Edito - 10 years of action all together

Jean-Marc Delaporte, Vice-President LP4Y Alliance

“It is a moving experience, writing the editorial for this 17th newsletter to mark LP4Y’s 10th anniversary. On July 4th, 2009, five of us signed the act creating LP4Y in France and Belgium. Our ambition was clear, and we had no idea what lay ahead. Now, 10 years later, over 3,000 of you have joined us to support LP4Y in 11 countries, with 15 organizational structures. Youth, partners, catalysts, members, administrators; together you have played your part, often daily, in this wonderful movement for total Youth inclusion. You got involved, wherever you were, working to change attitudes towards exclusion; you have been generous, ensuring we had the means to realize our projects; some of you have given a year or more of your lives to volunteer in the field; you have chosen to change yourself, to make tomorrow’s world open to all; you have chosen to get involved because concrete action is what’s needed if we are to build tomorrow’s world. Ten years of experiences - of painful failures and phenomenal successes, ten years of action, All Together. We thank each and every one of you.”

LP4Y AND THE UNITED NATIONS

11 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN COMMON

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\text{Zero hunger} & \text{Clean water and sanitation} \\
\text{Quality education} & \text{Affordable and clean energy} \\
\text{Decent work and economic growth} & \text{Reduced inequalities} \\
\text{Sustainable communities and cities} & \text{Climate action} \\
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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENTS

• Thierry Delaporte, President LP4Y Alliance
  “2018 was marked by the rise of LP4Y Alliance, a unifying structure that brings together the different LP4Y subsidiaries worldwide, from Senegal to the USA. What a joy to be able to exchange, share and catalyze! In this anniversary year, we remain more than ever inhabited by the same ambition: to serve the development of the LP4Y movement and to reinforce its means of acting in the service of the inclusion of excluded Youth.”

• Lucie Taurines, President LP4Y Paris
  “2018 was a pivotal year for LP4Y, and a year in which we began planning projects for France. In 2019 these projects will become reality and LP4Y will be truly anchored in France; firstly as an association, with accreditation as a VSI sending organization, seeking and training our own volunteers in partnership with MEAE; then, with the opening of the LP4Y Lab in the troubled Paris suburbs, providing an incubator for Young entrepreneurs and a training center for LP4Y instructors; next, applying for the IDEAS label, which testifies to NGO good practices; and last but not least, the big event of 2019 - the LP4Y Agora on October 5-6 during which we will plan for the next 10 years. Our movement marches on!”

• Laurent Grandet, CEO LP4Y USA
  “In 2018, the LP4Y USA team managed to raise $800K thanks mainly to the success of the Gala, and created a new team in Manhattan, adding fresh impetus and energy to the dynamism of the original team in Westchester. 2019 got off to a great start, thanks to the success of our latest Gala which raised $740K. The teams are very excited about the decision to create a New York Lab, which we hope to open before the end of the year. Over the next 10 years, the American team will continue to be a major fundraising force for LP4Y, but also aims to head up centers in Latin America, thanks to the New York Lab.”

• Alexis Vagany, President LP4Y England
  “In 2018 LP4Y was officially registered as a charity in England, after a long and humbling process. In 2019, for the first time, LP4Y England will be in a position to fund the extension of the Green Village of Calauan in the Philippines. Finally, we are convinced that over the next decade we will be able to touch thousands of London-based foundations and individuals to support the extraordinary expansion of LP4Y beyond its current existing programs.”

• Geoffroy de Valence, President LP4Y Lille
  “2018 was a record year in Lille for creating partnerships with family and friends. In 2019 we will continue to offer a variety of almost monthly events aimed at appealing to a diverse population. Over the next 10 years we plan to make our events an integral part of life in the North, and to increase the number of team members choosing to play an active part in the field.”

• Pauline de Valence, President LP4Y Lyon
  “2018 was a good year, with the team working well to organise new projects. Members remember the highlights: a partnership with the Conservatoire de Lyon to present LP4Y and the new album, with outstanding performances from young musicians from the Conservatoire; “La Cours des Héros” (a highly successful charity run); cocktails with Mållky skiftes; meeting future volunteers before they head off, etc. In 2019 we hope to rise to the challenge, continuing to organise successful events like these, and retaining the interest of our supporters. We are particularly excited about a tennis tournament to benefit LP4Y. Our new team members will enable us to develop new partnerships in the region.”

• Bernard de Longevialle, LP4Y Yvelines
  “The LP4Y team in the Yvelines was thrilled to get involved working for the professional inclusion of Youth through the music album “Audacious” on which two young jazz pianists generously shared their talent. In 2019 we will continue working on behalf of excluded Youth through theatrical, musical and artistic events. We are inspired to change the world by our belief that all Youth across the world can find and express their talents.”

• Jean-Marie Demeure, President LP4Y Luxembourg
  “In 2018 LP4Y acquired ONGD status in Luxembourg (non-governmental and business development organization) in recognition of our work in the field. Our new status was confirmed by successful advocacy on behalf of the Youth with a series of 3 “Agora 4 Youth” Round Tables organised by Y4CN: Firstly “Who are Luxembourg’s excluded Youth? And what next?”; secondly “The entrepreneurial spirit: a tool for Youth Inclusion?”; and a third event to discuss Training, to end the series. Our actions in the months and years to come will be marked by our determination to be a motor for Youth inclusion, close cooperation with organisations and associations in Luxembourg, once again our participation in the development of the Alliance’s projects.”

• Lionel de Somer, President LP4Y Belgium
  “LP4Y Belgium, its members, donors and board are proud to support the courageous Youth who undertake this journey of becoming entrepreneurs and catalysts of change in their own lives. During these transformative years for our local association, one thing remains: our admiration for these exceptional Young adults.”

• Roxane Durand, coordinator Vietnam
  “In 2018, LP4Y Vietnam launched YIN in Ho Chi Minh City, in Hanoi, the center has evolved with the creation of a second program and the opening of a Women’s Entrepreneurs’ House, welcoming endangered Young women from ethnic minorities. In 2019 we will launch the Green Village project in the Mekong Delta, and a program dedicated to empowering Deaf and Mute Young Adults in Ho Chi Minh City. For the next ten years, LP4Y will turn its focus towards Youth living in the countryside, where access to education, especially for Youth from ethnic minority groups or those who are differently abled, is very limited. Environmental and climate change also presents a growing challenge for the population, and directly concerns the younger generation. Digital communication will play an important role in providing Youth in these rural excluded areas with access to training opportunities and guidance in their search for decent work.”

• Pauline Delaporte, coordinator Nepal
  “When you take LP4Y to a new country, you start by building the network. The connections we make give us our roots and ensure our strength. We are currently working to open LPC Jagirinagar to provide training to 40 Young mothers. In a few months we plan to open a Green Village, providing training to Youth from rural communities across Nepal. In a few years we hope to have enough expertise to train actors wishing to engage in Youth Professional Integration.”

