of justice, economic equity, and equality.

Proactive and positive engagement towards a just and lasting peace

- Uphold the safety of citizens in all military operations.
- Ensure an inclusive peace process where there is proper representation of youth and other marginalized sectors in the peace talks.
- Establish truth-telling commissions to document human rights violations experienced as a consequence of the internal armed conflicts in the country, to aid the justice and reconciliation aspects of the peace process.

Reduced criminality and public safety

- Strengthen cooperation with international law enforcement agencies and other countries to curb trafficking, illegal drugs, and prevent terrorism.
- Combat the drug problem by intensifying efforts to cut off the supply and production of illegal drugs and actively prosecuting drug lords, producers, traffickers, and pushers.
- Strengthen capacity to intercept and restrain drug and human trafficking.
- Establish an effective hotline for anti-human trafficking efforts.
- Enforce concerted action and strict cooperation of national agencies and local governments in the prevention, detection, and prosecution of cases of human trafficking and illegal recruitment.
- Widen the anti-trafficking network for migrant workers to stop all forms of illegal recruitment and human trafficking without impairing the rights of Filipino citizens to travel and seek better opportunity outside the country.

Instituted reforms in the state security sector

- Mainstream human rights-based and people-centered peace and security measures into policies and programs.
- Strengthen mandatory human rights training for state forces.
- Strengthen the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines to independently monitor in coordination with Human Rights organizations the human rights of all detainees, including providing CHR personnel unimpeded access to all places of detention and all detainees.
- Disarm and disband CAFGUs and all other similar paramilitary and private armed groups.
- Strengthen local level mechanisms and programs on crime prevention and the women and children's desks in police precincts.

- Hold the state forces accountable in the practice of arbitrary or secret detention and close any secret detention facilities in operation, including those in military camps and temporary military detachments in the countryside.

Good Governance

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, hold this government accountable to its citizens. We pledge to be vigilant in ensuring a critical and honest electoral system that is responsive to the call for good governance. We shall mobilize our ranks as citizen watchdogs to counter fake news and disinformation, to share accessible and reliable information that will help our citizens critically decide on their vote, and to protect the sanctity and secrecy of the ballot and an election process free from the dictates of guns, goons and gold.

We, the young citizens of this nation, shall demand and work for a government that upholds participation, responsiveness, transparency and accountability. The reforms in the Sangguniang Kabataan is a major step towards meaningful youth participation in governance. We, the youth, have been instrumental in the passage of the first legislation with an anti-dynasty provision in the history of the Philippines. And we will brave further so that power does not stay in the hands of a few families. We shall endeavor to pass a broader anti-dynasty law, to reform our political parties so they become vehicles of people's agenda.

Curbing of corruption and bribery towards good governance

- Ensure the proper implementation of the existing Ease of Doing Business Act to create robust and secure feedback systems for every LGU and national agency for users and transactors.
- Urge the legislative to pass a law to address political dynasties, such as the Anti-Dynasty Law.
- Strengthen legal reforms to push an effective and efficient Philippine Justice System.
- Enact a law that prohibits convicted corrupt officials to run for public office or be appointed in any government position.
- Strengthen deterrence mechanisms and prevention measures against corruption.
- Contextualize government services according to local cultures and languages.
- Make laws, policies, regulations, more accessible to the public.
- Ensure the full implementation of the SK Reform Law and fast track release of the SKs budget while strictly adhering to all transparency and accountability mechanisms.

Effectivity, accountability and transparency of government services, processes and transactions

- Create a unified, centralized, and harmonized government database containing all pertinent government transactions that is readily accessible to the public and other accountability entities, without compromising data privacy and national security.
- Implement regulatory reforms for effective service delivery and increase productivity of the public sector.
- Institutionalize response and feedback mechanisms in government.
- Enhance the country's e-government system as a vital tool for good governance.

Strong democratic institutions

- Oppose any proposal for charter change that is not the result of inclusive and transparent public consultations.
- Institutionalize public participation in decision-making processes at all levels of governance.

- Implement electoral reforms to strengthen political parties as avenues for political participation.
- Instill reforms in campaign financing towards leveling the playing field between candidates who have and those who don't have money to finance their candidacy.
- Implement finance reforms in transparency in campaign expenditures and sources of funds.

Empowered local governments that contribute to national development

- Amend the Local Government Code so that Local Government Units have the commensurate powers and resources to perform their assigned mandates.
- Strengthen local accountability measures such as check-and balances to allocation and use of resources.

Active political participation and representation of people especially the marginalized sectors

- Strengthen People's Councils to guarantee consultations in programs and policies.
- Streamline and improve the accessibility of voter's registration and strengthen campaigns to encourage registration and turnout.
- Strengthen the implementation of the designated Accessible Polling Place for each local government.
- Integrate civic education in basic education curriculum and deepened in secondary education curriculum.
- Promote transparency in government processes and transactions to enable citizens to have informed decision-making.

National Sovereignty

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, shall rise against the assaults on sovereignty as a nation and claim what is truly ours. We, the youth, fought long and hard for the democracy, sovereignty, and freedom of our country. We are angered that these ideals are being twisted and corrupted to benefit those in power. We are infuriated that the freedom from colonial rule that our ancestors have fought for have easily been surrendered to colonial superpowers that bully our government into submission.

Our lands and seas are also being sold. The Filipino people are burdened by these dubious debts, even as this foreign aggressor has continued to disrespect our sovereignty in the West Philippine Seas, occupy our territory and prevent Filipinos from fishing in our own seas.

We, the youth, say, "enough is enough". We will never surrender our rights, sovereignty and freedom whether from foreign aggressors into our territory, from exploitative deals with foreign countries and institutions or from power-corrupt fellow Filipinos who betray the very foundations of our nation. We, the youth, pledge to uphold our constitution, that our sovereignty resides in the people and all government authority emanates from them.

Pursuit of an independent foreign policy that ensures economic, geographic and political independence

- Firmly assert our country's claims on the West Philippine Sea.
- Refuse agreements that jeopardize national independence and interests.
- Promote transparency in the critical review the Review Foreign Trade Agreements and Bilateral Investment Treaties as well as their corresponding local economic policies to ensure their conformity with the long-term development of local industries and Filipino workers.

