



**International  
Care Leavers Convention  
2020**

**Poster Contest – Presentation on posters and  
adjudication by Jury**

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### Pre Event 4

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As part of the International Care Leavers Convention, a call for posters was announced on the themes of:

- Recent research studies done on Aftercare or Care Leavers.
- Promising practices or good models of work with Care Leavers
- Legislation, national policies, guidance and regulatory framework requirements regarding Care Leavers.
- Process of formation and strengthening of Care Leavers' Peer Networks.

Academic researchers in institutions and Care Leaving organizations along with Care Leavers representatives from different Care Leaver Networks across the world came together to share insights from the research being done on leaving care processes through submission of their posters.

Seventeen poster submissions were received from across the globe. A vote by Care Leavers was designed online, based on criteria including content, design and level of impact on life of Care Leavers.

All poster presenters, in this pre-event 4, held on November 21, 2020 were given the opportunity to pitch their posters during a short elevator pitch of 4 minutes and were instructed to highlight main aspects of the poster, think about a creative opening and ending for the presentation and keep to the time limit.

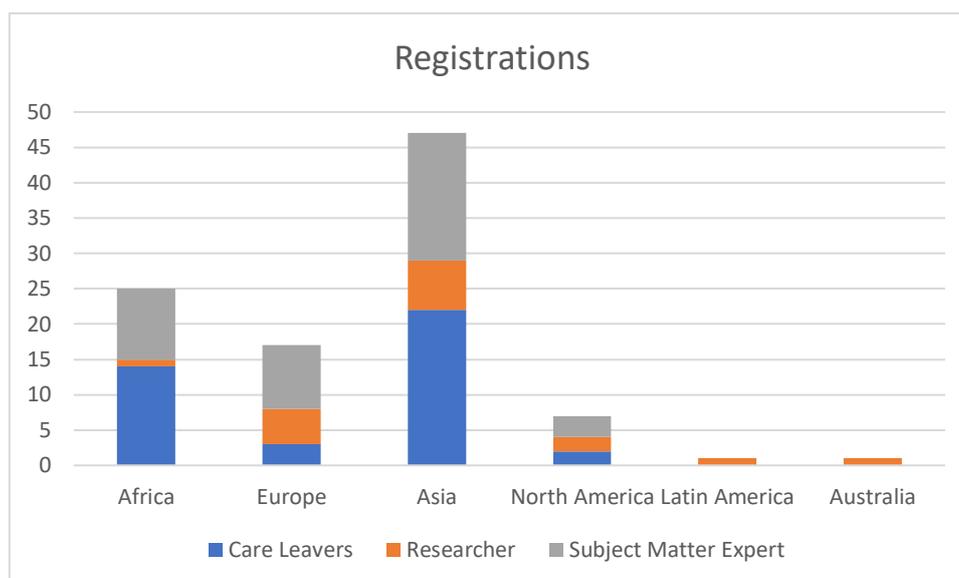
Participants were organized in three groups of five each for the pitch presentations, and after each block, participants were allowed to ask questions to the speakers from that block. The session was moderated by Joelle and Lily (Youth Welfare Forum Careleavers) of Netherlands. At the end of the process, the first three winners were declared through the already conducted online voting process, and one audience Choice Award was also declared basis the feedback of the participants, at the event.

The **panelists included researchers, Care Leavers and practitioners** from different parts of the world - Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East.

SI no	Name	Designation
1	Joelle	Representative of Youth Welfare Forum of Care Leavers ,Netherlands
2	Lily	Representative of Youth Welfare Forum of Care Leavers ,Netherlands
3	Magdalena Kępk	Co-founder of “Samodzielni Robinsonowie” Foundation (serving Foster youth). Care Leaver Representative, Poland
4	Purnima Jindal	Youth Regional Focal person of SOS Children’s Villages Asia
5	Federica Gullo	Researcher at the University of Oviedo, Spain
6	Namuyanja Ritah	Care Leaver Representative from Uganda
7	Abdullah Oskay	Ashoka Fellow, Founder of Turkish NGO(on Care Leavers) ,Care Leaver, Turkey
8	Caroline Ehlke	Researcher and teacher at the University of Hildesheim
9	Martina Sabetta	Care Leaver Representative, Italy
10	Bojan Krsnik	Leaving Care Support Expert, SOS Children’s Villages, Croatia
11	Laura Garcia	Care Leaver Representative, Spain

12	Divya Fernandez	Social Worker with St Catherine's Home orphanage and children's home, India
13	Gabriella Rask	Project Co-ordinator at SOS Children's Village International, Austria
14	Vu Thian	Coordinator of youth care and development under the national program development team of SOS Children's Villages Vietnam
15	Wolfgang Sierwald and Veronika Salzburger	Both scientific co-workers at the Socio Pedagogical Institute of SOS-Kinderdorf e.V, Germany
16	Akash Moses	Care Leaver Representative and member of GNG, Sri Lanka
17	Yasmine Nasef	Youth Development Senior Specialist, Wataneya Society, Egypt

The session saw registrations from 43 countries across six continents



## Discussions

Each of the posters presented brought focus on different aspects related to care-leaving and/or associated challenges.