• Thais Lune, coordinator Philippines
  “Thanks to a strong ecosystem surrounding the Youth, we have been able to launch many new projects in the Philippines. It is impressive to see how 10 years’ experience and a team full of energy and dedication can face all these new challenges. 2019 will be the year to bring these projects to reality while supporting the initiatives of the Stars Club and the Youth Inclusion Network. These networks need to be fully encouraged as they are growing actors for Youth professional integration.”

• Clémentine Turgeon, coordinator India
  “In 2018 we observed the incredible energy of the volunteers as they accompanied the Youth, developing the LPCs and the surrounding ecosystem. In 2019 there will be four new buildings allowing us to create new programs and accompany over 400 Youth per year. “Challenge accepted” by LP4Y in this ever-changing country with increasing inequality.”

• Roch Alaguillaume, coordinator Indonesia
  “With a growing network of partners and a real anchoring in the local community of Cilincing, 2018 in Indonesia confirmed the strength of LP4Y’s model. In 2019, the challenge will be to expand the ecosystem to other areas in Indonesia, while strengthening the professional integration of the Youth.”

• Thierry Delaporte, coordinator India
  “In 2018 LP4Y India launched YIN in Luxemburg, and our participation in the Green Village in the Philippines. 2019 will be the year to bring these projects to reality while supporting the initiatives of the Stars Club and the Youth Inclusion Network. These networks need to be fully encouraged as they are growing actors for Youth professional integration.”

• Pol Robert, coordinator Myanmar
  “After opening in Nepal in 2018, in 2019 it’s the turn of Myanmar; a country nearly the size of France, with a population of 55 million. There is great inequality, and large segments of the population are excluded. In addition to creating the first LPC in Yangon, the team must explore, reach out, share, create and make change happen!”
GLOBAL SITUATION

IN THE WORLD

1.2 BILLION
Youth are between 15 and 24 years

1.2 BILLION

1 OUT OF 2
is suffering from malnutrition, illness or violence.

1 OUT OF 2

$1.9/DAY
corresponds to the poverty line under which will live

1 billion Young people in 2025.

TO Respond to this Emergency

A group of friends, entrepreneurs and Youth, in Europe, Asia and United States, have created Life Project 4 Youth, a movement that is 100% dedicated to the integration of Youth coming from extreme poverty and exclusion.

Exclusion Factors

Youth living in extreme poverty, in slums, in rural or remote areas, Youth with disabilities, orphans, victims of domestic violence, in prison or ex-prisoners, single Young mothers, migrants and refugees.

Motivation

is the first criteria to integrate a program.
LP4Y PROGRAM

17 YOUTH + 1 COACH

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING
FOR ENTREPRENEUR

Educational path of 9 months of apprenticeship, then 3 months of support to employment. It is based on 3 pillars:

20% GUIDE
Personal development, Life Project Plan (LPP).

30% LEARN
Remedial academics and the development of business-essential skills: English, IT, communication etc.

50% WORK
Creation, development, and management of a micro-economic initiative.

LIFE PROJECT MONEY

Living in extreme poverty, the Youth receives a weekly allowance that allows her/him to concentrate on following the program. The purpose of this allowance is to provide financial support for the primary needs, and to save money which will be indispensable for start her/his professional life. The Youth’s savings are managed with the support of the coach.

ABOUT $3.6 PER DAY
This is the double of the poverty line, but still remains below the minimum wage paid locally.

Provides the opportunity for the most excluded Youth to follow the PTE and get out of extreme poverty.

4 KEY STEPS - THE YOUTH BECOMES:
- **Autonomous**: S/he discovers team work, what is professional behavior. S/he begins to elaborate his Life Project Plan.
- **Responsible**: S/he is valued by taking charge of missions within the team.
- **Manager**: S/he becomes an example for others, animates the team and transfers her/his know-how.
- ** Entrepreneur**: S/he leaves the center, looks for a job and joins the professional world.

FIELDS OF ACTIVITY:
- NUTRITION
- COMMUNITY SERVICE
- ENVIRONMENT
- HEALTH
- SPORT

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L’ALLIANCE LP4Y

The Alliance is LP4Y’s guiding arm, whose role is to direct, guide and authorize the creation of new LP4Y organizations. The LP4Y Alliance is managed by a board of directors made up of the presidents and vice-presidents of the LP4Y organizations and the co-founders. LP4Y organizations provide their donors with tax deductions established in their countries. The LP4Y organizations have 3 missions:

- **To advocate** on behalf of Young adults who are victims of exclusion.
- **To accompany** excluded Young adults towards social and professional integration through entrepreneurship.
- **To encourage** all entrepreneurial initiatives in favor of vulnerable Youth (coaches training, YIN, Y4CN, LP4Y Lab, ...)

Implanted near slums, the Life Project Centers bring the favorable conditions to the social and professional development of the Youth. In each, one or more programs between 15 and 20 Young people work together on the development of a micro-economic activity.

The LP4Y Alliance is a group of local autonomous humanitarian organizations which share LP4Y’s projects in 11 countries.

11 COUNTRIES IN THE ALLIANCE

- USA
- Luxembourg
- Belgium
- Philippines
- Vietnam
- India
- France
- England
- Indonesia
- Nepal
- Myanmar

1,851 YOUTH

+ 600 STARS the alumni network

+ 300 CATALYSTS

+ 200 PARTNERS

15,000 PEOPLE POSITIVELY IMPACTED

A Youth who comes out of extreme poverty benefits on average 8 people around her/him (family, friends, neighbors, ...).

44 PROGRAMS IN 22 LIFE PROJECT CENTERS

Participate in the training of Youth by various ways: internships and jobs, company visits, trainings, mock interviews, financial or in-kind donations, ...

Companies, universities, NGOs, administrations, ... all are committed to the inclusion of Youth.

On the field, benefit from housing, reimbursement of mission expenses and a monthly allowance.

Actively support Youth currently in the programs (testimonials, trainings, sharing of good practice, ...).

Commit to contracts of 1, 2, 3 years or more.

Organize regular events (dinners, galas, ...).

Youth join the Stars Club of the center once the program is over.

Youth Inclusion Network / Yin

Developed in the Philippines and Vietnam, the YIN is a network of companies committed to the integration of Youth from extreme poverty and exclusion.

www.YINglobal.org

Youth 4 Change Network / Y4CN

Network of organizations working for the inclusion of Youth through exchange actions and reflections of good practices.

www.y4cn.org

LP4Y LAB

Hub and development center for projects with innovative solutions in Youth inclusion, more on p.9.

+ 1,851 YOUTH

STARS

the alumni network

CATALYSTS

+ 300

+ 600

+ 200

+ 15,000 PEOPLE

POSITIVELY IMPACTED

Implanted near slums, the Life Project Centers bring the favorable conditions to the social and professional development of the Youth. In each, one or more programs between 15 and 20 Young people work together on the development of a micro-economic activity.

