

YPF CANADA'24

EVENT REPORT

THE EVENT WAS JOINED BY 100 DELEGATES FROM 45 COUNTRIES.



IN RADISSON BLU DOWNTOWN TORONTO HOTEL, CANADA.

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Event Motive

The Young Professional Fellowship Canada held amid the incredible city sites of Toronto brought together young professionals from diverse backgrounds to discuss and address critical issues facing society. The fellowship focused on training young individuals in guidance of experts from the fields of politics, media and social work, in order for them to be excellent future leaders.



Areas Covered

- Poverty Eradication and Social Mobility
- Opportunities and challenges faced by women in industry
- Adaptation towards Climate Change
- Human Rights and Inclusivity in the modern world
- Collective action towards UNSDG's
- Mental Health Awareness & Stigma Reduction





Message from the organizing committee:

YPF Canada 2024 was a significant learning opportunity for us as the organizing team, as well as for the delegates who gathered from around the world in Toronto. The challenges we faced were numerous, but by working together, we managed to navigate through them effectively. Our primary goal was to create a cohesive network of young individuals eager to learn and be empowered to serve in their respective communities. We took pride in organizing opportunities for these emerging leaders to showcase their diverse backgrounds and participate in cross-cultural exchanges. The dedication and involvement of the delegates were truly commendable, making our tasks easier and fueling our optimism for the future. Each step of the way, the organizing committee meticulously planned various sessions, ranging from expert panels to cultural experiences, allowing delegates to delve into global issues and confidently express their perspectives in line with UNSDGs. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in YPF Canada 2024, recognizing their invaluable contributions to the event's success. It was a pleasure to introduce our delegates to the hospitality, architecture, and modernity of Toronto, hoping they found the experience both educational and unforgettable.



Following the pattern of past successful fellowship programs, YPF Canada 2024 focused on:

Establishing a tightly woven network comprising experts, intellectuals, and youth to comprehend the multifaceted dynamics shaping our international system, encompassing diplomacy, global governance, and unemployment. The event prioritized crafting practical solutions aimed at amplifying the influence of positive forces while mitigating the impact of adverse factors.

Promote cross-cultural dialogue and interaction - Our ice-breaking initiatives, cultural showcases, and exchange of personal narratives created an atmosphere where individuals from various backgrounds could experience mutual respect and appreciation.

Introduction: YPF Canada 2024: Day 1-3



The Theme of the Event



Youth Leadership
catalyzes

Unimaginable Transformations & Ideal Future

Day 1



Hosts : Tiya Wang and Sumbul Amir

The Young Professional Fellowship Canada 2024 started with a warm and inviting introduction by hosts Tiya Wang and Sumbul Amir, who outlined the history and opportunities the program offers. This set the stage for an engaging journey into the impact the program has made, beautifully captured in a documentary video showcasing its evolution over time. Following this enlightening introduction, the spotlight shifted to the delegates as they took the chance to introduce themselves. Each delegate shared their name, origin, and the individual they aspire to become. This session was particularly inspiring, as it provided a platform for delegates to speak about their dreams and aspirations, fostering a sense of connection and mutual learning among participants.

The event then reached new heights with a captivating musical performance by Club Cadetta, a renowned Canadian music band featuring talented members Declan, Timour, Callum, and Ethan. Their performance left a lasting impression on all attendees, including the honorable guest speakers and delegates who were captivated by the talent on display.



The band's diverse repertoire and dynamic stage presence energized the audience, creating an unforgettable experience. Following the performance, many attendees expressed their admiration and appreciation for the band's artistry. This musical interlude set a vibrant tone for the rest of the event, fostering a sense of unity and excitement among the participants.



After the performance, Mr. Muhammad Ahmad, the Vice Chairman of the Young Professional Fellowship, delivered his opening remarks, thanking international and local delegates for joining the 2024 Young Professional Fellowship of Canada. He highlighted the program's core value of being a change maker and praised the impressive turnout of nearly 80 young professionals from over 70+ countries. Emphasizing this year's focus on climate change, human rights, and mental health, Mr. Muhammad encouraged participants to engage fully and collaborate in policy-making. He expressed excitement about the potential for significant change and urged delegates to share their thoughts and gain valuable insights.

For the last session of Day 1, Mr. Harman Idema, Consul-General of the Kingdom of Netherlands, spoke on climate change and environmental sustainability. He highlighted his project on deploying solar panels in communities, particularly in the Netherlands and Toronto, to promote renewable energy. Solar energy, derived from the sun, is renewable, abundant, and clean, emitting no greenhouse gases during operation. This helps mitigate climate change and reduce air pollution. Mr. Idema emphasized the long-term financial benefits of solar energy, despite the initial investment costs, and noted government incentives that offset these costs. The session underscored the importance of reducing reliance on fossil fuels to protect the environment for future generations. Day 1 concluded with a dinner and networking among delegates.



