LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Welcome to the Annual Report 2015 for the YCSRR! 2015 was a big year for the world, with the adoption of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. For those of us in the sphere of sexual and reproductive health and rights, we saw some big gains, but did the language go far enough? Will governments, the UN and civil society pull together to deliver? And what is the YCSRR’s role in implementing the SDGs? 2015 was also a big year for us as an organisation because we developed and adopted a new strategic plan to guide our activities and ways of working for the next four years.

We were very pleased to see the inclusion of a target in the SDGs which pushes states to “ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services” (Target 3.7). We also saw the inclusion of a target under gender equality to “ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights”, particularly in regard to the Programme of Action of ICPD and the Beijing Platform for Action (Target 5.6). However, the latter target deliberately excludes sexual rights, which are a glaring omission from the SDGs, along with any mention of abortion rights. It is now up to us as advocates to make the case to our governments and other actors for the inclusion of sexual rights, abortion rights and comprehensive sexuality education in their responses to Targets 3.7 and 5.6, as well as other targets to do with HIV & AIDS and other sexually transmissible infections, maternal health and gender equality. And it is up to us to make sure young people are at the forefront of these considerations!

The YCSRR has made it our mission to focus on those elements which are too often left out of mainstream discussions on sexual and reproductive health and rights with our new 2015-2019 Strategic Plan. The strategic plan will see us focusing on four goals in these key areas: abortion rights; sexual orientation and gender identity and expression; youth-friendly services and comprehensive sexuality education; and organisational development. By focusing on these four areas we aim to use the specific skills and experience of each of our incredible members to make an impact together as a force for international youth sexual and reproductive rights.

Which brings me, finally, to a note on community. It’s what drives many of us to engage in advocacy, but the spaces in which we operate sadly do not always encourage a sense of this. At the YCSRR we believe a sense of community and personal connectedness is paramount to working effectively together. However, this is not something you can simply expect to happen - you have to work on it in all spaces, as with any relationship. Happily, we have seen more workshops and discussions within the SRHR and feminist movements on self-care and caring for each other, and we can’t encourage this enough for the preservation and forwarding of our shared ideals.

As you will see from this report, 2015 was a busy year for the YCSRR, an incredible year of advocacy, awareness creation and community-building among ourselves and with the wider SRHR, feminist and youth movements. This was all generously supported by our donors and partners, to whom we are very grateful, and carried out by our incredibly motivated and talented staff and members.

Thank you for supporting the YCSRR and for reading this report - we hope you enjoy it.

In solidarity,

Kesaya Baba, Chair of the Board

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Youth Coalition is an organization that has flourished in large part through the support of our amazing members, alumni and partners. Over the years we have built strong relationships with organizations that advocate for women’s rights, LGBTQI rights, youth rights, and other issues at the local, regional and international level.

In addition, we consistently seek to nurture and support other youth-led organizations and programs by working together, taking part in joint strategizing and sharing opportunities. We are so thankful to be able to collaborate with such a diverse and inspiring community of advocates!

Our strategic partnerships help us grow and sustain our work and enable our advocacy to be intersectional and informed by the needs of young people and their local, regional and national contexts. We’re very excited to continue to build these relationships and work across movements to better advocate for the sexual and reproductive rights of young people and help to realize the Sustainable Development Goals!

*The Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (YCSRR) is grateful for all of the individuals and organizations that continue to support our work. Thank you to the following funders and organizations who have played a key role in the Youth Coalition's success in 2015:*

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ABOUT US

The Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights is an international organization of young people (ages 18-29) committed to promoting adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive rights at the national, regional and international level.

Our Mission

The Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights aims to ensure that the sexual and reproductive rights of all young people are respected, guaranteed and promoted, and strives to secure the meaningful participation of young people in decision-making that affects their lives, by advocating, generating knowledge, sharing information, building partnerships and training young activists with a focus on the regional and international levels.
Our Principles and Values

