

UN World Interfaith Harmony Week

2022

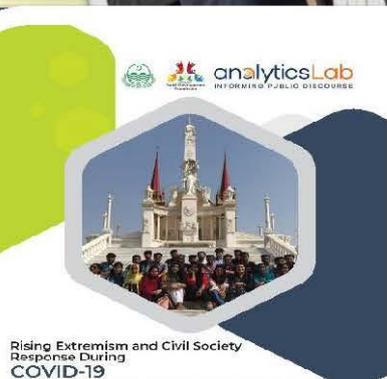


Youth Development
Foundation



WEBINAR

In the name of Peace: Webinar organized by YDF
with Diverse religious Leaders to amplify
the concept of interfaith harmony



Rising Extremism and Civil Society
Response During
COVID-19

A CASE STUDY OF PAKISTAN

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Celebrating

UN World Interfaith Harmony Week

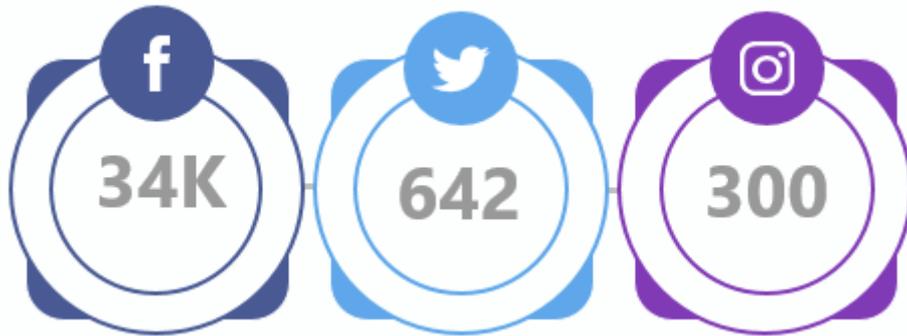
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Social Media Campaign

YDF Initiated numerous activities to promote interfaith harmony and peaceful co-existence and contribute to UN World Interfaith Harmony Week. A dedicated social media campaign to promote interfaith harmony among the masses was one of the activities that heeded the people at a larger scale.



YDF has reached around 35K people of diverse religious backgrounds through its social media handles and disseminated the message of religious harmony.

Diversity Visits & Plantation for Peace Lahore

To celebrate diversity and disseminate the message of interfaith harmony, Youth Development Foundation (YDF), in close coordination with the Ministry of Human Rights, Minorities Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Punjab, hosted a diversity tour of religious places of different religions, including Hinduism, Sikhism, Islam, and Christianity. Twenty (male and female) young peacemakers from diverse religious backgrounds like Muslim, Sikh, Hindu, and Christian to be part of this diversity tour with a vision to promote togetherness and contribute to UN World Interfaith Harmony Week.

**Shiri Krishna
Mandir**
(HINDU
RELIGIOUS PLACE)



Participants at Shiri Krishna Mandir knowing about Hinduism and its preaching of peace and harmony

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Group photo of young peacemakers at Shiri Krishna Mandir



**Samadhi Raja
Ranjeet Singh**
(SIKH RELIGIOUS
PLACE)



Balbir Singh sharing about Sikhism and its preaching of peace and harmony

**Gurdwara
Dera Sahib**
(SIKH RELIGIOUS
PLACE)



Young peacemakers' group photo at Samadhi of Raja Ranjeet Singh

Royal Mosque
(MUSLIM
RELIGIOUS PLACE)



Abu Bakar addressed the questions of participants and removed their myths about Islam



Royal Mosque

(MUSLIM
RELIGIOUS PLACE)



Group photo of young peacemakers at "Badshahi Masjid" Royal Mosque, Lahore

**RAIWIND
DIOCESE CHURCH**
(CHRISTIAN
RELIGIOUS PLACE)



Pastor Saleem Khokhar addressed the questions of young

**RAIWIND
DIOCESE CHURCH**
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Group photo of young peacemakers at Raiwind Diocese Church Lahore



YDF & Analytics Lab' Virtual Launch of Case Study on "Rising Extremism and Civil Society Response in Pakistan amid COVID19"

YDF and Analytics Lab, with mutual collaboration, has gathered facts and developed a case study on Civil Society Response in Pakistan amid COVID19. The study was launched to showcase the civil society efforts of countering the trends of Sectarianism, Hate, and Discrimination and promoting interfaith and inter-sect harmony among the communities of diverse faiths. Ministry of Human Rights, Minorities Affairs and Interfaith Harmony supported this launch, and Minister Ejaz Alam Augustine joined as a speaker, thanked YDF and AL for portraying the social realities and civil society support to the government in addressing these facts.

Launching Ceremony of the Study on Rising Extremism and Civil Society Response During COVID-19

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**EJAZ ALAM
AUGUSTINE
(MINISTER
MOHRMA)**





In the Name of Peace – Webinar Live on Facebook

YDF organized a webinar with the youth of diverse religious backgrounds to amplify the concept of interfaith harmony. The event contributed to the UN World Campaign of Interfaith Harmony by promoting the importance of interfaith harmony for sustainable co-existence.

YOUNG PEACEMAKERS FROM DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS BACKGROUNDS DISSEMINATED THE MESSAGE OF PEACE AND INTERFAITH HARMONY



(PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE JOINED THE SESSION)





Christian Youth Empowerment Program Kick-off

Youth Development Foundation (YDF) collaborated with the Catholic Youth Ministry Archdiocese of Lahore and kicked off the Christian Youth Empowerment Program (CYEP) at St Ignatius Parish Samnabad Lahore. The main objective of this program was to empower the youth from religious minorities and impart the knowledge of social entrepreneurship that can support them in addressing the needs/issues of their community. Fr. Yousuf Yaqoob- Director of Catholic Youth Ministry, orientated the youth about Catholic Youth Ministry Archdiocese. Executive Director - Youth Development Foundation Mr Shahid Rehmat conducted the session and trained them on social Entrepreneurship skills. Fr Joseph Shahzad- Parish Priest delivered the session on Youth in Bible.



CHRISTIAN YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM CYEP

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 05, 2022

**ST. IGNATIUS PARISH SAMANABAD
LAHORE**



The sessions aimed to encourage youth from Christian minorities to participate in social entrepreneurship and learn and practice focusing on transforming society with limited resources. More than 100 participants attended the event.



Youth from marginalized religious minorities designed social action projects after attending the session on social entrepreneurship





Press Conference to show solidarity for interfaith harmony

At the end of the UN World International Interfaith Harmony Week, YDF held an important press conference at DGPR. Minister for Human Rights and Minority Affairs and Interfaith Ejaz Alam Augustine, MPA Uzma Kardar, Archbishop Sebastian Shaw, Sardar Gurmeet Singh, Roshn Kumari, Shahid Rehmat Executive Director, Prof Syed Mahmood Ghaznavi and others were present on occasion. Addressing the media, the provincial minister and other dignitaries emphasized the importance of interfaith harmony among the communities of Punjab.

MINISTER EJAZ
ALAM AUGUSTINE
ADDRESSING IN
THE PRESS
CONFERENCE



The dignitaries acknowledged that the role of the Youth Development Foundation in promoting love and peace is commendable.



Coming Soon

**Youth Development Foundation will be hosting
2nd Punjab Tolerance Summit 2022**