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- Ensure that all international treaties, bilateral agreements and other forms of international commitments entered into by the President and/or Philippine Senate are based on and consistent with human rights norms, standards and principles.

KAGINHAWAAN

Inclusive economic progress and sustainable welfare and development for all

Inclusive Development

Strong local economy and national industries with decentralized and localized production

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, strive for a country with a strong local economy and national industries.

We demand officials from local to national offices to craft policies and come up with programs that equip the workforce with knowledge, skills, and resources that will help in responding to the growing needs of the economy. We demand the government to invest in research and technology as a step towards modernization and industrialization.

- Integrate rights-based principles in the country's development plan towards inclusive growth for the development of the lives of the people.
- Protect economic provisions in the Constitution that impose restrictions on foreign participation in certain economic activities.
- Review and revise labor policies to prioritize local job creation and growth for Filipinos.
- Review the Foreign Investments Act to favor national economic growth and development.
- Pursue a self-reliant economy that is against oppressive and unreasonable trade liberalization policies, and subservient debt management strategies that only push the country further into the debt trap.
- Improve social and environmental responsibility and accountability among all stakeholders.

On Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

- Eliminate monopoly and cartel in agricultural products.
- Abolish the monopoly on land of landowners and the unjust practices of the hacienda system.
- Provide sufficient financial and technical training to small farmers towards modernization and industrialization of farm lands.
- Promote formation of cooperative farms rather than individual farms or corporate plantations.
- Promote jobs under the agricultural and fishing sector through robust incentive programs (ex. Social security, housing, subsidies) to address ageing farmers and fisher folks.
- Allocate sufficient resources to meet food security needs, achieve national priorities, and provide a dignified livelihood for farmers and fisher folks.
- Create holistic and sustainable farmer's organizations equipped with genuine rights education, farming technology, and facilities that will promote participation and representation from government agency boards down to the barangay level.
- Increase agricultural productivity and incomes of small-scale food producers, especially women and indigenous peoples through secure and equal access to land and other productive resources and inputs, financial services, markets and opportunities for value addition and non-farm employment.
- Ensure proper and genuine implementation of the National Land Use Act that protects prime agricultural lands to ensure sustainability of on-farm employment and overall rural development.

- Ensure access to livelihood for small farmers and fisher folks.
- Hold the National Irrigation Administration accountable for the implementation of RA 3601.
- Integrate ecosystems approach to fisheries management.
- Empower agricultural and fisheries education in the school level.
- Allocate sufficient budget towards research in agriculture and fisheries.

On Industry and Services

- Review frameworks and policies of Special Economic Zones or the RA 7916: Special Economic Zone Act of 1995.
- Adopt clean and environmentally sound technologies and industrial processes.
- Democratize and increase access of small-scale industrial, micro, small, and medium enterprises-to-value chain by setting up innovative financing includes affordable credit, and their integration into value chains and markets.
- Minimize the cost of production and delivery of goods and services through institutional reforms and through addressing cross-cutting issues that impede the country's competitiveness such as high-power cost.
- Support the development of the services sub-sectors outside value and supply chains such as social services (day care services, etc.).

Quality and resilient infrastructures and information technology to support economic development for human well-being

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, push for the establishment of infrastructures supporting economic development for human well-being.

The building of infrastructures shall unite the Filipinos in achieving a modern and innovative nation. We call for progressive programs that shall not compromise the interests of the people, especially those coming from the marginalized sectors. We remain firm in our stand that progress must not come at the expense of at least one sector and that every individual must benefit from the investments we make today.

- Push for a comprehensive review of the 'Build, Build, Build' program so that mechanisms and processes are not detrimental to the national interest and rights of marginalized sectors.
- Provide adequate infrastructure and logistical support to achieve connectivity, ensure efficient flow of goods and services to lower the cost of production and delivery.
- Invest in research and development to support, enhance, improve, and develop irrigation, farm inputs and road to market roads that support the efficient production of small farmers.
- Produce appropriate machinery and technology to support and enhance agriculture and non-traditional agricultural sectors.
- Pursue a national industrialization program that will enable the Philippines to develop high-technology, heavy metal industries as well as light to medium industries that will support the production of capital, consumer, and intermediate goods.
- Enhance scientific research and innovation to upgrade technological capabilities of industrial sectors
- Increase equal access to information and communications technology by addressing the gaps in digital connectivity and by expanding quality ICT infrastructure that is free from monopoly control.

Enabling inclusive economic environment geared towards sustainable reduction of poverty

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, are committed in enacting necessary steps towards sustainable reduction of poverty.

We believe that every stakeholder must work together with communities as they are also responsible for reducing poverty in the country. We must implement policies that challenge the competitive market by involving consumers and companies in the process. We believe that the heart of genuine economic growth is when people are able to meet their most fundamental needs to live a life with dignity.

On Fiscal Management

- Implement a strategic fiscal policy that promotes inclusive development.
- Repeal the Automatic Appropriations Law, which mandates the National Government to automatically appropriate funds for principal and interest payments for public debt servicing.
- Scrap all forms of pork barrel from public officials.
- Increase budget share for the delivery of basic social services.
- Repeal anti-poor provisions in the TRAIN law.
- Push for a simpler, fairer, and more efficient tax system and improvement of tax collection.

On Business, Market, and Investments

- Enhance the competitiveness of the industry and services sector by ensuring that regulations promote fair competition.
- Review potentially anti-competitive legislation and policies that may substantially prevent, restrict, or lessen competition.
- Pursue trade partnerships that promote equitable national and local economic growth.
- Increase the competitiveness of Philippine market and exports.
- Encourage business competition to benefit consumers by leveling the playing field in business practices through providing additional support for MSMEs, strengthening anti-trust regulations, reviewing and monitoring public procurement practices, and strengthening the investigative capacity of the Philippine Competition Commission.
- Implement the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights.
- Implement structural reforms to create more open, well-functioning, transparent, and competitive markets that do not harm the environment or put people's lives in danger.
- Eliminate the redundant and inefficient bureaucracy to improve the ease of doing business.
- Address the bottlenecks in starting an enterprise and protect minority investors.
- Improve the business climate by giving incentives to local businesses and encouraging start-up business to grow.
- Ensure access of consumers to safe and quality goods and services.
- Push for programs and policies that encourage consumer vigilance on product safety, value for money and access to quality goods and services.
- Protect consumers by enforcing stronger accountability of corporations and business entities in setting up effective and efficient consumer redress mechanisms and through strict compliance to ethical practices.