- Sexual and reproductive rights are human rights, and therefore apply equally to young people.
- All human rights are universal and must not be limited on the grounds of conflict with religion, culture or tradition.
- Sexuality, sexual expression, and gender identity and expression are integral parts of the personal identity of all human beings, including young people.
- Youth participation is essential to ensure that sexual and reproductive health and rights’ programs and policies address the realities, concerns and priorities of all young people.
- Young people have valuable contributions to make to society and must have recognized and respected voices in all policy and decision-making processes.
- Young people’s access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health and rights information and education is vital for safeguarding and promoting the life, health, and well-being of all young people.
- Young people’s access to comprehensive, affordable and youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health services, including emergency contraception, is vital for safeguarding and promoting the life, health, and well-being of all young people.
- All pregnant people, irrespective of age, sexual orientation and gender identity, have the right to access legal, safe, accessible and affordable abortions.
- Access to reproductive and sexual healthcare (including abortion), access to free sexual reassignment surgery, hormone therapies, rights based mental health care and general health care in non-judgmental trans-friendly contexts provided by professionals who are trained to respond to the health needs of trans people are fundamental human rights for trans and gender diverse people.
- The sexual and reproductive lives of young people must be free of coercion or the threat of violence.
- Programs and interventions that safeguard and advance young people’s sexual and reproductive rights must be fully funded and supported with adequate resources.

Our Structure

The Youth Coalition is a youth-led membership-based organization. Our members contribute to the overall success of the YCSRR in fulfilling its mission. The work of the YCSRR is overseen by its Board of Directors, which is made up of seven members and the Executive Coordinator. Each Director completes a two-year term on the Board, up to a maximum of two terms.

In addition to the Board of Directors, the YCSRR has a Membership Committee, which is made up of seven members and the Program and Communications Officer. The Membership Committee oversees the recruitment and orientation of new members and the membership renewal process, assesses skills and experiences of members and manages the alumni engagement program.

Member task forces and working groups assume the substantive work of the YCSRR. In 2015, these included the International Advocacy and Human Rights Council task forces and the Abortion Rights, Youth-friendly Services and Comprehensive Sexuality Education, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE), and Organizational Development working groups.

The task forces and working groups as well as the day-to-day functions of the YCSRR are supported by its three staff members: the Executive Coordinator, the Program and Communications Officer and the Logistics and Administrative Officer.
THE YEAR IN
ADVOCACY
AND
MOBILIZING
Youth Coalition was formed in the advocacy spaces at the 1999 Hague Youth Forum during the 5-year review of the International Conference on Population and Development (known as ICPD+5). To this day, over fifteen years later, advocacy remains at the core of our work.

2015 was a momentous year, marked by the wrap-up of the Post-2015 process and the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Youth Coalition was very engaged in Post-2015 preparations and worked right up to the end to push for a rights-based and youth-focused global agenda that included the sexual and reproductive rights of young people. We worked with governments and decision-makers, civil society organizations and other partners to amplify youth voices and advocate for youth sexual and reproductive rights. Here’s a glimpse into some of the spaces where Youth Coalition members flexed their advocacy skills in 2015!

2015 World Economic Forum

In January 2015, member Handayani (Indonesia) represented the Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. Handayani took part in a televised panel called “BIG DEBATE: The War on Women’s Bodies”, where she called for the engagement of young people, community leaders and survivors of gendered violence in shaping policy. Drawing attention to the multiple and overlapping oppressions faced by many people because of their race, ethnicity, ability, sexuality, and other characteristics, Handayani brought an important intersectional lens to the discussion.
In April 2015, Youth Coalition members Venoranda (Kenya) and Ivens (Brazil) took part in the 48th Session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD), where the theme was “Realizing the future we want: integrating population issues into sustainable development, including the post-2015 development agenda,” which included discussions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development.

Youth Coalition had a strong presence at the negotiations, taking part in different caucuses and contributing to a number of civil society statements. Despite the best efforts of states and civil society, including Youth Coalition, the Commission concluded with no resolution - a result that has never occurred in the history of the CPD.

“Denying us our sexual and reproductive rights puts our lives at risk and violates our bodily autonomy. Responding to this requires that governments recognize our rights to pleasure, to freely express our diverse sexual orientations and gender identities, and to live free from all forms of stigma, discrimination and violence.”

CPD 48 Youth Caucus Statement
Realizing Young Urban Women’s Rights

On April 15th, Youth Coalition co-hosted the successful side-event “Realizing Young Urban Women’s Rights to SRHR and Decent Work: Challenges and Opportunities for the Post-2015 Development Agenda” with the UNDP, Action Aid and the IPPF.

Through an integrated and comprehensive approach, the speakers explored the challenges faced by young urban women, including access to decent work, unpaid caring labour, issues of safety and security, and access to basic services – including sexual and reproductive health and rights services.

YCSRR representative Venoranda (Kenya) spoke about the challenges facing young people in accessing SRHR services and decent work. Key barriers in Kenya and other regions include poverty, unmet contraceptive needs, youth unfriendly health services, and stigma and discrimination towards sexual minority groups.