The Life Project Centers network of organizations working for the inclusion of Youth through exchange actions and reflections of good practices.
The professional and social integration of excluded Youth is a challenge. The LP4Y model implanted since 10 years allows to witness the incredible and courageous journey of thousands of Youth:

**Integration** in the professional world in local or international companies.

**Positive influence** of Youth around them. They become actors of change in their community.

**Social inclusion in the decent world** (access to housing, education, health, paid and legal work, freedom,...) for the Youth out of poverty and their relatives.

### Key data

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1 “Youth currently in LPC” refers to the Youth who are currently being trained in a LPC or a Green Village. The increase in 2018 is thanks to the opening of 5 new centers and 8 programs. With launching of new centers and Green Villages in 2019, LP4Y will have accompanied more than 2,600 Youth by the end of 2019.

2 The “Youth in Entrepreneurship” are in the last stage of the program. They do their first long-term internship or their first job. Youth are accompanied by their coach and must demonstrate their ability to find work to graduate from the program.

3 The “Integrated Youth” have completed the training, are employed or have demonstrated the ability to find a decent job. They are invited to join the Stars Club, LP4Y’s alumni network.

4 “No news” refers to the Youth who did not complete their training and with whom LP4Y has lost contact. It is hard to know whether they are currently living in stable circumstances.

→ 1,851 Youth accompanied towards the social and professional inclusion from 2009 to 2018.

→ Target 2019: 2,662 Youth accompanied by LP4Y (+ 38%).
Since 2009
Deployment in South Asia
- Philippines: 7 Life Project Centers, 1 Green Village
- Vietnam: 3 Life Project Centers, 1 Green Village
- Indonesia: 1 Life Project Center

Since 2014
Deployment in Southeast Asia
- India: 7 Life Project Centers, 1 Green Village
- Nepal: 1 Life Project Center

Coming in 2019-2020: Myanmar, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka

From 2019
Deployment LP4Y Lab
- Pilot projects in Paris and New York

From 2020
Launch of Mediterranean zone
- Lebanon and Egypt from February 2020
LP4Y DIGITAL

Digital and new technologies represent a real boom in Asia. More and more jobs require computer skills and enhanced IT literacy. To respond to this changing professional world, LP4Y, in 2018, committed to a three-year digital scheme based on three pillars:

1. All the Life Project Centers are equipped with one connected server and at least 15 new computers.
2. Each Youth enrolled in PTE has an email address and access to the cloud.
3. LP4Y is developing with its partners an interactive mobile app:
   - E-learning
   - Job search and career opportunities
   - Networking

LP4Y Digital, an offer available for thousands of Young adults as of 2021.

LP4Y LAB

LP4Y’s experience over the past 10 years, working with thousands of Youth in Asia has given it the strength to develop a Lab in the Paris area in 2019, with another one planned near New York. LP4Y Labs are development centers for innovative solutions to accompanying at risk Youth to social and professional inclusion. There are three main missions:

1. Recruitment, trainings and sending in mission of Youth inclusion specialists.
2. Training the Trainers for the inclusion of at risk Youth.
3. Incubators of entrepreneurial projects with a strong impact on Youth inclusion.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA

Following the successful development of LP4Y projects in South and Southeast Asia, several Development Agencies have encouraged the development of projects in countries around the Mediterranean. From Morocco to Iraq, the Mediterranean zone comprises more than 100 million excluded Youth. Most of the countries have undergone major changes during recent years and face issues such as massive Youth unemployment, cross-country migration, urban migration, radicalization or legal exclusion (refugees).

The suburbs of the big cities of the east and south of the Mediterranean region are overwhelmed by hundreds of thousands of refugees, migrants, displaced people... when nobody knows what will happen on the short and mid term period. With 22 centers in 11 countries, nearly 50 programs of Youth inclusion, LP4Y becomes a key player. LP4Y plans to expand into this new region, creating a strong and active integration ecosystem with partners such as companies and governments units. Starting in October 2019, the LP4Y team based in Lebanon will survey the region in details: Youth in danger, mapping of the very poor areas, potential partners.... The launching of the first project is scheduled for early 2020 in order to adapt the LP4Y pedagogy replication to the field reality.
TWO LEARNING METHODS

LP4Y has created two pedagogical tracks for the professional insertion of excluded Young adults, based on the principle of learning through entrepreneurship.

The Youth are fully accompanied as they build their professional projects, gain an understanding of their personal qualities and develop social and professional skills. On graduating, the Youth are fully qualified to take on and keep a decent job, allowing them to improve their own living standards and those of their families. LP4Y, in particular the Stars Club, continues to support them in their professional integration. The LPC and Green Village pedagogies both respond to local needs, specifically by creating integration ecosystems, developed in partnership with the Youth and for the Youth, bringing together private companies from all sectors, civil society organizations, public institutions and local government authorities.

**LIFE PROJECT CENTER - LP4Y’S PEDAGOGICAL TRACK ADAPTED TO THE NEEDS OF YOUTH IN URBAN ZONES**

- 5 days a week, 8 hours a day, for 9 months. The Youth living in neighboring slums come to the center every day to follow Professional Training for Entrepreneurs.
- 3 pedagogical pillars: LEARN, WORK and GUIDE.
- 3 training steps: Autonomy (2 months), Responsability (3 months), Management (4 months) + 1 Entrepreneurship step (3 months) during which the Youth are monitored at their new jobs.
- 17 Youth per team: each center houses 2 to 3 teams that are called programs and manage 2 to 3 micro-economic activities.
- 1 coach per program.

**GREEN VILLAGE - LP4Y’S PEDAGOGICAL TRACK ADAPTED TO THE NEEDS OF YOUTH IN RURAL AREAS**

- 7 days a week, 8 hours a day, for 3 months: the Youth live in the Green Village and work for the good of the local community during their free time.
- 2 pedagogical pillars: WORK and GUIDE.
- 1 key training step in the Green Village (3 months) + 1 Entrepreneurship step (3 months) during which the Youth are monitored at their new jobs.
- Supplement professionalizing training.
- 80 Youth per batch.
- 7 - 12 micro-businesses co-manage the Green Village.
- 10 coaches and technical experts.
- Local craftspeople work on construction of buildings.
- Training centers for trainers: local educators are trained in LP4Y pedagogy.
- Ecological model: Green Villages are eco-villages in which natural and traditional building methods are used, respecting the environment and with a view to creating a circular economy. This model benefits the local community for whom information sessions are organized to raise awareness.