Safe and livable communities

Accessible, safe, reliable, affordable, eco-sensitive, convenient, and efficient mass public transport system

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, envision a country where reliable, efficient, and convenient transportation, modes of mobility, and safer roads exist.

As major users of the road, we demand a mass public transport system that observes traffic management measures to ease traffic congestion across the country. We demand immediate crafting and implementation of a transport-oriented, inclusive, and sustainable policies that address the prevailing transport crisis.

- Immediately address traffic congestion with appropriate and responsive traffic management measures.
- Strengthen a commuter-oriented, inclusive, and sustainable National Transport Policy.
- Provide adequate, convenient, and reliable public transport through investing in efficient and modernized mass public transport systems across the country.
- Allot sufficient subsidy for the transition period of the modernization of PUVs that take in consideration the livelihood of drivers and operators.
- Expand public transport with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations – women, children, persons with disabilities and senior citizens.
- Ensure safety and security of public transport through strengthening implementation of the road safety code to reduce road injuries, loss, death, or damage to property.
- Promote active modes of transport such as walking and biking.

Inclusive and sustainable human settlement planning: rural development and urban planning

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, commit to work hand-in-hand with marginalized communities for an inclusive and sustainable human settlement planning.

We believe that we can never move forward while our country is unable to provide the basic needs of Filipinos. We must eradicate the notion that those from vulnerable situations are the hindrance of the country's progress. Instead, we must see the need to involve those from marginalized communities in developing plans that are beneficial for the people.

- Fund research and studies to ensure that cities are planned and developed in accordance to all sectors of the population and their needs, and most importantly with existing natural environment.
- Implement a law for proper implementation of land use, and transportation planning and management as well as stricter guidelines in project bids and publicize procurement processes for public infrastructures.
- Hold proponents and contractors accountable for any mispending and substandard quality of materials used.
- Expand access to safe and inclusive green public spaces.
- Promote building sustainable and resilient buildings utilizing local and indigenous materials.
- Enforce strict compliance of establishments to cater to the needs of Persons with Disabilities.
- Update the National Building Code.
- Ensure participatory framework for rural development.

Sustainable Resources

Protection and Conservation of the Environment and Natural Resources

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, are united to fight for sustainability and protection of our environment and our future.

We believe that our natural resources have been and still are exploited by those in power in return for profit. We must take action now and hold accountable those who perpetrate the destruction of our natural resources. We hold those who enact hazardous practices take responsibility for their actions.

- Pass national and local policies to reduce dependence on single use plastics towards eventually phasing them out.
- Support creation of disarmament, demobilization and reintegration to contribute to security and stability in post-conflict environments.
- Certify as urgent priority the repeal of the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, and the passage of an Alternative Mining Act that is in accordance with human rights norms, standards and obligations, and that respects the rights of indigenous peoples and marginalized communities, and the environment.
- Criminalize and penalize perpetrators and companies with exploitative mining practices.
- Introduce and implement an Integrated Waste Management System through a review of current national and local waste management policies.
- Review and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of Department of Environment and Natural Resources programs (e.g. National Greening Program).
- Strictly monitor compliance to Department of Energy and Department of Environment and Natural Resources circulars.
- Pass a National Land Use Policy that upholds the rights of stakeholders, provides the necessary support to maximize productivity and ensures environmental sustainability.
- Hold companies accountable to prevent hazardous practices to the environment and prohibit the involvement of state forces such as the military and paramilitary personnel in mining operations.
- Support waste-water treatment.
- Engage the public in comprehensive seminars or workshops for environmental protection and conservation.
- Strengthen the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act.

Sustainable and responsible consumption and production

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, commit to practicing sustainable and responsible consumption and production.

We recognize that more than an individual's little actions, big change must come from institutions as well. We demand policies and programs that ease the transition of every individual's lifestyle to a more sustainable culture of a community.

- Fully implement RA 9513 or the Renewable Energy Act and promote transition to clean and renewable energy.
- Impose the national government's renewable energy targets in the transmission development plan with the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines.
- Implement programs and policies to reduce food waste at the retail and consumer level and reduce food losses along production and supply chains.
- Reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reusing.
- Implement programs for sustainable tourism that create jobs and promote local culture and products.

- Create and institutionalize mechanisms for corporate accountability including concerns on climate justice, abuse of labor force, displacement of Indigenous Peoples and Farmers.

Combatting the climate crisis and its impacts

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, are in solidarity as we challenge our leaders for programs and policies that will enable us to deal with the impact of the existing climate crisis.

We believe that we are the stewards of the Earth. We must come together and push for a sustainable program that protects, preserves, and restores our environment and our future. Now is the time to choose for the future of our planet and everyone living on it. Now is the time when our action or inaction will determine our survival.

It was us, the youth, who wielded the victory for a coal-free Negros. We shall organize #YouthStrike everywhere to put a stop to practices and infrastructure projects that destroy our environment and natural resources. We shall clamor for programs and policies that enable our people, especially the poor to deal with impacts of climate change. We shall galvanize public action to urge our global leaders to commit to concrete, ambitious and legally binding climate deals to drastically reduce the world's carbon emissions.

- Pressure world leaders of developed countries to sign and pursue an ambitious, fair, legally binding global deal on climate change.
- Adapt a climate justice framework in policies and programs addressing the climate crisis.
- Integrate climate crisis countermeasures into national policies, strategies and planning.
- Initiate programs and policies that ushers the transition to a low carbon economy and the shift towards a sustainable, climate-resilient society.
- Undertake drastic emissions cuts and implement measures to lower carbon footprint.
- Fully implement the Climate Change Act of 2009 and the People's Survival Fund Law to help local governments adapt to climate change impacts.
- Push local governments to develop local climate change adaptation plans.
- Build the resilience of the poor and those in vulnerable situations to reduce their exposure and vulnerability to climate-related extreme events.
- Pass legislation on the Rights of Nature.

