Norfatinafina Md Afandi
Brunei Darussalam

**Focus area: Gender equality**

Fina is a graduate of the Universiti Brunei Darussalam. Majoring in sociology and anthropology, Fina is particularly passionate about gender equality and how it affects women in different cultures and societies. She is also an active member of the Global Discovery Programme as a student ambassador and student liaison officer for Borneo Studies Networking in Brunei Darussalam. In 2021, she represented Brunei Darussalam in the ASEAN-Korea Youth Summit.
Vichny has long held a deep interest in the European Union and its relations with ASEAN and with her home country, Cambodia. Her interest in the EU has led her on an academic, professional and research exploratory journey relevant to economic, development, and political partnerships between the two regions. Having embarked on her journey to pursue a Master’s Degree of International Economics and Public Policy at Universität Trier, Germany, Vichny strives to blend academic excellence with practical experience. She co-founded “The Seed Cambodia”, a platform to enhance knowledge accessibility and youth capacity in Cambodia. With a focus on international development, green loans, energy and digital transition, and European Union policies, she is dedicated to fostering sustainable development and informed citizenship.
Growing as a designer, educator, and researcher, Dinda aims to show how design can strengthen our global community. Through her participation in the What If Lab programme, she joined a network of researchers and NGOs working to address prejudice, urbanization, and climate change affecting Jakarta’s dense irregular communities known as kampungs. Building from the What if Lab program, Dinda and her team (Now Kampung Kollektief) are organising a joint research programme to bring students from Indonesia and the Netherlands to collaborate with kampung communities and represent our “futures” with Kampungs. She believes that an understanding of design has the power to make us better decision-makers and representatives for the voices of people and nature, sparking action toward a better future.
Chilanhouth Nitvongkhay
Lao PDR

Focus areas: Science, technology and digitalisation

Chilanhouth is a tech enthusiast with a passion for empowering youth and contributing to the mitigation of climate change impacts and digital skills. Chilanhouth has served as a technology ambassador for XiangMiang Technovator in 2022 to equip Lao youth with technology skills and supported UNDP Lao PDR in National Human Development Report in enhancing youth as drivers for sustainable development. He joins the network of youth tech talents in the Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA) in South Korea and the Asia Pacific Network Information Center (APNIC) in New Zealand to promote equality and create an effective internet space for everyone among leaders in the Asia-Pacific region. He believes in the power of the new generation in shaping the future and dreams to empower and equip young people with tech skills to ensure no one is left behind.
Alicia Tien Weei
Malaysia

**Focus areas: Green energy transition, clean energy and investments**

Alicia has spent the last three years advancing Southeast Asia’s energy transition through social development and renewable energies as the founder of Asia Discovery. She is currently the Director of Strategic Partnerships & Sponsorships at Youth For Energy Southeast Asia, and received the Global Citizen Award for her passion and initiatives to drive the green transition of Southeast Asia. Alicia also specialised on innovation, talents and market insights, and led market entrance programmes and cultivated impactful partnerships between start-ups, corporates, governmental entities, and academic institutions across ASEAN, China, and Europe. Upon graduating from the University of Manchester in 2019 with a specialisation in sustainability, innovation and entrepreneurship, Alicia continued her studies at Tsinghua University and the London School of Economics where she gained her Master’s degree in Business Administration.

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Minn Myoh Minn Oo is an emerging Southeast Asian LGBT+ academic-activist and researcher, with interests and experiences in politics, democracy and ASEAN affairs. Currently studying International Relations and Development as a Prospect Burma scholar at the Rangsit University in Thailand, Minn Myoh is particularly interested in the EU and ASEAN relations, and how it can foster youths in Myanmar. His passion in youth empowerment is also evident in his involvement as the programme manager for Hand to Hand Charity Myanmar since 2020.
Samuel Capuno Madriaga
Philippines

Focus areas: Health, democracy, disability awareness and inclusion

Samuel is a licensed occupational therapist, health and democracy champion from the Philippines who champions for public health, safe spaces, good governance, and youth development. He currently leads various youth-led organisations relevant to community building and youth health systems strengthening. He has a strong background on policy making, community health research and promotions, and youth civic engagement. He is also a recipient of multiple leadership awards such as the 2024 Paing Hechanova Youth Leadership Awards, 2021 Safe Space Hero by the Global Peace Foundation and Consuelo Alger Foundation, 2020 UP Manila Gawad Chancellor Outstanding Student and Gerry Roxas Leadership Award. He is an alumnus of Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Civic Engagement Program, the Future Bridging Leaders Fellowship Program (FBLP) of the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) and a Youth Leadership and Democracy Fellow of USAID, The Asia Foundation and YouthLed PH.
Cameron currently serves as the Director of ASEAN Youth Organisation Research Centre and the Deputy Chief Curator of the National Youth Council Young Changemakers Grant in Singapore. An avid advocate for youth mental health programmes, policy and research in Singapore and internationally, his passion for evidence-based and youth-led advocacy fuels his commitment to improving mental health support for youths worldwide. Through his engagement as a Youth Sounding Board for EU in ASEAN, Cameron aims to foster a more connected and youth-empowered ASEAN-EU partnership.
Currently studying entrepreneurship and management at the Bangkok University, Thailand, Narubet is committed to advancing human development in ASEAN with a strategic focus on sustainable growth and community empowerment. As the leader of Double Learn, Narubet created an online volunteering platform designed to engage young people in Thailand. The initiative has managed to mobilise over 25,000 platform users in the past three years. With a mission to bridge innovative solutions and inclusive policies across Southeast Asia and Europe, Narubet is focusing on enhancing accessibility and quality of healthcare and education. As a Youth Sounding Board for EU in ASEAN, he aspires to amplify the voices of ASEAN youth in contributing to shaping a sustainable and collaborative future between ASEAN and the EU.
As an EU alumnus graduated from Szent Istvan University in Hungary with 4 years of working experience, Son Tra has been implementing community outreach campaigns and capacity building programmes to promote innovation and policy advocacy activities for youth on Just Energy Transition, Sustainable Water Management, Climate-resilient Agriculture, Combating Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing, Nature Conservation, and Climate Change Education in Viet Nam through Viet Nam Youth Parliament - Mekong Program, COP28 Youth Climate Champion, Youth Policy Working Group, World Water Envoy, Lighthouse Ambassador, and other initiatives. He is currently leading a team under Green Youth Labs initiative to develop the Open Letter representing Vietnamese Youth Perspectives and Demands on Just Energy Transition to be shared with relevant stakeholders at the National Youth Energy Summit and COP29 in Azerbaijan to promote active youth engagement and facilitate meaningful youth contribution in the energy transition process.
Pascoela Joana Branco
Timor-Leste

*Focus areas: Human rights and social entrepreneurship*

As a social issue advocate the one thread connecting Joana’s wide interest is her passion in engaging and empowering youth in East Timor. From her activism in human rights, justice, freedom and democracy to the environment and entrepreneurship, Joana always strives to carry the voice of East Timorese youth. She is also an active member of the Timor-Leste Youth for Peace Organisation aiming to strengthen peace and conserve the environment and the co-founder to Gen-Z Talk Timor-Leste, a community and platform for young people to come together to express their views on political, economical and social issues in Timor-Leste. She is passionate about advocating social issues especially human rights, social entrepreneurship, and economic development. She has been advocating for social issues both in the country and at the regional level.