Philippines, India and Vietnam

The buildings in the Calauan Green Village in the Philippines, started in 2013, are made of bamboo, while the Raipur Green Village in India, opened in 2018, takes its inspiration from traditional dried mud structures. In 2019 work began on the Green Village in the Mekong Delta. In the future, each country in which LP4Y has a presence will have several LPCs and at least 1 Green Village.
N owadays, the challenges of socio-economic development in Vietnam lie primarily in rural areas. The lack of local economy and employment opportunities causes migration toward cities. At the same time, Vietnam’s technical and vocational education and training system is not yet adequately focused on the country’s economic and social needs such as tourism, hospitality, IT and various other industries.

The Government of Vietnam has put vocational training and employment promotion at the heart of its development goals but the quality of the training remains low, the students can’t speak English and lack soft skills.

MORE THAN 30 PARTNERS INTERESTED

The Green Village Can Tho with its 3-month pedagogy will bridge this gap with soft-skilled Youth ready to enter the job market.

The Mekong Delta, in the south of Vietnam, is a region with a low proportion of young university graduates or Youth with technical training. One of the regions, Can Tho, where the LP4Y team of catalysts has settled, is becoming a real hub with a developing economy. The services sector will need more and more qualified employees which will be a great opportunity for Youth in the region. Furthermore, sustainable development is essential in order to stop rising pollution and start implementing environmental-friendly practices in construction, lifestyle and business.

A permanent team settled in Can Tho in March 2019 and started mapping the zone to find a plot of land for the construction of the Green Village. The first network meeting with universities, NGOs and other institutions brought together more than 30 partners interested in developing synergies around the Green Village project. In September 2019, while the first batch of Youth begins professional training in a temporary building, the project of building an ecological Green Village will be launched.
LP4Y has developed a pilot project which complements the Indian government program “Skill India” facilitating access to decent work for rural Youth.

In July 2015, the Indian government launched “Skill India”, a national campaign to facilitate Youth access to short technical and professionalizing courses. Despite this policy, the level of professional integration after training is low. In Chhattisgarh, the majority of Youth are from farming families and live in rural areas. They have almost no contact with the professional working world and have not had an opportunity to evolve in a professional environment. Through partnership with the government and with centers for professional training, LP4Y accompanies the Youth as they work towards professional stability. A solid partner network and an intensive residential program with team of coaches mean that the Youth settle quickly into the program, taking responsibility, applying for jobs independently, having found employment, getting involved with the Stars Club and helping future batch to integrate.

A SUCCESSFUL, ACCELERATED PROFESSIONAL INTEGRATION PROGRAM

The Raipur Green Village opened in July 2018 on a land loaned to LP4Y by the State of Chhattisgarh. Construction of the eco-village will begin after the 2019 rainy season, with an emphasis on creating a circular economy and a positive environmental impact. Seven micro-businesses managed by the Youth will be responsible for construction of mud buildings using locally recognized techniques, a water treatment system, sorting of waste, energy self-sufficiency, local money and technical, monetary and food needs.

By May of 2019, the Raipur Green Village will have welcomed its fourth batch of Young adults from the villages across the Chhattisgarh state. By the end of their training period, 95% of the first batch had found decent work in a field corresponding to their professional project. And now, every 3 months a new batch graduates from the program. The Youth are gaining in professionalism thanks to the accompaniment of an experienced team, 100 professional educators have been trained in the Green Village pedagogy, and more than 50 local partners have joined forces with the project, including about 20 who have contributed directly to the professionalization of the Youth and their subsequent professional integration. In 2019, the Green Village will host monthly awareness events for the local community. The Youth often talk about belonging to a “big family”, putting into practice their sense of solidarity, respect and courage, standing together, helping each member to find a job and his or her place in society.

7 MICRO-BUSINESSES, MANAGED BY THE YOUTH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY

- **Eco Group**: landscape engineering, painting, electricity and plumbing
- **Bank of Saragreens**: managing the local currency (“Greens”) and banking for the other micro-businesses
- **Community C@fé**: cyber café, local commerce
- **Growth Makers**: village planning, designing structures and managing relations with building companies
- **Golden Earth**: construction of ecological mud buildings
- **Aja Khaja**: hospitality services (dormitories for the Youth and volunteers) and catering (3 meals a day)
- **Dream House**: furniture and fittings for the Green Village

July 2018

- 40 Youth accompanied
- 58 Youth accompanied since July 2018
I am from a middle class family. I started my career in 2006 and have work experience in various sectors. Working in LP4Y is an extraordinary feeling: since the beginning, LP4Y gave me a chance to use my experience for a very good cause. I started as a Community Mobilizer then I became Ecosystem Coordinator and now, Coach. It taught me how to be patient, to have faith and to believe in the work of self and others. Witnessing the development of 7 micro-companies gave me a different vision which is more meaningful, intercultural and ecological. Youth have a fighting spirit: they can bounce back from every hard situation of life. Once they motivate themselves, they can achieve so much. They are also fast learners; in less than 3 months, they managed to speak English and communicate. As Coach of the third batch, I had to learn sign language. 2 Youth are deaf and mute and I am actually very proud to have the chance to accompany them. More generally, I am proud of being a part of such a movement for a better India.

Ashish Gour, 31, Coach at the Green Village Raipur

The Raipur Green Village has been set up in the rural area of Saragaon, located 15 miles from the North-East of Raipur.
The Calauan Green Village, built using traditional methods, is the original model for the Green Villages currently being developed in other countries where LP4Y operates.

In Laguna Province in the Philippines, the Calauan Green Village was the first of such projects, and shows the powerful impact of the model and its relevance to the local population. Calauan, to the south of Manila, is a resettlement zone for thousands of families from the slums of the capital. Yet the area is severely lacking in infrastructure, and the environment presents multiple challenges (lack of employment opportunities, open rubbish dumps, pollution, illness). 50% of the Youth here fail to finish high school and often find their only options to be prostitution or life as a gang member.

A PROVEN, SUSTAINABLE MODEL

In 2013, in response to this emergency, LP4Y began construction of the Green Village, experimenting with technologies and life styles that respected nature and could be replicated by the local communities. Every day, 60 Youth and 21 instructor-workers work together building this extraordinary place, where already over 14 bamboo structures house for training sessions, catalysts accommodation, an IT classroom, workshops etc. There are currently three 20-Youth programs dedicated to the development of the Green Village:

- Eco-Construction, where the Youth, accompanied by local craftsmen, build bamboo structures using traditional techniques.
- Green Garden, relating to ecology: landscaping, water treatment, recycling, dry toilets, composting.
- Deco’Me, for the interiors (furniture and fittings) of the buildings on site.

At the end of 2019, the Green Village will open a new micro-economic activity for 80 Youth. They will follow a shorter, intensive training course, based on the Raipur Green Village model in India. A 460m² events area will be inaugurated for seminars and specialized events relating to professional insertion of Youth, social entrepreneurship and environmental protection. Six more structures will be built before the end of the year.