Strong Disaster Risk Reduction and Management for Community Resilience

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, reimagine a country whose people are able to respond and manage disaster risks.

As a country that is vulnerable to the impact of climate change, every Filipino shall be able to translate resiliency that is often embedded in our identity most especially in times of calamity. It is our government's duty to strengthen the implementation of disaster risk reduction and management for vulnerable communities.

- Strengthen coordination, monitoring, oversight and implementation of disaster risk reduction and management.
- Develop and implement comprehensive national and local disaster preparedness policies, plans and systems.
- Build the capacities of communities to anticipate, cope and recover from negative impacts of emergencies and disasters.
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- Develop and establish community-based early warning systems.

- Include disaster risk reduction, mandatory training of Basic Life Support and CPR into the basic education curriculum.
- Mainstream disaster risk reduction in social, economic, and human settlements development plans.
- Establish institutional mechanisms for disaster response operations.
- Train health care practitioners on Psychological First Aid and Psychosocial Support.
- Ensure ease of relief distribution and donation and criminalize groups, individuals, and public officials who tamper, redirect, and obstruct proper delivery of donated relief goods.
- Implement the National Disaster Preparedness Plan 2015-2028.

Basic Social Services and Welfare

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, vow to stop the widening social divide that deprives us to live decently and with dignity.

The massive social inequalities threaten our opportunities for progress. We can never move forward unless our country is able to provide the basic needs of the people for food security, accessible and safe water, decent shelter and adequate health services. We, the youth, demand for a future that we are able to live well, and contribute to our family and to the nation.

Accessible, adequate, and affordable public utility services

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, call for accessible, adequate, and affordable public utility services in the country. We believe that public utility services are a right of every Filipino that must be safeguarded by the government without compromising the interest of the consumers. We, the youth, assert that these basic rights should not be conditional and must be made available for all.

- Amend RA 9136 or the EPIRA Law or replace it to ensure an affordable, reliable, and sustainable power supply.
- Break corporate monopoly on power generation, transmission, and distribution.
- Promote the role of democratic and efficient electric cooperatives in developing the renewable power industry.
- Implement a steady and sure transition to sustainable and renewable energy sources.
- Review privatization policies and programs in the energy and water sector that threatens people's right to power and water.
- Launch a comprehensive review concession agreement with private water companies to safeguard interests of consumers.

National food security in terms of production and delivery to eradicate hunger and malnutrition

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, demand for the eradication of hunger and malnutrition among Filipinos. We believe that to achieve true progress, we must first address the basic needs of the people which includes food security. We believe that nutritional and quality food shall not be a privilege of the elite but enjoyed by every individual.

- Enact the right to an adequate food bill or the Zero Hunger Bill.
- Strengthen programs to ensure classified and adequate nourishment of citizens.

- Limit extreme food price volatility by adopting measures to ensure proper functioning of food community markets including food reserves.
- Enact a law to manage food waste.

Safe, secure, available and affordable housing opportunities for all

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, demand for a safe, secure, available, and affordable housing opportunities for all. We believe that every Filipino deserves to live in a place they consider home. We believe that adequate housing is a necessity that must be ensured by the government without compromising the livelihood and interests of the community. We strongly condemn the violent demolitions faced by families living in marginalized communities.

- Amend existing legislations regarding social housing, demolition, and evictions so these are consistent with the respect and protection of the peoples' right to adequate housing.
- Ensure that the relocation of informal settlers includes the interest of the community.
- Guarantee peaceful process of relocation and that no community should be threatened by harm or harassment.
- Ensure relocation sites provide affordable, quality housing and the quality work is also available.
- Capacitate LGUs to perform their mandate with regards to shelter.
- Establish a responsive national program for social housing.
- Ensure all internally displaced people have shelter and provide permanent housing for IDPs who have completely lost their homes.
- Intensify implementation and allocate sufficient resources for alternative and innovative solutions in addressing the housing needs of the lower income classes and vulnerable sectors.

Accessible, quality, affordable, and universal health care

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, fight for accessible, quality, affordable and universal health care. We must realize how the health of people contributes to the wealth of the nation. As epidemic diseases return, drug problems worsen, and as the Philippines rank among the countries with growing HIV, suicidal deaths, and teenage pregnancy rate, the government must fund and impose stronger implementation of programs and policies ensuring healthier Filipinos.

- Certify as urgent the passage of a Comprehensive Public Health Act that will provide the poor and marginalized sectors with adequate health care and access to quality and affordable medical facilities, goods and services, and will protect the rights of patients.
- Regulate privatization of health care services.
- Allocate additional resources to improve local health centers and facilities as well as hire and professionalize community health workers.
- Decentralize resources and powers for healthcare while strengthening local capacities.
- Improve access to universal health coverage, to quality essential healthcare services and to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all.
- Include mental health in free consultation programs and in coverage of medical insurance.
- Provide and publicize comprehensive guidelines for securing PWD and Mental Health cards.
- Allocate resources to properly address and treat HIV-AIDS cases.
- Require mandatory HIV screening for expectant mothers.
- Strengthen the implementation of the Philippine HIV & AIDS Policy of 2018 with emphasis on offering comprehensive sexuality education, testing, and treatment in the barangay level.

- Strengthen the prevention and treatment of substance abuse, including narcotic drug abuse and harmful use of alcohol.
- Decrease the rate of illegal drug use through public health and livelihood interventions.
- Instill public health framework for the solution to the drug problem that integrates harm reduction approaches.
- Implement scientific community-based drug rehabilitation initiatives.
- Conduct trainings on the field of mental health for the front liners in healthcare including, but not limited to the social workers, barangay, health workers, doctors, nurses.
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- Allocate budget for the construction and purchase of healthcare and medical infrastructure facilities and equipment.
- Improve existing barangay healthcare centers and programs.
- Fully implement the Magna Carta for Public Health Workers.
- Allocate budget for medical research and technical support.
- Provide improved and more accessible services and support for persons with disabilities.