Following this, Ms. Ferrari Michelle, a Canadian politician representing Peterborough—Kawartha since 2021 as a member of the Conservative Party, delivered an inspiring address. She shared motivational messages on overcoming obstacles and staying motivated, imparting wisdom that resonated deeply with the audience. Her words had a sense of empowerment among young people, fostering a spirit of resilience and determination. Ms. Michelle's speech not only provided valuable guidance but also cultivated a sense of community, uniting everyone in attendance. Her ability to inspire and uplift left a lasting impression, reinforcing the importance of perseverance and solidarity in achieving shared goals.

Ms. Michelle also highlighted the significance of civic engagement and active participation in societal issues. She urged the young professionals to take initiative in their respective fields and contribute to positive change. Additionally, she shared personal anecdotes that underscored the power of persistence and hard work. Her address concluded with a call to action, encouraging everyone to strive for excellence and make a meaningful impact in their communities.



Day 1 ended with group photos where the delegates gathered together, holding their national flags, representing their individual identities and humanity simultaneously.



Day 2

Day 2 started with an opening speech by Mr. Muhammad Ahmad, the Vice Chairman of the Young Professional Fellowship, where he delivered his inspiring words, highlighting the importance of youth empowerment and active participation in addressing global challenges. He emphasized the critical role young professionals play in driving innovation and sustainable development. Mr. Ahmad also discussed the significance of collaboration and shared experiences in overcoming obstacles. He called on the delegates to harness their unique skills and perspectives to create impactful solutions. His speech set a motivating tone for the day's sessions, encouraging delegates to engage deeply, network effectively, and make meaningful contributions to the discussions.



Following that, Ms. Tiya Wang introduced Mr. Mate Arpad Igaz, Charge d' Affaires Consulate General of Hungary, who presented a compelling session on "Poverty Eradication and Social Mobility." Mr. Igaz's extensive experience and expertise provided valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities in addressing poverty and promoting social mobility.



After his session, Mr. Zowaiab Farooq, representative Justice for all Canada, took the mic and delivered a session on "Human Rights and Inclusivity." Human rights and inclusivity underscore the fundamental principles that bind us as a global community. As we navigate the complexities of our modern world, it becomes increasingly evident that the protection and promotion of human rights are essential for fostering inclusive societies where every individual can thrive. The discussions have shed light on the challenges faced by communities and the importance of addressing inequalities.

Through a collective commitment to upholding human rights and embracing diversity, we can create a more just and equitable world for all. By championing inclusivity and advancing human rights, we not only going for individual dignity and autonomy but also pave the way for sustainable development and peace. As we move forward, let us be dedicated to promoting human rights and inclusivity in all aspects of our lives, workplaces, and communities. By embracing diversity, fostering empathy, and advocating for justice, we can build a brighter future where everyone's rights are respected and valued.

Then followed the lunch break, where the delegates socialized and enjoyed their meals. These short intervals are crucial for them to network and develop personal familiarity.

After lunch, a Session on Opportunities and Challenges Faced by Women in the Industry was delivered by Ms. Sadie Starnks, a Canadian union actor, who discussed in detail how gender plays an important role in the disparity of opportunities in the film industry. Women have been denied their right to creative freedom and are taken less seriously as compared to men, which needs to be highlighted and changed. Her perspective added depth to the discussion on gender equality and empowerment, with an interesting touch of the current film making domain.



After the session, there was group work on key transitions to accelerate the SDG's progress where delegates formed their group to present an SDG that is the most important to them. The groups represented SDG1, SDG3, SDG4, SDG6, and SDG10 etc. The vision of the SDGs is to create a world where all people can live prosperous and fulfilling lives within the boundaries of our planet's resources. By tackling poverty, inequality, and environmental degradation, the SDGs aim to promote economic prosperity, social inclusion, and environmental sustainability for current and future generations. Ultimately, the SDGs envision a world where every individual has access to basic necessities, enjoys equal rights and opportunities, lives in harmony with nature, and contributes to building peaceful and resilient societies. Through collective action and collaboration across borders, sectors, and stakeholders, the SDGs strive to transform our world into a more just, equitable, and sustainable place for everyone.



In closing, the Multicultural HDL Band Group delivered a captivating cultural dance performance, inviting delegates to join them on stage. As the dancers left, our delegates continued the celebration, sharing their own cultural dances and fostering moments of laughter and joy. These exchanges the spirit of cultural interconnection and unity that defines our conference. With hearts full of laughter and memories shared, we conclude the second day of the conference, grateful for the bonds formed and the diversity celebrated. Here's to many more enriching experiences ahead as we continue our journey towards a more inclusive and harmonious world



The third day is dedicated to the cultural theme, during which delegates dress in their traditional attire. The dazzling cultural dresses with the ever so glimmering confidence their faces wore, looked captivating.



