


**MARCH REPORT**

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**CYPAN**  
*Membership Drive*

The Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassadors Network (CYPAN) brings together young people from across the Commonwealth to upscale and optimise grassroots, national, regional and Pan-Commonwealth efforts to promote peace, respect & understanding and preventing violent extremism.

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**JOIN CYPAN SVG AT 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (SVG TIME) ON SATURDAY  
27TH MARCH 2021 FOR A ZOOM SEMINAR THEMED  
“DISCRIMINATION AND INTERSECTIONALITY”**



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## 1. OVERVIEW / BACKGROUND

Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassadors Network in March had the Executive team sort out the membership drive applications. We received 526 applications totals from 38 countries around the world 25 of which were among the 54-member states of the commonwealth. We allowed older people (past 29 years) to also qualify as members, but they will be referred as Associate members since they do not fall under the Commonwealth definition of a youth. They have the institutional memory and experience and we look forward to having them to offering the intergenerational support and mentorship to the younger members.

The membership drive has taken us so much time because we want to finally get it right and to also ensure that members get to receive communication and well coordination for a stronger national coalition that will remain stronger, even with change of leadership. Learning from the challenges of the past CYPAN experiences with membership and lack of transitional structures and guidelines and for ownership by the members and their individual organisations.

## 1. NETWORK ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY

DATE	ACTIVITY/PROJECT	REPRESENTATIVE(S)	DETAILS
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Online seminar on Discrimination and intersectionality in St. Vincent and Grenadine Hosted by CYPAN St. Vincent and Grenadines	Jeshua Jovan Bardo	From about 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM on Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> of March 2021 CYPAN SVG Hosted a zoom seminar, which was also streamed on Facebook, themed “Discrimination and Intersectionality” with Dr. Serena Natile, an Assistant Professor at Warwick Law School in the UK. Through this seminar, the participants learnt about issues surrounding discrimination and Intersectionality. The live streaming attracted more than 300 viewers

<p>17<sup>th</sup> March/2021</p>	<p>Launch of the Youth Peace and security Fund in March Hosted by Search for Common grounds</p>	<p>Christine Odera</p>	<p>The CYPAN Pan-Commonwealth Coordinator Christine Odera was among the panellist. She was spoke on how Youth Networks operate and why a youth Fund would be beneficial to help.</p> <p>Her recommendations were.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young people to be the change they want to see by donating to the fund.</li> <li>• CYPAN commitment to popularizing the fund and helping fundraise</li> <li>• Draft a memo to the Commonwealth Secretariat on the Youth Peace and Security Fund</li> </ul>
<p>12/3/2021</p>	<p>Commonwealth Day and Women's Day Hosted by CYPAN</p>	<p>Tushar Baidya Membership and Partnership Coordinator CYPAN</p>	<p>To commemorate international women's day and Commonwealth Day. CYPAN hosted women from across the commonwealth to discuss under the theme: choosing to challenge women building peace to deliver a common future.</p> <p>Some of the highlights were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The need to stop assuming women don't act as perpetrators of violence as now they are being used to commit crime.</li> <li>• The need for alternative economic activities and</li> </ul>

			<p>awareness for women in the island areas affected by climate change and the pandemic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women are facing a war by virtue that they are women, it's a high time policy on Gender based Violence are implemented</li> </ul>
10/3/2021	<p>CYPAN's Unmasking the Mind- Helping Young Girls shape the world by empowering themselves. seminar in Trinidad and Tobago to celebrate Women's month</p>	<p>Sherese Baptiste Country Coordinator Trinidad and Tobago</p>	<p>A virtual 3 days seminar with 30 young girls ages 15-17 from the St. Joseph Convent, San Fernando School were equipped with tools of empowerment and mastering the mind as they transition to young adult</p> <p>The tips to be covered during this event are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skills of Mediation</li> <li>• Effective Journaling and Goal Setting</li> <li>• Getting out of Your Comfort Zone</li> <li>• Finding Your Purpose</li> </ul>
March	<p>A webinar on war, Militarization and Intergenerational dialogue</p>	<p>Phill Grittins Director of Education World Beyond War and Christine Odera</p>	<p>The World Beyond War and CYPAN collaboration webinar preparation is going well. The topics have been finalised and now we are awaiting confirmation of speaker's tentative date of the webinar is 30<sup>th</sup> April</p>
March	<p>An online campaign on the use of Art, culture and heritage to promote peace.</p>	<p>Karen Ondwasi-GIMAC youth Chair and Christine Odera</p>	<p>The concept Note has been finalised and waiting implementation. CYPAN requested to have some time since it was sorting out the membership who will be instrumental in participating in the campaign.</p>

March	Sorting out the application for membership and creating a database was established, members received their confirmation emails	Tushar Baidya, Aurelia Bruce and Christine Odera	There is a summary chart of how the applications were sorted in the Appendix.
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### 3.UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Upcoming activities	Dates	Person in charge
Collaborating with World Beyond war on helping launch the WBW youth network and holding online discussions	April TBC	Christine, Aurelia, Phill  To meet on the last week of march and finalise
Selections of Country Coordinators and sending confirmations letters	April	Christine Odera, Tushar Baidya
Selection of remaining Committee Coordinators	April	Christine Odera, Tushar Baidya, Neville