“Young people’s sexual and reproductive health and rights can no longer be deemed “too controversial”. All over the world, millions of women and young people are demanding justice. We call on governments to do better.”

CPD48 Joint Written Statement: Young People and Adolescents Must be Included in the Development Agenda

World Health Assembly

Adolescent Health Consultation

In the lead-up to the World Health Assembly (WHA), our member Anna (Poland) joined the pre assembly Adolescent Health Consultation through our membership in the Have You Seen My Rights? Coalition. Youth advocates from around the world gathered and discussed contributions for accelerating action for adolescent health to feed into both the United Nations Secretary General’s Global Strategy on Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health and the World Health Organization’s Framework for Accelerated Action for Adolescent Health. Through their inputs, a youth-led scorecard on adolescent health was created, a great tool to track health outcomes in communities and emphasize adolescents as rights bearers.

Youth Led: Setting Priorities for Adolescent Health

During the WHA programme, we were honored to be invited to join a panel that brought together young leaders, Ministers of Health, and multilateral actors for a dialogue on effective strategies for youth participation and leadership in determining global health agendas. YC member Daniel (Colombia) represented our organization, speaking on strategies that young people can use to hold their governments accountable to global commitments to adolescent health (such as the SDGs and the Global Strategy). Daniel also spoke about the need for collaboration and movement building between grassroots youth organizations as well as youth networks working at the regional and international levels.
In May 2015, young people from across Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA) representing different youth networks came together in Sofia, Bulgaria to take part in the “EECA Youth Voice Campaign” advocacy training. EECA Youth Voice is a youth-led campaign that encouraged and enabled broad consultation and coordination with young people in the region and their full participation in the discussions around the post-2015 development framework. Youth Coalition was represented by Evdokia (Russia) on the Regional Youth Leadership Group, the campaign coordinating body.

Following the training, youth advocates joined the UNFPA and Government of Bulgaria supported Regional Conference “Promoting Health and Rights, Reducing Inequalities: Towards Better Sexual and Reproductive Health Outcomes in Eastern Europe and Central Asia”. In dialogue with ministers of health, parliamentarians, national and international experts, CSO representatives, regional partners and UN agencies, the EECA Youth Voice participants advocated for the sexual and reproductive rights of young people.

In addition, Evdokia presented the joint youth priorities which included a focus on education, meaningful youth participation in SRHR decision-making, and the importance of giving young people opportunities to share their messages related to the Post 2015 agenda. Outcomes of the regional conference were cemented in the Sofia Declaration of Commitment.

“We recognize that sexual and reproductive health plays a central role in development and that investing in the health and rights of women and girls is smart economics for families, communities and nations. We also acknowledge that sexual and reproductive health makes a significant contribution to sustainable development, building resilient societies, advancing gender equality and ensuring social justice.”

Sofia Declaration of Commitment
June Post-2015 Intergovernmental Negotiations

A key step in the Post-2015 process included the intense intergovernmental negotiations on the SDG outcome document that took place between June and July 2015. Viewed as one of the last chances to influence the 2030 Agenda, civil society groups, including Youth Coalition and our women’s and youth rights allies, gathered in New York to advocate for progressive language and ambitious targets in the 2030 Agenda. Members Jakub (Poland) and Venoranda (Kenya) were in New York to represent Youth Coalition!

Part of our advocacy approach included the issuing of “yellow cards” to government delegations (pictured above). With the 2015 Women’s World Cup also underway in June 2015, Youth Coalition decided to borrow from football rules and issue these warnings, cautioning governments not to ignore youth rights. Our yellow cards also offered recommendations for improvement, including suggestions on stronger language for health, education and gender in the Sustainable Development Goals draft declaration.

July Post-2015 Intergovernmental Negotiations

Our advocacy work continued at the July Intergovernmental Negotiations. Members Ankit (India) and Magnhild (Norway) represented Youth Coalition with support from YC’s Program and Communications Officer Sarah (Canada). Together they worked with the NGO Major Groups and other civil society partners to push for strong language on women, youth and adolescents.

Our key messages focused on the need for youth sexual and reproductive health and rights to be recognized as a cross-cutting theme in the Post-2015 agenda. We also worked to emphasize young people’s roles as stakeholders and rights bearers in the implementation of the Post 2015 agenda.