The success of the Calauan Green Village can be explained by the fact that the local community is both a participant and a beneficiary of the project. The village is a model for the Green Villages planned in other countries.

The Youth in the training build the bamboo houses and manage 2 hectares of the land of the Green Village.
“Before starting LP4Y I was taking care of my son and sometimes I was doing part time jobs to get an extra income. Then I heard about LP4Y from some of the Youths from Eco-Construction and I decided to join. I still have a few months in LP4Y before achieving my dream job and becoming a computer operator. Our main challenge in Eco-Construction is to build a Guest House by ourselves. It is the first time that we build a building without full time trainers helping us. That’s a lot more demanding as we are in charge of the planning and of all the decisions taken. My message to the Youth is don’t stop dreaming big and do everything you can to make come true. That’s what I try to do every day.”

Stéphanie Royola, 18, Management Step, Eco-Construction
Since 2011, the Tondo LPC welcomed hundreds of Young mothers from the slums alongside the Tondo port area, as they work their way towards social and professional inclusion.

Tondo: one of the most overpopulated slums in the Philippines capital of Manila. Squalor, violence, prostitution, addiction, etc.

Every day, 50 Young women attend the 3 programs which operate out of the Tondo center: Aurora creates and embroids items made of fabric, Bloom is a supplementary to Aurora with the production of baby toys and accessories, SoLareto installs and rents rechargeable lanterns fuelled by individual solar panels on roofs in the slums.

AN UPCOMING CENTER PROJECT

The micro-economic activities had a successful year in 2018. The Young women in the Aurora and Bloom programs rose to the challenge, meeting orders at short notice and under great pressure. The Youth at SoLareto presented their activity at the annual renewable energy “Solar Show” in Manila.

The Little Angel Nursery was developed by LP4Y for the babies and young children of the Young mothers at the Tondo center. This learning space for mothers and their children provides a necessary service allowing the Youth to commit to their training without worrying about childcare.

But space is now getting tight for the 3 program’s 50 Young mothers and their 20 to 25 children. A new project is under development in Tondo’s more northerly neighborhoods: the “Young Mothers’ House” will house all 3 programs as well as the nursery. And there will also be a space for the volunteers, and a couple of studio apartments for use in emergency, should any of the Young mothers find themselves in need.

GETTING FAMILY SUPPORT FOR PROFESSIONAL PROJECTS

Support of one’s family is essential to develop a professional project. To ensure that everyone is included, LP4Y organises awareness workshops for the Young women’s husbands or partners. In this way the men become part of the project and can even be ambassadors for these new work opportunities.
Mariechu Peralta, 23, Development of decent job opportunities

"Before I joined LP4Y, I was only a simple housewife that only depends to what my husband gives to me. I was also put down by my neighbours because they said a teenage mom cannot succeed in her dreams. One day, one of my friends encouraged me to join LP4Y. I learnt a lot of things: not only English and Computer skills but also how to be professional and how to become more independent. This was really what I wanted to become since I was a child. Now I am working for LP4Y. I am learning how to mobilize the community and to deal with the local government and companies. I realized that my real dream is being a woman who can help the community to grow and to be out of the poverty."
The Taguig LPC, South of Manila, is a meeting place for the Youth, LP4Y catalysts and partners.

The LP4Y Entrepreneurs’ House stands between two worlds: the world of the slums, and that of Manila’s business district. This provides multiple opportunities for the Youth and any partners who want to get involved to meet, discuss and share. Lots of professionals come to give training sessions and workshops. The proximity to businesses and universities allows the Healthy Corner team (the micro-economic activity operating from the center) to offer their services at events, supplying snacks prepared in the center’s professional kitchen.

In September 2019, a second team will launch a new program, providing catering services in response to demand from our partners, supplementing Healthy Corner’s existing offer.

Group picture on the roof of the center after a graduation.

Beverage making for the employees of Servier and a company visit at Shangri-la hotel.

Prescila A. Olores, 25, Entrepreneurship Step

“When I entered LP4Y, I was dreaming about having a successful life someday. Every time I saw some office workers, I dreamed to work inside the office too. I started to dream big, achieve more, and face all struggles everyday. Attendance is very important for me because I don’t want to miss any knowledge, accomplishments, guidance, and every challenges or moments with the team and the coach. Since I have joined LP4Y, everything has changed. Being directly in touch with customers effectively boost my confidence, communication skills and I learned how to run a business, gain more knowledge about the product to sell, I can manage to talk in front of you, other people.”
The LPC in Payatas - a neighborhood known for its open dumps - welcomes Young women and their children every day.

In early 2018 it became apparent that the neighborhood close to the center was becoming more prosperous, and that the poorest inhabitants had moved further away. So the center also moved, to Payatas, close to those most in need. Hundreds of trucks come every day to dump their tons of trash right close to where the locals live.

New partnerships and new techniques have been developed for the Fashion 4 Youth program (fabric printing). And we were so well received in Payatas that we decided to open a second program: the PayataSport Club.

As in the Tondo center, there is a nursery for the children of the Young mothers, allowing them to concentrate fully on the acquisition of new skills.

Nadège Iff, Positive impact and sustainability referent, Decathlon Philippines

"After 2 years of collaboration between LP4Y and Decathlon Philippines, it was sure that we would support PayataSport. It’s an ambitious project and the opportunity to develop our goal of "Making the pleasures and benefits of sport sustainably accessible to as many people as possible" for a population whose future will be transformed by discovering the value of sport. Financial support from the Decathlon Foundation will be necessary for the project’s development, less than 2 years after our first store opened in the Philippines. We must be sure to create a real win-win partnership with the involvement of Decathlon employees. Our role is also to develop a connection to the local ecosystem, encouraging some of our partners to commit to the sustainability of the program.”
The LPC is located nearby a dump, the Youth from Hear Us program opened Hear Us Cafe.

CAGAYAN DE ORO

The Hear Us House was created in 2012 in Iligan and transferred in 2017 to Cagayan de Oro. 35 Youth now come to the house every day.

The Cagayan de Oro LPC is close to the Carmen rubbish dump, near a neglected neighborhood in the south of the city. The Youth at Hear Us, originally from Iligan, are deaf and speech impaired, use sign language to communicate with the hearing Youth in the second program. The Youth from the two programs are working together to develop the Hear Us Cafe, a cafe terrace in the LPC which opens at weekends to offer quality catering and tasty desserts to visitors. Making connections, encouraging exchanges, learning to communicate differently; these are just some of the challenges that the two teams face every day. The LPC’s short term goals are to strengthen collaboration with local partners, and develop new partnerships with a management and hospitality training center.

Marry Christine Gomanoy’s family, 17 years old, Youth from Yummy program.

