

BYLC Youth Leadership Prize 2016

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BYLC Youth Leadership Prize awarded to 10 groups of young changemakers

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Dear Friends,

We hope this note finds you well. We're delighted to let you know that we hosted an award ceremony at Le Meridien Hotel in Dhaka on November 27, 2016, to award the [BYLC Youth Leadership Prize](#) to [10 teams of young changemakers](#), who will implement different development initiatives across Bangladesh.



“These young leaders are an inspiration to all in their commitment to solve problems and drive forward

With support from UKAid, we launched the BYLC Youth Leadership Prize on August 24. Graduates of BYLC leadership programs were invited to apply with project ideas that could have positive social impact. Each group is receiving BDT 750,000 (GBP 7,500) grants to implement their projects. By enabling our graduates to take on social initiatives, we aim to demonstrate the power of youth in leading change in society.

The 10 winning groups include Green Power from Barisal, who will provide an alternative source of electricity using tidal power; Campaign Red from Cox's Bazar, who will raise awareness on menstruation hygiene and management in schools; and Aqualine from Mymensingh, who will create a social business using fish viscera and waste. From Dhaka, the winners are Waste Free Bangladesh, who will work to change current practices around garbage management to decrease waste; LLC for Dropouts, who will provide free tech training and career opportunities to dropout students; Ground Zero, who will raise awareness on sexual abuse of children; Younifi, who will connect talented volunteers with NGOs and social initiatives; Zthink, who will teach art and designing skills to street children so they can create and sell products; Pandora, who will raise awareness on emergency preparedness; and Aroggo, who will connect underprivileged patients with medical funds through a website and mobile app.

Joel Harding, Governance Team Leader at DFID, delivered the keynote address at the event, while Adrian Jones, Head of Political Section at the British High Commission, handed over the awards to the winners. U.S. Ambassador Marcia Bernicat and UN Resident Coordinator Robert Watkins also spoke at the event,

change in their communities. They demonstrate that real leadership is about mobilizing others to act.” -

Joel Harding, Governance Team Leader of DFID Bangladesh



"I have personally thoroughly enjoyed my association with BYLC. What I find most inspiring about our organization is the idealism and commitment of the people who work here." -

Akhter Matin Chaudhury, BYLC Chairperson

which was attended by distinguished guests from the public, private, and civil sectors.

As you may know, BYLC began its journey in 2008 when Ejaj Ahmad and Shammi Quddus received a USD 10,000 Kathryn Davis Peace Prize to run the pilot Building Bridges through Leadership Training program in Chittagong, Bangladesh. Within a span of eight years since the pilot, BYLC has transformed from a living room project to one of the most trusted and sought after leadership development platforms in Bangladesh. Having trained more than 3000 youth through our different leadership programs, we launched the BYLC Youth Leadership Prize this year to give our graduates an opportunity to translate their ideas into action and contribute to Bangladesh's development in a more tangible way.

We invite you to watch a short video to learn more about the next generation of changemakers and their aspirations for their communities.

Sincerely,

Shaveena and Sumaiya
(On behalf of the BYLC communications team)



Read the [blog](#) article by **Shaveena Anam, Deputy Manager, Communication**, discussing the selection process of the Prize.



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