One successful creative action, carried out in collaboration with the Major Group on Children and Youth, included creating a hand-out with a pig pong ball attached, stating: “the ball is in your court,” accompanied by a list of key asks for children and young people.
“Control over our bodies and access to accurate information is critical to ensure all children, adolescents and youth can make fully informed decisions, stay healthy, and achieve our rights.

Although Goal 4 on education has increased in its level of ambition, we are disappointed about the continued omission and controversial perception of comprehensive sexuality education, informal and non-formal education, and indigenous knowledge.

Furthermore, we must ensure that the implementation of this agenda happens across its full fifteen year lifespan. We look forward to continue working with you in the implementation of this agenda.”

Statement on Adolescents and Youth at the Post 2015 Intergovernmental Negotiations

UN Sustainable Development Summit
70th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

On the occasion of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, Youth Coalition was very excited to take part in the 70th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and Sustainable Development Summit. YC members Kesaya (Fiji/Australia) and Daniel (Colombia) took part through our membership in the “Have You Seen My Rights?” Coalition, and Ankit (India) represented both Women Deliver (as a Women Deliver Young Leader) and Youth Coalition.

At the UNGA, Youth Coalition members took part in numerous events and advocacy activities. Our members were able to meet with the heads of various UN agencies and country missions to promote key messages and encourage national-level commitments and implementation of the SDGs. Kesaya was also lucky enough to be welcomed into the New Zealand delegation as an official youth delegate!

Daniel joined the panel event “Young people leading change to end the AIDS epidemic in the Post-2015 era” co-convened by UNAIDS, the Link Up Consortium, Stop AIDS Now, the PACT, the International HIV/AIDS Alliance, the Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS and the Civil Society Working Group on HIV. The panel brought together young people working in the youth HIV and sexual and reproductive health and rights movements, as well as politicians, community leaders, UN representatives, and advocates to discuss how they can meaningfully engage in the post-2015 implementation process. Daniel warned against working in silos and drew attention to the many young people who face major barriers to accessing services, including discrimination, stigma, and harmful community and social norms. Daniel reminded
the audience that the SDGs are not binding, which makes activism and accountability on the ground even more important, stressing “...it’s especially important for young people living with HIV, transgender youth, sex workers, and gay youth. We can’t leave them behind.”

Finally, YC member Ankit joined the high-level event “#Generation2030: Torchbearers for the SDGs” where they spoke alongside speakers that included the UN Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth and HRH Crown Princess Mary of Denmark. Ankit spoke about the crucial role of young people in the implementation and accountability of the SDGs at global and national levels. Ankit was tasked with highlighting youth-led development and was able to speak about how Youth Coalition engaged with the Millennium Development Goals and the Post-2015 process, proving that young people are fighting to be part of these processes.

From public speaking to one-on-one advocacy, our members seized every opportunity at the Sustainable Development Summit to amplify our messages for meaningful youth participation and the realization of young people’s sexual and reproductive health and rights—a strong start to Agenda 2030!

**International Dialogue on Population and Sustainable Development: Gender, Health and Rights**

In October, Youth Coalition member Babu Ram (Nepal) represented Youth Coalition at the 13th International Dialogue on Population and Sustainable Development: Gender, Health and Rights. The dialogue was organized in cooperation with the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development along with other development and SRHR partners.

Coming so soon after the adoption of the SDGs, the space was an important one where a diverse group of stakeholders (government, donors, foundations, SRHR organizations, researchers, and diplomats) were able to evaluate and strategize around key issues emerging from the newly adopted post-2015 agenda.

Priorities that came from these conversations included recognition of the need for robust monitoring and accountability mechanisms for advancing SRHR in the development agenda, and a call for better data to make links across SDG priorities and fill existing knowledge gaps on SRHR. With a joined-up and coordinated approach needed to realize the SDGs, this opportunity for dialogue proved to be invaluable in our planning.

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**Babu Ram Pant**
Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights, Nepal

“We advocated for the SDGs. It has some loopholes, some achievements. Now we are wondering what we can do better to make sure our rights are implemented, that the SDGs are implemented at the local level with the participation of young people and women. And that there is more ownership and accountability in the implementation.”
THE YEAR IN CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING
At Youth Coalition, we know that young people have the ability and drive to advocate for their sexual and reproductive health and rights. That’s why capacity building and training is an important part of our work. Whether we’re providing training and learning opportunities for our members, conducting trainings with youth activists, or working with other advocates to discuss best practices and strategies, we never pass up an opportunity to develop and share our skills!

ASAP Youth Think Tank on Safe Abortion

In January, Youth Coalition member Ankit (India) was selected to participate in the Asia Safe Abortion Partnership (ASAP) Youth Think Tank in Bangkok, Thailand.