Regen Bacarro, 20, Entrepreneurship Step, Yummy

“I decided to join LP4Y because it’s a great opportunity to change my life. In my house, we are 8 people. Before I was running a small sari-sari store. I wanted more experience, I didn’t want to be stuck in my life, selling goods forever. Now I want to become a call center agent. Before I was childish. But when you deal with professional world, you have to be more serious. During the training, I gained a lot of knowledge, learned to be more comfortable, to boost my confidence and handle myself better.

To the Youth who are currently following the program, my message is: continue to reach for your dreams, never give up, be more responsible. Thank you coaches for giving your time and accompanying us.”
LP4Y Youth are busy creating two LPCs in the city jails of Lapu-Lapu, in Cebu, and of Iligan.

Lapu-Lapu and Iligan City Jails are prisons in which most inmates are awaiting trial. Behind these walls, prisoners are kept in dismal, overcrowded conditions, and can wait many years before being brought to trial. LP4Y has had a presence in these jails since 2013, offering Young inmates the chance to follow a program and thus prepare their future. The majority of acquitted Youth who graduate from these programs are successful in finding work on their release. This year, we’re trying something new, and opening a Training and Personal Development Center in these prisons. The aim is to offer themed training sessions to all inmates, in partnership with local actors (universities, professional training centers,…). In Cebu (Lapu-Lapu), over 200 inmates will be able to benefit from such training every day, and 80 in Iligan City.

The Youth become themselves the leaders of the organization of the trainings for all prisoners.

Ann Vestal, Teacher of Mandaue City school

“We got involved with LP4Y because we have a similar mission and that is to spread literacy among those who are in need. Since the College of Education department is molding its learners to be successful teachers then it would be a good avenue for the pre-service teachers to contribute and share knowledge with the Youth.

The LP4Y Youth are eager and willing to grasp new knowledge for their self-development. There is a lot of transformation occurring among the Youth especially those who were released and started their new journey applying all the knowledge they acquired from LP4Y, Alternative Learning System and University of the Visayas.”
For the Youth in MyCraft, 2019 will be a year of renewal as the center undergoes renovation, and with the development of a new activity related to tourism.

MyCraft was launched in Cebu in 2010, creating artisanal candles and bamboo candlesticks. Several hundred Youth have learned the basics of running a business and graduated from the program. Now, in 2019, the team is turning its sights to the tourism sector which is experiencing a boom in the area. The center is being renovated in order to welcome guests and offer Airbnb-type accommodation. The Youth will be in charge of welcoming visitors, preparing rooms and offering complementary services (tourist guide, airport shuttle, meals,...). This change of activity will provide the Youth with many job opportunities on the islands of Cebu and Mactan. The second, similar program, is due to open soon.

A graduation ceremony attended by members of the local community.

Rolyndon Bacus, 20, Management Step, MyCraft

“Before joining LP4Y, I was stand-by, helping my mother at home with the daily tasks. We are 7 people living in the house: my mother, father, nephews and nieces. My friend Junie talked to me about LP4Y and I decided to join the program. I want to become a computer technician or a programmer because I really like it and there is a high demand for IT jobs. Since I have joined LP4Y, I have improved my English and communication skills. I feel more confident. I have really learnt on how to be professional. Before, I always slept late at night. Now, I have a better daily routine. I go to bed early and wake up early. I hang out with my friends only on weekend. The new micro-economic activity is a challenge for all the team. We will gain more experience, and we will have more opportunities to find a job in the future.”
The environement of the Cilincing neighborhood and the Youth of Source of Life program.

CILINCING

The Youth at the Cilincing LPC are turning into real professionals, developing activities which improve living conditions for the local community.

Cilincing is a polluted neighborhood, one of the city’s poorest, stuck out in the North-East of Jakarta. The Youth live in illegal housing, have minimal education and are stuck in poverty through lack of access to decent jobs. Drinking unclean water has serious consequences for health. LP4Y has created a micro-economic activity called Source of Life, for water treatment and home delivery of clean drinking water. The cost of the service can be kept low for the community living in the slums near the center. The team of Youth perform outreach in the local community, particularly schools, raising awareness of the importance of drinking filtered water.

Matakita, the second program, offers prescription glasses for people suffering from farsightedness who cannot afford to buy glasses in the town.

Two Youth from the Matakita team carrying out a vision test on a local woman.

MataKita

Distribution of low price glasses and UV protection

May 2016

15 Youth accompanied

40 Youth accompanied since 2016

Maria Viktoria Taus, 21, Management Step, Source of Life

“My father passed away and my mother stays at home to take care of my blind sister. Before joining LP4Y, I worked for an orphanage in Jakarta. When I first came to the center, I was nervous and not confident. Since, I improved a lot. I acquired good communication and computer skills, I speak better English and as I got more responsibilities, I tried to be a good leader.

With Source of Life program we advocate about daily hygiene, microbes and virus through games in schools. One of my best memories was during my Autonomy step: I was master of ceremony for Entrepreneurs Day and speaking in front of so many people was a good training. I also had the chance to visit Puma Energy company and completed an internship.”
The Life Project Centers in Ho Chi Minh continue to strengthen the ties with local community and local authorities.

The two LPCs located to the South and the North of the city welcome Young adults from very poor families or orphans. Precarious jobs in Ho Chi Minh are numerous for unskilled Youth. A day-to-day life causes that Youth leave the school system early. Without training or qualification, they are permanently blocked in their career development. The LP4Y curriculum offers intensive entrepreneurship training through managing micro-economic activities. Rotating between departments, they experience all aspects of a company. The understanding of the company as a whole and the adaptation to the jobs of tomorrow are the key competencies that the Youth can learn in the program. It’s an everyday challenge for the Youth hustled by a world that does not wait for them.

When I was very young, I thought I would never go to school. My father was violent and lost a lot of money gambling. He left our family when I was 5 years old and my mother has no other choice but to leave me and my two sisters in an orphanage. I have discovered LP4Y when a coach came to introduce the training. I joined LP4Y because I wanted to change my life. I hoped that LP4Y could help me learn English, gain computer skills and learn to bake bread. But I learned much more than that. I have learned to work as part of a team and to speak at big events. I also have learned how to manage big events. I was invited to give testimony at LP4Y Gala in New York. I work as production manager at Banh Vang, an industrial bakery, since 4 years now.

Poor areas are nearby the waterways and the railways. Production in Saf-Viet office.
The Ngoc Ha LPC welcomes Young women from the regions north of Hanoi who are at risk from human trafficking and insecure jobs.

In Hanoi, the Youth living in shacks in the city survive by taking on insecure, underpaid jobs. The Young women from the Hamong, Dao Red and Thai ethnic minorities have no access to education or health services. With a lack of employment opportunities and no structure following their migration to the city, they are often victims of human trafficking with the neighboring countries. To create the best conditions for those following the LP4Y program, the Young women are provided with accommodation in the brand new “Women Entrepreneurs’ House”. Through their involvement, they regain their dignity and confidence in their potential, gradually becoming valuable assets for the expanding local and international companies.

