



G17 – UNIVERSITY AMBASSADORS CONSORTIUM

Towards a Sustainable University System




Justice for All

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PROJECT REPORT – Project “Justice for All”		
Date	Time	Venue
1 st January 2023	11.30 am	Ruwanwella Rajasinghe Central College Kegalle
SDGs covered	Goal 15 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	
Keynote Speakers (if any)	Name	Mr. Thisal Kithsara
	Designation	- Main Organizer – Lawful Tomorrow - LLB(Hons)(Ug) - University of Peradeniya
Project Overheads	Project Chairman	Aveesha Weerasekara
	Coordinator	Malintha Withanage
	Treasurer	Adith Pindenya
	Organizers	Aveesha Weerasekara Malintha Withanage
Participation	G17 UAC – Committee Members	Aveesha Weerasekara Adith Pindenya Malintha Withanage Sasindu Hasaranga
	University Staff Members	-
	University Students	Wedahitha Yapa Lahiru Wanninayake Shenal Perera
	Outsiders	-
Partnerships with	-	
Project Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase understanding of the beneficiaries about importance of SDG 16 for achieving sustainable development and creating peaceful, just, and inclusive societies. To raise awareness of the impact of inequality on access to justice and on overall social cohesion, and to discuss ways in which equality can be promoted and strengthened. To encourage participants to take action in support of equal access to justice and equality, and to identify ways in which they can contribute to SDG 16. By giving related activities to increase the knowledge of the students and let them search on these things themselves. 	
Project Description	<p>This project was selected to educate chosen school children, teachers and parents about SDG 16 and Importance of having equal access to the justice for all via an awareness session and some activities that were given to above mentioned beneficiaries. The school children were selected as the main beneficiaries of this project since they are the ones who are about to take the responsibilities in the future.</p> <p>As the first step of the project, a poster competition was conducted among the school children from 26th December 2022. As the second step an interactive awareness session was conducted on 13th January 2023 and the winners of the poster competition were evaluated in that session.</p>	

	<p>The ambassadors of G17 in University of Peradeniya and some undergraduate in the university joined with the project. Mr. Thisal Kithsara who is a law student in University of Peradeniya and the Main Organizer of the “Lawful Tomorrow” society, participated to the project as the keynote speaker.</p> <p>At first, it was bit of a challenge to raise the fund for the project. But by explaining the importance of this project we were able to take some donations from the well-wishers.</p>
Project Feedbacks	
PR and Publicity	<p>The following poster was shared in various social media platforms to aware the people about the project.</p> 
Special Remarks	

Project Treasurer's Report	
Fund Raising Methods	
➤ Well Wishers – Donation from Mrs. Palika Rathnayake	
➤ Well Wishers – Donation from Mrs. Indrani Kushalatha	
Receipts	
Well Wishers - Donation by Mrs. Palika Rathnayake	Rs. 1500
Well Wishers - Donation by Mrs. Indrani Kushalatha	Rs. 1500
Total Income	Rs. 3000
Expenses	
For Certificates	Rs. 500
For the refreshments provided during the session	Rs. 1500
Travel expenses of the keynote speaker	Rs. 1000
Total Expenses	Rs. 3000

Photographs



The school where the project was conducted.



Mr. Thisal Kithsara Conducting the session.



The Winner of the Poster Competition



The Poster that won the 1st Place in the Poster Competition



The Poster that won the 2nd Place in the Poster Competition.



Keynote speaker, Project Coordinator and myself with some of the students who have joined the session.

PROJECT ARTICLE

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16 is about promoting peaceful and inclusive societies, providing access to justice for all, and building effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels. This includes targets such as significantly reducing all forms of violence and related death rates, promoting the rule of law and equal access to justice, and substantially reducing corruption and bribery. The world has become so globalized and accessible within the past decade. Thus, the level of security and justice vary widely on the global level. So, SDG 16 is important in achieving a safe life for all of us.

Since what has happened in Sri Lanka recent times, we could see that corruption and a lack of transparent and accountable institutions can contribute to inequality, injustice, and social unrest. Efforts to address and prevent unrest and conflict are therefore an important part of achieving SDG 16 and promoting sustainable development. This may include measures such as promoting dialogue and reconciliation, strengthening the rule of law and access to justice, and promoting transparency and accountability in governance.

"As long as poverty, injustice, and gross inequality persist in our world, none of us can truly rest."

– Nelson Mandela

Above quote from Nelson Mandela shows the importance of giving more and more focus to these topics. Also, the awareness of the people on those topics is essential to overcome these problems. So, this project was selected to educate chosen school children, teachers and parents about above explained facts via an awareness session and some activities that were given to above mentioned beneficiaries. The school children were selected as the main beneficiaries of this project since they are the ones who are about to take the responsibilities in the future.

The topic of the project was selected as “Justice for All – Advocating for fairness and equality in our society”. Our keynote speaker was Mr. Thisal Kithsara who is a law student in University of Peradeniya. He is the main organizer of the society “Lawful tomorrow” and one of the executive members of the “Law for life” society. He was selected as the keynote speaker because of his wide range of knowledge and experiences in this field.

The Project “Justice for All” was completed on 13th January 2023. The project consisted of two phases. In the first phase, a "Creative Poster Competition" was conducted for school children. The poster competition was started on 25th December 2022. The students were given following topics to create a creative poster.

1. Gender equality, freedom, and liberation
2. Peace and Security
3. Equity in law

In the second phase, an Interactive awareness session was conducted at Ruwanwella Rajasinghe Central College on 13th January 2023 to educate school children about following topics,

- "Equal access to the justice"

- "Equity in law".

Also the winners of the Poster Competition were evaluated on that day. Also few fun activities were done with the students to improve their awareness on these topics. This interactive session went on for two and half hours. It could be seen that students were so much interested about these topics due to what happened in Sri Lanka recently.

There were few objectives that were intended to achieve from this project. Those project objectives are shown below.

- ❖ To increase understanding of the beneficiaries about importance of SDG 16 for achieving sustainable development and creating peaceful, just, and inclusive societies.
- ❖ To raise awareness of the impact of inequality on access to justice and on overall social cohesion, and to discuss ways in which equality can be promoted and strengthened.
- ❖ To encourage participants to take action in support of equal access to justice and equality, and to identify ways in which they can contribute to SDG 16.
- ❖ By giving related activities to increase the knowledge of the students and let them search on these things themselves.

We strongly believe that we were able to achieve all of these project objectives and educate them why achieving SDG16 is so important for the sustainable development of a country.

As the next step, we will try to do this project in some other schools in Sri-Lanka and try to educate the future generation about these topics and get them involved to work towards the sustainable development and make the society a peaceful, safe and comfortable place for all the mankind.