The Youth Think Tank meeting was a part of a week long strategic planning session and brought together ASAP-Asia’s youth champions and other young people working in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights. Together, they took part in discussions on how best to incorporate safe abortion advocacy into their work.

By sharing their experiences as young people working on SRHR topics such as abortion in their different national and local contexts, the advocates were able to learn from one another. Pooling their knowledge, they were also able to map allies and opposition groups and create a regional advocacy plan for further youth leadership for safe and accessible abortion in Asia.

Advancing the SRHR of Young Women Living with HIV

In April, Youth Coalition member Evdokia (Russia) took part in a young women’s strategy meeting convened by the Women’s Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR) and the International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW) in Abuja, Nigeria.

National and international young women advocates shared stories and experiences and together developed a strategy and means of collaboration to enhance global recognition of SRHR violations faced by women living with HIV.

One result of the strategy meeting? It was during this meeting that the amazing youth-led HIV stigma challenging advocacy campaign, “More Than Our Status/Do You See HIV?” was developed!
The PACT Annual Strategy Meeting

Partnerships between youth organizations and networks are incredibly important to our work. A longtime Youth Coalition ally is YouACT, a European youth network working for sexual and reproductive health and rights.

In July, YouACT invited Youth Coalition to take part in a partnership meeting in Bucharest, Romania. YC member Anna (Poland) represented us and took part in important discussions on partnership and movement building, resource mobilization and European youth-led advocacy towards the SDGs and SRHR.

By bringing together different partners and allies, the participants were able to share knowledge, best practices and advice with one another. This generous spirit and openness facilitated organizational growth and movement building.

YouACT Partnership Meeting

In August, our PACT representative Daniel (Colombia) joined the PACT leadership team in Bangkok to discuss the work of the two-year old coalition.

Created in Tunisia under the lead of the UNAIDS youth team, the PACT was formed as a network within the HIV, SRHR and youth movements, designed to bring together adult and institutional allies with youth organizations to work towards an end to the AIDS epidemic and to ensure the sexual and reproductive rights of all young people.

During the meeting in Bangkok, progress toward these goals was assessed. The group looked at the PACT’s successes, failures and ways of working and shared their experiences and views on ways to ensure the effectiveness of the coalition. They then analyzed changing external contexts and determined next steps.

Through this evaluation process, members of the PACT were able to reflect on learnings and recalibrate PACT priorities to ensure its continued success.

Thank you YouACT for including us in this special partner event!
THE YEAR IN KNOWLEDGE SHARING AND COMMUNICATIONS
Knowledge building and awareness raising is a key component of Youth Coalition’s work. This year we sought to widen our reach through partnering on communications activities with allied organizations and through the production of original content amplifying the voices of young people around the world. We strive to increase awareness on sexual and reproductive rights and global processes in a youth-friendly and accessible way.

The Watchdog

As part of our advocacy and public education activities, we distribute new editions of our publication, the Watchdog, at many of the international conferences and events we attend with the aim to ensure diverse youth voices are present in negotiation spaces. We also release these publications widely online. The Watchdog is entirely youth-authored with articles written by Youth Coalition members, peer activists and partner organizations from all over the world. In 2015, Youth Coalition released two volumes of the Watchdog: one on the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOT) and the second to mark World AIDS Day.

May 17 IDAHOT Watchdog

The theme of the 2015 IDAHOT Watchdog was Freedom of Expression. Entirely youth authored, it included articles, poems, artwork and photographs from LGBTQI young people from Asia, Europe, Central America and the Caribbean. As well as being a forum where young people from around the world can share their experiences of being part of the LGBTQI community, the Watchdog serves as both a celebration and call to action against homophobia, transphobia and biphobia. The IDAHOT Watchdog is one small part of creating space for LGBTQI people to speak about their lives and experiences.

Highlights in this edition included the photo series “I Like Italy But Italy Doesn’t Like Me” and essays “My Queer Romanian Experience” and “‘This world cannot handle my true colors’: Challenges faced by LGBTQ youth across Central and Eastern Europe & the Balkans”.

Cover art by Praveen Kumar Tankala, India

Access the Watchdog here: http://bit.ly/2sV488g
World AIDS Day Watchdog

Our special World AIDS Day Watchdog was created in collaboration with the Women’s Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR), the International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW), and members of the “More Than Our Status” Do You See HIV? campaign. The publication featured the stories of young women and adolescent girls from diverse parts of the world, and their everyday lives as people living with HIV and/or affected by HIV. These are young people who face multiple forms of oppression, disproportionate discrimination, violence and lack of respect for their rights, including their sexual and reproductive rights, because of their HIV positive status. Their powerful stories call for an end to stigma, violence and discrimination against young people living with HIV.