Young women from the Bread & Smile program selling their baked goods.

Bui Thi Tu, 19, Responsibility Step, Bread & Smiles

“Before joining LP4Y, I went to high school but I could not go to university because I was living alone and had no money. When I left to come to Hanoi, I was hoping to find a place to help me achieve my dream. I found LP4Y that is my motivation, my rainbow and my magical door. There, I am learning things I never knew before and how to succeed. I now understand that I have eyes to see, ears to listen, hands to do everything, and feet to go. Moreover, I feel the sympathy and love of the other girls with who I live. We come from everywhere but we treat each other like sisters and share joys and sorrows. We all have dream to escape from poverty and to become useful people. I believe I will become tour guide and that everyone in LP4Y will achieve their dream. Everything is difficult at first but if you really believe in yourself and do your best, you will succeed.”
The motivated and energetic Youth from Paharganj center are always ready and excited to face new challenges, undertake new projects and meet new partners.

The Young adults, mostly Young men, come every day from different slums of North Delhi to the Paharganj center, situated a few steps from New Delhi railway station. They work on their Life Project and develop Yummy, their micro-economic initiative based on the production of healthy snacks. This year, the Youth also developed catering services, participated in several sales events and prepared special offers for their customers and partners. Many Youth have found decent jobs and joined the Stars Club. The Young adults can now enjoy a new communication room with 17 computers. The challenges for upcoming year are to vary sales channels, find more customers and develop partnership with authorized open schools to enhance the literacy of those who have not had a chance to go to school before.

Youth from both teams during a graduation ceremony.

Chaman Deep, 34, Computer trainer

“I’ve been working for SEB Group India for 6 years as Accounts & Finance Manager. My first visit to the LPC Sangam Vihar in Delhi was very memorable: I really enjoyed the renovation activities with the Youths. After that, I looked into the details of LP4Y pedagogy for youth development and I got really inspired by the project. We all know that “knowledge sharing increases our knowledge”. I joined LP4Y in July 2017 and I provide basic computer trainings (MS Office, use of Internet, job search consultancy, resume update, etc.) in Paharganj center. I believe that IT knowledge should be in every place today. I am proud to have joined as volunteer and the more time I spend with the Youths, the more I feel positive. Thus, I recommend this experience to everyone.”
The neighborhood of Sangam Vihar is located in the South of Delhi.

The two teams of mostly Young women are always full. Both programs even have waiting lists of Youth keen to join the program.

The Sangam Vihar center is located in the biggest poverty cluster in the South of Delhi. It welcomes 30 Young women and men every day and also hosts LP4Y training sessions, seminars and workshops. It has also become a residence for the Youth 4 Change Network team based in India. Both Khazana programs, producing decorative objects and furniture, have consolidated the offer of their products. Now, they focus more on the quality and sustainability of each item and the creation of small pieces of furniture. As in North Delhi’s Paharganj center, many Young adults from Sangam Vihar have found a job and engaged actively in the activities of the Stars Club. The next challenge of the teams is to develop “Do It Yourself” training sessions for local and expat communities.

Both Khazana teams produce decorative items and pieces of furniture.

**Khazana 1**
Creation of furniture and decorative objects
- March 2016
- 15 Youth accompanied
- 41 Youth accompanied since 2016

**Khazana 2**
Creation of furniture and decorative objects
- October 2016
- 16 Youth accompanied
- 40 Youth accompanied since 2016

**Neeraj Kumar, 21, Star of Khazana 2**

“I completed my 12th grade but because of financial problems, I couldn’t go to a university. I thought I would never be able to join a company because I am handicapped. I will always remember my first day at LP4Y: I couldn’t understand anything! But day after day, I improved a lot. I am now more confident and I can handle responsibilities. Besides, I am now the President of the Stars Club in Delhi. I organize Stars dinners and lunches, give tips to other Youths about LP4Y trainings, interviews and jobs. My challenge is to make it a professional network and to improve the team spirit. With the last seminar organised in Chennai by LP4Y, I achieved one of my dreams: taking the plane. Thank you to all the coaches, you work really hard to help us to change our lives!”

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The Life Project Center of Hossenpur is a pioneer in the management of awareness programs for local communities, and allows the Youth to become committed and audacious speakers.

On the outskirts of Kolkata, there are 3,500 authorized and unauthorized slums. The Youth from the Hossenpur LPC tend to live way south-east of the center of Kolkata, either along the banks of an unsanitary canal, in an overcrowded resettlement area or in sheds belonging to their farmer parents. The Youth of the two teams organize awareness events about road safety, ecomobility and nutrition for institutions (schools, universities, local police, cultural organizations) and companies. Teams in the field are community based and many partners are interested by the LP4Y pedagogy. Graduates from the programs who have joined the Stars Club are increasingly involved in sharing information about opportunities in the labour market. A great functioning integration ecosystem!

The center is equipped with a professional kitchen for the Youth in the T.F.S. program.

Amit Mondal, 19, Management Step, R.I.D.E

“I am following LP4Y training since May 2018. During Responsibility Step, my coach encouraged me to find an internship. After a successful interview, I did an internship of two weeks in the Food & Beverage Department of IBIS Hotel in Kolkata. At first, it was very difficult because I was working 10 hours a day without sitting and they gave me a lot of tasks.

Then I learnt a lot of things on food service for business guests and also on hierarchy and professional discipline. I felt like I had a real job. Now I feel more confident and I have more knowledge. It will help me to apply my skills in my future job. Doing a discovery internship is very useful.”
After mapping the poverty and exclusion areas in Kolkata, LP4Y opened a new Life Project Center for street Youth in Howrah.

The government authorities in Kolkata regularly evict families from slums in the city center, relocating them to the suburbs. In April 2018, LP4Y closed the Chetla LPC and transferred the remaining Youth from the Chetla programs to the Hossenpur LPC. Howrah, which is connected to Kolkata via a bridge, is now home to most of the excluded people from the city as well as those from the surrounding countryside who came to seek work. The town is teeming with people and many jobs available are casual and poorly paid. LP4Y is opening a new LPC next to the train station, within the Howrah South Point group of associations. Howrah South Point (HSP) was founded in 1965 by Father François Laborde who was the inspiration behind Dominique Lapierre’s “City of Joy”. HSP brings together welfare associations working for children, regardless of caste or religion. LP4Y answered the call to accompany Young adults as they build a decent Life Project. Two coaches who arrived in February 2019 carried out mapping of the poverty zones in Howrah and are now developing a network of contacts in civil society, with local authorities and with private businesses. The Youth are busy renovating the center to reveal its true potential and turn it into a training and awareness center for Youth inclusion.

Located near the slums of the movie “City of Joy”, this building is renovated by LP4Y to become the training center for trainers for South Asia. Every year, several hundred trainers will share the keys of learning methods of professional inclusion through entrepreneurship.