Proper implementation of sexual and reproductive health policies and programs

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, recognize the need for proper implementation of sexual and reproductive health policies and programs in the country. When young girls as young as 10 years old get pregnant, and teen pregnancy has become a “national social emergency”, the government should not turn a blind eye to such worsening situation. We, the youth, continue to demand for strengthened educational campaigns on sexual and reproductive health.

- Provide age-appropriate sex education that teaches safe sexual intercourse and use of various contraceptives.
- Integrate sex education at the primary level academic curriculum.
- Strengthen ongoing campaigns of the Department of Health on sexual and reproductive health.
- Provide learning materials on sexual and reproductive health that are readily available in public offices such as local health centers, public schools, DSWD offices, etc.

Accessible, equitable, relevant, and quality education geared towards a nationalist and holistic citizen formation.

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, acknowledge that education is among the most significant concerns of our sector. Our victory for free education in state universities and colleges, as well as the passage of the reformed anti-hazing law have been won through years of steadfast struggle of generations before us. We shall continue to fight for policies that push for accessible, quality, and relevant education.

We shall continue to ensure that not only education remains accessible but also student rights are respected through the passage of the Students Rights and Welfare law. We shall stand up against any form of student repression, militarization, and violence within our campuses.

On Accessibility

- Ensure the proper implementation of the RA 10931: Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act in order to break down financial barriers to education.

- Provide adequate educational facilities that are conducive for learning and increase the funding for the construction and improvement of public schools, classrooms, and other facilities.
- Provide for the equitable distribution of funds for public school facilities.
- Issue policies or guidelines for budget preparation in education at the local government level
- Decrease and review required Continuing Professional Development (CPD) units and corresponding fees.
- Construct or designate evacuation centers aside from schools.
- Ensure classrooms are disaster resilient and climate change adaptive.
- Establish high quality information and communication technologies (ICT) facilities for schools in remote areas of the Philippines.
- Enforce RA 7743, which mandates all LGUs to have accessible public libraries.
- Formulate education policies that include provisions for the education of persons with disabilities.
- Develop and strengthen education programs and learning opportunities for the marginalized, excluded, and vulnerable groups (e.g. Indigenous Peoples).

On Quality

- Implement an effective educational curriculum that cultivates unique skills, interests, attitudes, and appreciation of creativity and critical thinking.
- Push for a comprehensive review and restructuring of the K-12 Program and ensure uniformity of senior high school subjects.
- Promote professional development among teachers through effective capacity building initiatives.
- Increase the funding for the development and provision of sufficient quality learning materials.
- Ensure strict quality control of textbook content, assuring reliability and validity, culturally sensitive, (contextualized text), all to be reviewed before publishing.

On Relevance

- Enact a law that includes Human Rights and Peace Education (including accurate information on Martial Law) as part of the basic and secondary educational curriculum and allocate sufficient time and resources for students to properly understand human rights.
- Mandate that Filipino, Panitikan, and Philippine History (both national and local history) subjects should remain core subjects from basic education until tertiary education.
- Repeal mandatory ROTC.
- Provide accurate and culturally sensitive learning materials.

Secure and decent work

Job security and accessibility, and living wages to uphold dignity of labor

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, are the future, if not already, workforce of this nation. Our labor force is the backbone of our economy and serves as the foundation of our country's future. We reject a future where our families are forced to separate because we need to work overseas to put food on the table and send our children to school.

We call to end "ENDO" and the massive contractualization policy and demand for our government to put funds on national industries that generate employment and livelihood, to invest in our youth to be part of the

productive labor force, and to guarantee our future by providing adequate secure jobs with just compensation and benefits.

- Develop and implement a sustainable employment generation program in the country that promotes workers' rights and is not anchored on a policy of labor liberalization through exportation of human labor.
- Enact the Security of Tenure law to end the practice of contractualization.
- Strengthen policies and programs that compel the public and private sector to regularize their employees.
- Compel companies dealing with seasonal and contracted services to regularize their employees as well as corporations availing such services.
- Regulate and protect human-export resourcing (OFWs).
- Abolish regional wage boards and replace with a new law implementing a national living wage.
- Enact the constitutionally mandated right of workers to a living wage and universal basic income.
- Scrap the cheap labor policy intended to attract foreign investors.
- Implement a policy on proper compensation and welfare for interns and volunteers.
- Introduce and recognize the rights of independent contractors, freelancers, etc.
- Ensure the continuity of employment for workers displaced by automation and other innovation on production.

Social welfare and a safe work environment for workers

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, envisions a nation that prioritizes a healthy and safe environment of its working forces. The government should never neglect the safety and health of every Filipino who contributes to the country's economy. We stand together with the labor force in upholding the social welfare of Filipino workers, whether they are working within or outside the country.

- Enforce strict implementation of the labor laws for the social protection of workers.
- Implement the 50% overtime rate and one-month separation pay to protect workers from abuse.
- Provide workers with bigger pension and tax breaks.
- Ensure compliance of employers with Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Law, particularly Sec. 13 which requires an OSH Committee with representatives from among the workers.
- Ensure rights and protection of migrant and overseas Filipino workers by full implementation of the Migrant Workers Act.
- Strengthen protection mechanism for OFWs such as the establishment of functional Migrant's desks.
- Assess the compliance of countries receiving Overseas Filipino Workers with the guarantees in the amended Migrant Workers Act.
- Assess and monitor the compliance of labor recruiters with existing laws and policies and heavily penalize illegal recruiters.
- Ensure security and safety of overseas Filipinos.
- Provide sufficient information and safety nets to OFWs prior to their travel.
- Enhance the capability of migrant-serving agencies and consular officers on crisis preparedness and contingency planning.
- Increase funds for repatriation of migrant workers and OFWs in distress as mandated by RA 8042 or the Magna Carta for Overseas Filipinos and Migrant Workers Act of 1995, amended by RA 10022.
- Increase funding for reintegration programs for people formerly deprived of liberty.
- Implement a mandatory mental health training for the Occupational Health Safety and Human Resource personnel in the workplace.