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Access the Watchdog here: http://bit.ly/1TqABKk
THE YEAR IN ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
In 2015, Youth Coalition went through a number of changes. With many of our grants coming to an end, we faced an uncertain future like many other non-governmental organizations. Thankfully we persevered and were able to secure the funds to maintain our staff and continue our programmatic work.

2015 also marked the beginning of our new 2015-2019 Strategic Plan! The process leading up to the adoption of this plan included extensive conversations between members, as well as consultations and interviews with partners and alumni. Through these conversations, we were able to set updated priorities and continue to carve out the best space for Youth Coalition.

As a youth led and member driven organization, Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights is a unique space where the voices of our members hold equal weight and steer our work. We strive to support and learn from one another, enabling members to take on leadership positions and build their organizational management skills. We are very proud of our consensus-based and independent structure and we consistently work towards strengthening our organization and membership.

Our Board of Directors guided this work with virtual board meetings held on a monthly basis, with two in-person meetings: one in February (Manila, Philippines) and the other in August (Budapest, Hungary) to discuss key issues related to the organization’s governance, growth and sustainability.

The August board meeting was followed by the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in which all members met to discuss the past year’s activities and plan for the upcoming year. As an organization whose members work mostly remotely and online, our AGM is a time where we can all come together for face-to-face learning, dreaming and strategizing. It is always a re-energizing and incredibly special time for our organization!
This year, the Board of Directors continued to place an emphasis on transparency and clear communication between YCSRRR staff, members and the Board of Directors. In addition, we worked to develop and update organizational policies to ensure that Youth Coalition continues to grow in a healthy and sustainable way.

In 2015, Youth Coalition chose to prioritize organizational development with the creation of an Organizational Development Working Group. This working group is tasked with strengthening Youth Coalition by creating professional development and learning opportunities for members, increasing alumni outreach and leading policy updates.

With our outstanding team of young people, all driven by their belief in sexual and reproductive rights, we are moving Youth Coalition forward and are dedicated to ensure we are at the forefront of the youth sexual and reproductive health and rights movement.

“It was incredible to influence the direction of YC through the strategic planning process when I was only 19 years old! I am so honored and inspired to be a member who is encouraged to fully participate in organizational development.”

Savannah Mudd
Youth Coalition Member, USA
2015 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

**GROSS FUNDRAISING REVENUE**

- **$170,000**

**TOTAL ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURE**

- **$164,295**

### 2015 REVENUE

- **The Ford Foundation**: $130,000
- **The Macarthur Foundation**: $30,000
- **International Planned Parenthood Foundation**: $10,000

### 2015 EXPENDITURES

- **Administration**: $62,935
- **External Activities and Communication**: $21,218
- **Internal Activities**: $19,426
- **Salaries and Benefits/Coordination**: $60,716

*All values are in USD*
YOUTH COALITION MEMBERS AND STAFF
2015 YCSRR MEMBERSHIP

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Jakub Skrzypczyk, Poland | Beatrice Savadye, Zimbabwe | Daniel Tobón García, Colombia | Evdokia Romanova, Russia | Magnhild Bogseth, Norway
Bowie Lam, Hong Kong | Kesaya Baba, New Zealand | Savannah Mudd, USA | Lama Al Chamaa, Lebanon
Nur Hidayati Handayani, Indonesia | Nana Zulu, Zambia | Yvonne Ivanescu, Canada | Rinaldi Ridwan, Indonesia
Ankit Gupta, India | Sara Vida Coumans, the Netherlands | Steven Diaz, Belize
While Youth Coalition is a member driven organization, our volunteer members are supported by a small staff based in Ottawa, Canada. Staff members share the principles and values of Youth Coalition and use their many skills to support the work of our members.

In 2015, the Youth Coalition team became three with the hiring of a Program and Communications Officer, Sarah Hedges-Chou.

More changes were in store for our staff with an office move - just down the street! We relocated the Youth Coalition office and joined Impact Hub Ottawa, an innovative co-working space in downtown Ottawa. Our new office is a creative and social environment that gives us the flexibility our team needs while offering opportunities for our staff to work and build community with other non-profits and entrepreneurs based in Ottawa.