It was time for the delegate's social presentations, where willing participants come on stage and present the social projects they have been leading in their communities. Delegates who presented their social projects provided valuable insights into the landscape of digital platforms and technologies. The session offered a comprehensive overview of various websites and programs, highlighting their features, functionalities, and potential applications. One aspect that stood out was the clear and concise explanation of each website and program, making it accessible to all participants regardless of their level of technical expertise. Additionally, the presentation effectively showcased the diverse range of platforms available, catering to different needs and preferences.



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After that, Ms. Anna Simonyan, Vice president of the IBT College Toronto, came on stage for a presentation on Mental Health Awareness & Stigma Reduction. During her presentation, she did a few activities with the delegates where they were required to write their concerns and worries and tear it apart. This represented that we overcome obstacles and we are able to become a better version of ourselves if we put in the effort. Mental health is a crucial aspect of overall well-being, encompassing emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act, influencing our ability to cope with stress, relate to others, and make decisions. Mental health is essential at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood and beyond. However, mental health is often stigmatized and misunderstood, leading to barriers in seeking help and support. It's important to recognize that mental health conditions are common and treatable. They can stem from a variety of factors, including genetic predisposition, biological factors, environmental stressors, and life experiences.



Promoting mental health involves fostering resilience, coping mechanisms, and healthy relationships. It also involves providing access to mental health care services, including therapy, counseling, and medication when necessary. Additionally, creating supportive environments, reducing stigma, and raising awareness are essential components of mental health advocacy. Taking care of our mental health is just as important as taking care of our physical health. Practicing self-care, engaging in activities that bring joy and fulfillment, and reaching out for support when needed are all vital steps in maintaining mental well-being.

The program resumed after the lunch break with a thought-provoking Young Leaders Panel talk on International Diplomacy and Peacekeeping. The panel consisted of representatives from Mexico, Bangladesh, Australia, Ghana, and Pakistan, each offering their unique perspectives and insights on the topic. This diverse lineup of panelists showcased the rich cultural backgrounds and experiences present at the fellowship, highlighting the importance of diversity in international cooperation. Iqra Butt, serving as the moderator, played a crucial role in guiding the discussion. Her skillful moderation ensured that all panelists had the opportunity to share their views and that the conversation remained inclusive and respectful. This approach helped foster a sense of mutual respect among the panelists and the audience, creating a conducive environment for learning and meaningful exchange of ideas. Overall, the Young Leaders Panel talk was an enlightening session that underscored the value of diplomacy and cooperation in promoting peace and understanding among nations.



The program also featured a mesmerizing performance by Jef Kearns, a renowned Canadian Flute Artist known for his soulful melodies. His performance captivated the audience, adding a touch of artistry to the proceedings. Jef Kearns's music demonstrated the power of music to transcend cultural boundaries and connect people from different backgrounds. His soulful melodies likely resonated with the audience, evoking emotions and creating a memorable experience for everyone present. Music has a unique ability to evoke emotions, transcend language barriers, and create a sense of unity among people. Jef Kearns's performance added a special and memorable element to the fellowship, showcasing the universal language of music and its ability to bring people together.



In closing speech, Mr. Chua Chia-Yi, Honorary Consul-General of Singapore, highlighted the importance of youth empowerment. He praised the innovative ideas and energy brought by the participants, emphasizing the critical role young leaders play in shaping the future. Mr. Chua encouraged continued collaboration and support for youth initiatives, recognizing their potential to drive positive change. His words reinforced the commitment to providing opportunities for the youth to achieve their full potential, ensuring a brighter and more inclusive future for all.



The awarding ceremony for delegates, followed by official group photos, served as a fitting end to the day. This ceremony symbolized the fellowship's commitment to recognizing and celebrating the achievements of its participants. It provided an opportunity to honor the hard work and dedication of the delegates, while also allowing them to commemorate their time at the fellowship with a lasting memory. In conclusion, the Young Professional Fellowship's Day 3 afternoon session was indeed a testament to the power of diversity and diplomacy in bringing people together. Through engaging discussions, cultural presentations, and performances, delegates were able to share their unique perspectives and experiences, fostering a greater understanding and appreciation of each other's cultures. As the fellowship came to a close, participants left with new friendships, memories, and a renewed commitment to building a more inclusive and peaceful world.



Key Takeaways

There is a high need for the World to transform their energy consuming habit and deviate towards sustainable energy resources such as solar panels

Upholding human rights not only aid in the maintenance of individual dignity but collective societal development as well

Through collective action and collaboration across borders, sectors, and stakeholders, the SDGs can potentially transform our World for the better

Its time the World needs to move on from stigmatizing mental health because the complex era of today would fail to run if its leaders are mentally unstable

Achievements of YPF Canada 2024

YPF Canada 2024 hosted audiences from around the World, specifically from 65+ States, thus creating a diverse group of delegates

Getting Global and Local recognition for our efforts towards youth empowerment and covered by various international and local media houses

Showcasing the tourist destinations of Toronto to the delegates.

Devising unique solutions of modern World issues



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