KAPATIRAN

A united Filipino people that treats one another with respect, equality, solidarity, and acceptance of all.

Arts and Culture

Promotion of culture and heritage

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, pledge to preserve and promote Philippine culture and heritage. Our culture is the foundation of our identity as Filipinos. We call on the government to recognize the need to strengthen existing policies and push for programs that contribute in promoting our culture to the next generation.

- Create, strengthen, and support local cultural offices and promote the creation of cultural mapping in government projects.
- Integrate cultural governance in Knowledge Development Centers (KDCs) and raise awareness of these centers to the public.
- Popularize the Schools for Living Tradition (SLT) to preserve skills and traditions in culture and heritage.
- Give indigenous peoples the autonomy to teach their living tradition and culture.
- Increase the funding and strengthen monitoring for conservation initiatives and enacting policies to prevent attempts to demolish cultural and historical land areas and buildings.
- Expand inclusive cultural structures as civic spaces for dialogue and cultural exchange nationwide such as hubs for cultural education, entertainment, and tourism.
- Popularize and localize Philippine culture through integration in basic, technical, vocational, and higher education systems.
- Institutionalize use of mother-language instruction by building the capacity of teachers on Mother Tongue-based Multilingual education and the development and production of traditional, graphic, and teacher-made materials in major languages.
- Repeal CHED Memo No. 20 to retain Filipino language and dialects and Philippine Literature subjects in tertiary education.
- Strengthen the understanding and appreciation on Philippine languages and dialects.
- Ensure proper implementation of RA 7104 or the Commission on the Filipino Language Act Section 14 to translate laws according to local language.

Culture-sensitive governance and development

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, advocate for the advancement of the local culture and art industry in the Philippines through a culture-sensitive governance in the country. We believe that building infrastructures and crafting policies together with local artists, who are the main contributors to the development of our culture and heritage, are the fundamental steps towards a country with culture-sensitive governance

- Allocate a certain percentage of the budget for the conducting of needs assessments, consultations with local artists, towards the establishment of cultural infrastructure establishment of cultural infrastructure which shall include but not limited to people, technology, cultural collections, buildings, public art and parks.
- Establish Local Culture and Arts Councils and allocate Funding to establish offices for culture and arts in LGUs, with a mandate to protect and promote local cultural heritage and the arts.
- Establish and strengthen local ordinances on green spaces.

Empowered Filipino creativity as a tool for cohesion and driving force for culture-based industry and creative economy

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, invoke our creativity as our contribution to national development. We believe that every Filipino, when provided with resources and educated with relevant knowledge, can maximize their own creativity which can serve as an instrument for the emergence of a culture-based industry and creative economy in the Philippines.

- Mainstream art appreciation education through the government-initiated efforts including, but not limited to, seminars and workshops for all.
- Stimulate greater government and corporate support of culture and the arts that directly reaches artists and cultural workers by providing incentives for private support through tax deductible donations.
- Promote the creative industries as a reputable, high achievement, and high aspiration sector.
- Introduce creative entrepreneurship and management in the tertiary and higher education sector.
- Strengthen and enact art laws such as RA 8293: An Act Prescribing the Intellectual Property Code to support the creative economy and uphold artists' rights.

Equality and Social Protection

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, shall reclaim our humanity and dignity as human beings. Every Filipino — regardless of their identity, gender, language, social status and self-expression — should be respected, and be treated as equal and able members of the society. We shall not allow the normalization of any form of discrimination and violence to thrive in our country.

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, shall dismantle the barriers of political colors, regions, social status, religion, sex, language, ideology, and generations that have fragmented our nation. We shall rise against the worsening social divides through radical empathy and uphold our innate Filipino value of 'pakikipagkapwa'.

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, are one with the Filipino people - from the most ancient of roots to the youngest of its fruits, either we live and thrive together or not at all. We stand in solidarity against discrimination and cancelling out of others who are not like us, who have different beliefs, practices and culture.

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, fight to uphold the rights, freedoms and dignity of the marginalized sectors of our society.

We fight for our Indigenous Peoples: Let their lands and cultures be free from the violent greed of men and aggression of development. **We fight for our Farmers:** They who till and cultivate the land to provide our food must not suffer hunger and violence. **We fight for our Workers:** They who turn the gears of our industries to produce the goods and services we consume must have decent wages to afford the same products and services of their toils. **We fight for the Poor.** Those who suffer extreme poverty in the midst of plenty remain marginalized in the midst of democracy. Justice and the economy should not be elite property. It must be accessible and equitable for all. **We fight against gender discrimination and violence.** Women and people with diverse SOGIE are long tied in the cords of discrimination, violence and stigma because of who they are. We bravely stand in solidarity with their struggle for justice, acceptance, and equality. It is our duty, with our diversity as youth, to create a safe country that upholds and protects the rights of women and people with diverse SOGIE.

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, shall overcome the stereotyping and misconception of the youth as apathetic. We persist and pursue everyday actions that shall create ripples of change in our homes, schools, communities, and workplaces, within our families, friends and peers, online and offline.

We, the sovereign Filipino youth, shall defeat the attacks that strike the core of our humanity. We refuse to be bred as a generation that permits violence and intolerance as a way of life. We pledge to be warriors for solidarity, to be defenders of freedom, to be champions for equality and acceptance.

Identity, rights, and freedoms are equally recognized, protected and enjoyed

Workers

- Amend the Labor Code to strengthen the right to strike, and the right to form trade unions.
- Protect workers' rights to form and join labor unions and enact a Magna Carta for unionism.
- Ensure the right of workers to collective bargaining agreement.
- Remove restrictions that suppress workers' right to strike such as assumption of jurisdiction, and free egress-ingress.
- Make mandatory the formation of national unions in strategic line industries such as transportation, communication, and services.
- Enact the Freelancers Protection Act.