Father Laurent Bissara, General consultant at Howrah South Point

“We immediately recognized a complementarity with LP4Y. One of our concerns was for our Youth who leave school, without training or qualifications, and with little chance of escaping poverty: they correspond exactly to the LP4Y profile. Then, we appreciated LP4Y’s pragmatic approach to training which puts emphasis on autonomy and finding work, rather than just gaining a qualification for the sake of it. We are also aware of a need for permanent training for our own staff, and recognized LP4Y’s experience and skill in the realm of training. We are counting on their expertise to give us support. As far as what we have to offer, we’ve been visiting impoverished families here for over 40 years, constantly listening to new needs. Poverty evolves fast in India and our understanding of the terrain will be valuable to them. I hope that HSP and LP4Y, with their respective backgrounds, will be able to enrich each others’ missions and help more Youth escape poverty.”
The two teams of Young adults in the Mumbai LP4Y center benefit from a network of committed partners who engage in Youth’s accompaniment.

The Youth of the Mumbai center, close to the slum of Ambuj Wadi, accomplished many achievements in 2018. The Yummy and Natural Health Care teams developed a range of products and a network of customers. However, the micro-activities were too sedentary and did not offer any services to the community. After noting the failures of the health system that denies the access to the poorest, LP4Y decided to intervene and innovate. The new LifeLine program is developing a mobile app to help traditional healers and doctors improve their health services to the community. Another challenge for the two teams is to find a new building for the center with space to house a third program.

Visiting Sharukh’s family, in a slum near the Life Project Center.

Rohit Salgaonkar, Customer technical service - Roquette

“Roquette and LP4Y have been working together for the past few years and I am fortunate to have been involved for the past year with 2 LPCs in India (Delhi & Mumbai). I interacted with the Youths about the importance of Safety and Hygiene at the workplace, LP4Y does a commendable job for the young adults of the country. I also think it is really important that employees get involved in their company’s social activities because it is the only way we can give back to the society and make our world a better place to live in. The sheer number of young people has yet to become an asset since currently only 2.5% of the Indian workforce has had some formal training. We need to give the best to our future generations.”
With their zero waste micro-economic initiatives and IT trainings for the community, the Young women are true actors of change within their community.

It was an incredible year for the Bengaluru center in the DJ Halli slum. The building that houses the center underwent major construction work and is now fully operational with two training rooms, two workshops, one communication room and space for a nursery for the children of Young mothers enrolled in the program. The Green Jar team has grown from 7 members to 20, allowing for the opening of a second program. Green Jar, which focuses on zero-waste, developed fruitful partnerships with local stakeholders in this field. Also, the first Youth graduated and found employment. Bengaluru is known as India’s Silicon Valley, and, inspired by this context, the second team will open a “computer lab” providing IT trainings for the local community to fight IT illiteracy.

Clémence, 23, Green Jar Coach

“When I arrived in Bangalore in August 2018, my challenge was to provide them with a professional center with enough room for a second team and accommodation for the volunteers. I feel I’ve grown with the walls of the new LPC. I’ve learnt to dare, to be patient and to accept help from others. I’ve come to understand the importance of teamwork, whether with other volunteers, the community or the Youths themselves. I’m deeply convinced that all the Young women who come to the Bangalore LPC every day have talent, and it is amazing to witness how fast their self-confidence and personality blossom, paving the way to a future they could never previously have imagined.”
The Life Project Center in Chennai opened in June 2018 in the Kannagi Nagar relocation site. 25 Youth are currently enrolled and have launched 2 micro-economic initiatives.

While the center and the sports field are being built on land provided by the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, the municipality of Kannagi Nagar has lent us training rooms where the Youth follow the program. The center also provides a nursery for the children of the Young mothers enrolled in the program. There are two teams, both managing an agency which organizes sporting events. They have organized a football tournament and various sports discovery sessions, as well as co-organizing events with a large international sports company that accompanies both teams in their activities. The aim of the events organized by Community Champions of Change is to use sport as a focus for bringing the community together, enhancing community well-being and a sense of local citizenship.

Iswarya, 21, Autonomy Step, Community Champions of Change

“I have two daughters of 5 and 3 years old, and a son of 18 months. One of my daughters remains at the village to go to school that is why I travel 6 hours by bus every weekend to see her. I stopped school when I was 16 to get married and before joining LP4Y 2 months ago, I was staying at home to take care of my children. My husband suggested me to join LP4Y to improve my knowledge. Every day, I wake up at 5, cook lunch for him, prepare my kids, clean my house and then I go to the center while my children go to LP4Y’s nursery. With LP4Y, I’ve used a computer for the first time in my life! I learnt how to use it, how to be professional and how to speak in front of people.”
Since September 2018, a team of catalysts settled in Kathmandu to work on the opening of the first Life Project Center in Nepal.

Located between Bagmati river and Kathmandu airport, Jagritinagar is one of the poorest areas of the capital. Since March 2019, about fifteen motivated Young women meet every day for two hours to learn to speak English in the premises provided by a local association. Little by little, they talk about the work they would like to do. This is the first step of the implementing a Life Project Center. In few weeks, they will join the program on part-time bases, then on full-time. This gradual adaptation allows them to reorganize their daily lives.

"I think it is very useful in Nepal to replicate the LP4Y model and work in places like Jagritinagar or even in rural areas. LP4Y has definitely a place here. Everyday 500 Youth leave the country. The rest are Youth who migrate from villages to big cities, they become extremely poor, some join networks of delinquents or have to sleep in the street. These Youth don’t have any more connections and fall into a vicious circle. This population would really benefit from this training. I have been very happy to welcome the volunteers here; I have put them in contact with the Mayor of the locality who is eager to engage the city in the project for the Youth."

Pramod Khakurel, Founder of Victor Hugo Manjushree Vidyapith School

"New country, new language, new culture, new religion, new challenges. Launching LP4Y in a new country is like nothing we have experienced so far. We will start from scratch and build the project brick by brick. We will start by creating the legal structure, not an easy task as it is specific to each country. Then our key focus will be to carry out the “mapping”, looking for different poverty and exclusion areas in this unknown megalopolis, home to 7 million inhabitants. This will enable us to identify the most suitable area to set up the future LPC, designed to host Youth, catalysts and programs. Simultaneously, we will aim to meet as many potential partners as possible in order to create a network of NGOs, companies, local actors and influential persons ready to work hand in hand for the professional and social inclusion of excluded Youth. It will be an essential step to ensure the sustainable integration of LP4Y and maximize its impact in the city and country of operation."

Two experienced catalysts and an ambitious new project.

MYANMAR

After being coaches in Delhi, and then Lilas Verron project leader pedagogy and Pol Robert coordinator of India, they are heading to Yangon, Myanmar.
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