Farmers and Fisher folks

- Promote for the creation of a Magna Carta for Young Farmers.
- Implement a genuine agrarian program that will distribute for free or without amortization agricultural lands to landless farmers and agricultural workers.
- Ensure that all assets and benefits emanating from the coconut levy are given to Coconut farmers and farm workers.
- Provide small farmers and fisherfolks easy access to affordable loans.
- Ensure and protect land tenure security of agrarian reform beneficiaries.
- Fast-track resolution of agrarian-related cases.
- Protect farmers against any form of intimidation, harassment, abuse, and red-tagging.
- Strengthen the farmers cooperatives that will educate and capacitate their members and farming communities.

Teachers

- Promote and improve the working conditions of public school teachers and other school personnel.
- Ensure that the physical and emotional environments of teachers are conducive to learning and teaching.
- Increase the salaries and allowances of public school teachers.
- Enact a Magna Carta for Private School Teachers and Employees to ensure that they receive the same salary and benefits as their counterparts in public schools.
- Hire non-teaching personnel to take on additional especially administrative tasks.
- Prohibit the contractualization of teachers. (Private-regulatory agencies state that under-board should not be hired.)
- Ensure rights of teachers to organize and form strong and independent unions.
- Prohibit random mandatory drug-testing among teachers and other school personnel.
- Implement Mental Health Act Section 23 and 24 which integrates and promotes mental health in educational institutions.
- Protect members of unions from profiling, red-tagging, and disclosure of their personal information.

Urban and Rural Poor

- Ensure rightful and fair dialogue regarding entities for demolition involving infrastructure projects and the affected urban poor living in danger areas.
- Protect citizens from unjust evictions from their homes and enact a law that would criminalize illegal demolitions.
- Improve relocation sites with proper housing and utilities and access to a means of livelihood.
- Provide funding of urban poor livelihood programs and projects.
- Improve linkages with concerned government agencies for urban poor access to quality health services, proper education, free legal counselling, and basic facilities like water, electricity.
- Provide on-site, in-city, near-city resettlement programs for informal settler families (ISFs).

Indigenous Peoples

- Recognize the right to self-determination of Indigenous Peoples.
- Amend problematic provisions of the Indigenous People's Rights Act.
- Ensure respect and protection of indigenous peoples particularly in assertion of the right to ancestral domain by adoption or strengthening of just and appropriate policies and/or legal instruments at the national level.
- Oppose development projects that encroach upon ancestral domains.
- Recognize that the ancestral lands of indigenous peoples and their communities should be protected from activities that are environmentally unsound or that the indigenous people concerned consider to be socially and culturally inappropriate.
- Recognize and understand indigenous peoples' values, traditional knowledge and resource management practices with a view to promoting environmentally sound development.
- Conduct a participatory evaluation which will look into how the policies and programs of various agencies working on education and culture are anchored on indigenous learning and knowledge systems, traditional knowledge, indigenous cultures and values and indigenous worldviews and respect for the rights of indigenous peoples to self-determination and culture.
- Ensure genuine representation and instill reforms in the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples to better perform its role and mandate.
- Improve process of registration of land titles of IP's ancestral lands.
- Provide sufficient funds for schools for indigenous peoples.
- Develop and establish a special curriculum intended for indigenous peoples.
- Stop penalizing home birthing in IP communities.
- Provide access to free and quality health care services.

Women

- Repeal Revised Penal Code provision on adultery and concubinage.
- Promote and accelerate women's political participation and representation in elective positions through the adoption of a gender quota and other temporary special measures.
- Strengthen law enforcement and protection against sexual offenses to women and expand the Anti-Sexual Harassment Law.
- Amend the Family Code of the Philippines to address inequality between spouses and ensure women's equal rights to marriage and family relations.
- Amend the Family Code provision on Legal Separation making violence and abusive conduct as grounds for legal separation and the recognition of sexual abuse.
- Amend Revised Penal Code on Prostitution and White Slave Trade to provide legal protection and support for its victims and shifting the criminal liability to those who exploit people in prostitution.
- Repeal Article 247 of the Revised Penal Code, which exempts a spouse/parent who inflicts serious harm or death upon the other spouse/minor daughter caught having sexual intercourse with another person.
- Push for the enactment of Divorce Law.
- Ensure women's equal access to education and work.

- Strictly enforce full implementation of the RH Law including adequate budget allocation.
- Implement a fully functional women's desk.
- Support and improve women's equal access to agricultural information and training, and ensure that mitigation and adaptation strategies to climate change meet the needs of women as well as men.
- Expand HIV services available to the LGBT+ community and women.
- Enact laws and institute reforms that would ensure access and equal representation of women in all decision and policy-making bodies of government and other fields of endeavor.
- Establish Gender and Development offices in public and private institutions.
- Pass the Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy Act.

LGBTQI+

- Certify as urgent the passage of the SOGIE Equality Bill that recognizes and protects the rights of all regardless of sexual orientation.
- Enact Anti-Discrimination ordinances at the local and national levels.
- Include gender representation in peace talks and other public consultations.
- Enforce policies and programs that prevent misogyny.
- Institutionalize SOGIE education in schools, and in public and private institutions.
- Uphold and assert the DepEd order No. 32 series of 2017 (Gender-responsive education policy) to protect students of public and private elementary, junior and senior high schools from discriminatory policies such as mandatory uniform and haircut policies.
- All establishments must provide gender-neutral restrooms where transgender and gender-non-conforming people are allowed to use whichever they feel comfortable.
- Legislate a law that recognizes the right of transgender and non-conforming people on asserting their gender identity through changing their legal gender.
- Strengthen and protect LGBTQIA+ community from mandatory HIV-AIDS testing and public disclosure of their HIV status.
- Penalize institutions and employers that discriminate against employees based on their SOGIE.
- Grant same-sex couples the same adoption and custody rights as heterosexual couples enjoy.
- Allow the legalization of same-sex civil union and amend the Family Code to allow same-sex marriage.
- Ensure proper representation of the members of the LGBTQ+ community in the media by avoiding stereotypical depiction of them.

Youth

- Enact comprehensive legislation to protect and promote student's rights and welfare.
- Strengthen the implementation of the Anti-Hazing Law.
- Intensify the DepEd campaign for schools to be peace zones.
- Demilitarize schools occupied by the military.
- Ensure proper and genuine implementation of the free education.
- Institutionalize and enact genuine reforms in the Sangguniang Kabataan.
- Amend Senate Bill 0172 to expand the Abot-Alam Program Act of 2016 to make it more comprehensive.
- Enact a bill creating mobile classrooms in the rural areas.
- Strengthen youth participation in community and youth development activities, such as in planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating youth programs and projects.
- Integrate the youth agenda and concerns in local and national development plans.
- Prevent mandatory drug-testing among the youth.
- Strengthen the implementation of Mental Health Law to include, HIV Policies Act, and Reproductive Health Act on youth.

Artists and Cultural Workers

- Strengthen the implementation of the Act Providing for the Welfare Protection of Artists and Cultural Workers.
- Protect and promote the rights of artists and cultural workers (e.g., conservationists) to be considered as persons actually engaged in cultural work and to benefit from all legal, social and economic advantages pertaining to the status of workers.
- Spread nationwide awareness on the provisions of RA 10066 (National Cultural Act Heritage Act of 2009) to ensure the benefits and incentives of artists and cultural workers.
- Ensure that cultural workers and artists receive just compensation and benefits.
- Amend and strengthen the implementation of the RA 8293 (Intellectual Property) to protect the intellectual property rights of artists and cultural workers.

Protection from abuse, exploitation, and all forms of violence

- Implement programs, policies and mechanisms to ensure safe spaces for women, LGBT+, children, and PWDs.
- Prevent and prosecute every form of gender-based discrimination and violence.
- Ensure full implementation of VAWC.
- Amend the Anti-Rape Law, pursuant to the CEDAW recommendation to capitalize “lack of consent” on the part of the victim as an element of the crime, instead of the element of “just force, threat or intimidation.”
- Push for progressive amendments in the current anti-rape law, such as the equalization of legal protection for both boy and girl child victims and the removal of the forgiveness clause in cases of marital rape.
- Prevent hate crimes and prosecute perpetrators.
- Ensure responsible reporting of suicide cases in both traditional and digital media.
- Strengthen cyber security through capacity and capability building of the organization and personnel; campaign and public awareness; implementation of strong laws, policies and regulations; and creation of cyber-forensic laboratories in different regions.

Protection of communities in conflict-affected or vulnerable areas

- Provide sustainable rehabilitation and resettlement assistance to internally displaced persons in conflict areas.
- Ensure free and safe passage of humanitarian assistance to displaced communities from their homes due to human-made and natural calamities.
- Ensure that displaced families returning to their homes have their land and property restituted and implement effective mechanisms for resolving land disputes.
- Ensure that the rights of the IP communities are protected from exploitation and violence perpetrated by the military and paramilitary personnel.

Protection of people in vulnerable situations

Children

- Ensure implementation of free, efficient and effective birth registration for all children.
- Maintain 15 years old as minimum age of criminal responsibility.
- Fully implement the Juvenile Justice Law regarding protection of the rights of children in conflict with the law (CICL) and children at risk (CAR).
- Strictly enforce policies against child labor.
- Properly implement and monitor RA 9231 (“Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act”) and ensure child workers’ education are not compromised.
- Raise the age to determine statutory rape in the Philippines from 12 to at least 16 years old.

- Enact the Positive Discipline Law and ban all forms of corporal punishment of children.
- Enforce laws and policies to end child, early and forced marriage.
- Ensure inclusive education for differently abled children.
- Strengthen education and prevention efforts on human trafficking and online sexual exploitation and abuse of children.

Persons with Disabilities

- Put in place a conducive physical environment to ensure accessibility to public transportation.
- Provide auxiliary support services.
- Standardize measures to ensure safety and inclusion of PWD concerns in DRRM
- Review and amend existing accessibility laws and policies.
- Ensure an education system that is inclusive to the needs of PWDs.
- Create a standardized logo that recognizes disability as not only found physically.

Senior Citizens

- Instill measures and policies for voluntary retirement.
- Enforce a pension program that is adjusted to the needs of times.
- Expand available services for senior citizens.
- Increase and ensure implementation of a universal social pension program and livelihood opportunities for senior citizens.
- Enact aged care law to set out rules for a government-funded aged care.

Amidst adversity, we, the sovereign Filipino youth, stand together to brave the challenges of our generation and our future.

We, the youth of this generation, are in the penumbra of history. We chose to step out of the shadows and seek the light. We welcome our tempestuous awakening.

We, the youth, shall never surrender our future. Our collective courage shall wield a Philippines that we want, that we deserve and that we will fight for, together.

We, the youth, will wield a future of this nation where rights and freedoms are upheld, guaranteed and protected, where democracy works to benefit the lives of the people, and citizens are empowered to contribute to building a better world.

We are the youth. We are the future.

#WeTheFuturePH was born out of the Heroes Hub Youth Fellowship Program of DAKILA through its Active Vista Center. It was incubated at the Heroes Hub Youth Empowerment Summit 2018 and was nurtured through the series of youth camps, assemblies, consultations, conferences and meetings of youth leaders and various youth groups nationwide. It expanded and grew through its partnership with youth organizations such as the Center for Youth Advocacy and Networking (CYAN), the SDSN Youth, the Coalition for Better Education in Cebu, the Malabon Youth Council, the Bacolod Student Councils Federation, Amnesty International-Youth, Youth for Rights, Youth for Human Rights and Democracy, Youth Resist, Akbayan Youth, Human Rights Youth Action Network, and many other like-minded youth leaders and youth groups. In July 2019, #WeTheFuturePH was finally established through a National Youth Conference as a movement of young people for human rights and democracy.

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DAKILA – Philippine Collective for Modern Heroism is an organization of artists, cultural and development activists, students, young professionals and individuals building a movement of heroism towards social transformation. DAKILA was founded in 2005 by multi-awarded writer Lourde de Veyra, musician Noel Cabangon, actor Ronnie Lazaro, Parokya ni Edgar bassist Buhawi Meneses and the comedian Tado Jimenez. DAKILA cultivates one’s innate heroism, organizes communities of heroes and creatively fosters social involvement by building one’s capacity to make change, influencing individuals and groups to be part of the movement for change, and taking on advocacies and social concerns to bring about strategic actions that make real change.

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