- **Magdalena Kępa from Poland** spoke on the six main areas of self-reliance (education/work, health, relations, finances, housing, and law), Kolb's experiential learning style, Co-operation and fun.
- **Purnima Jindal from India** spoke on the plight of the Care Leavers in the pandemic belonging to Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Laos, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and, Vietnam and the alternative career options as they prepare to leave Care. She ended with the note that the Care leavers must get "stronger" and more "resilient" in the days to come in a post pandemic world.
- **Federica Gullo from Spain** spoke on Self-esteem and Personal wellbeing in emerging adulthood focusing on gender using RSE (Self Esteem Scale) and Perceived PWI (Personal Wellbeing scale).
- **Namuyanja Ritah from Uganda** spoke passionately on the plight of the Care leavers in Uganda and on the need for "action-oriented" challenges and solutions.
- **Abdullah Oskay from Turkey** spoke on the need for a Child support network, Care leaver guideline and the need of a mobile network for jobs, internships and opportunities.

- **Caroline Ehlke of Germany** focused on the concept of social environment of people who cope with different things in their lives. Especially the social support for care leavers from different persons while transitioning out-of-home care (foster families, families of origin, friends and boyfriends, social workers and supervisors from vocational trainings and work) was emphasized.
- **Martina Sabetta of Italy** spoke on similar lines that the “heart family” is important for social support as much as the blood family. The results of their survey “in the road to our future” helped them to understand the social profile, the child protection paths, the experiences and life expectancies of the Care Leavers.
- **Bojan Krsnik of Croatia** who is a Leaving Care support expert spoke on how they prepare the young Care leavers on an independent life, finances, cooking, household budgets and saving money.
- **Laura Garcia of Spain** spoke on the online independent living skills training tool for teenagers living in children’s homes (PLANEA Program). PLANEA Program can be used in residential child care with young people from 14 years old to develop skills for independent life organized in 9 areas of content, including health and wellbeing, education, family and social relationships, housing, budgeting, housekeeping, etc.
- **Divya Fernandez of India** spoke on the reintegration of girls out of Care houses with special reference to Mumbai. She spoke on the need of higher education, friends, life skills, counselling and advice.
- **Gabriella Rask of Austria** spoke how the voices of young people with care experience were listened to from ten countries: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania and Spain and from these interviews a practice guide and training manual **Prepare for Leaving Care Practice Guidance** and Training Manual were developed. To date, this training has reached over 1,000 care professionals in the ten European countries. Not only were young people with care experience participating in developing the training material, but they were also co-delivering the training at national level. This participatory approach gives care professionals the opportunity to hear first-hand how young people are experiencing the leaving care process and to reflect together on how to improve these experiences for future generations of care leavers.
- **Vu Thian of Vietnam** spoke on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in young Care Leavers of Vietnam and focused that improving the resilience of the youth is important. They faced different set of challenges such as reduced income , accommodation challenges , no food security, missing financial security, missing social networks during the pandemic and was helped by SOS in providing them with accommodation support, counselling support and monetary support
- **Wolfgang Sierwald and Veronika Salzburger from Germany** focused on the capability to Act or as they said “I can do it” approach based on self-efficacy, resilience and self-coherence. “Capability to Act” is formed by lifelong experiences.
- **Moses of Sri Lanka spoke** on the GNG(Generation Never Give Up) experience and the journey of GNG,COVID – 19 Helping Project for the Care Leavers and how important it having care leavers Network by members.
- **Yasmine Naseff of Egypt** spoke on the Wataneya Society for the Development of Orphanages launched a program in 2011 called “Forsa” which means opportunity in Arabic. Forsa program

targeted young adolescents to empower them, raise their self-esteem. Self-exploration, self-development opportunities and scholarship are important to make the youth empowered. She asked an interesting query at the end to the audience “What can each of us do as Care Leavers”. This led to interesting answers from the audience like providing accommodation, mental health support, monetary support etc.

**The winners of the posters were assessed on the following criteria**

- a) Level of participation of Care Leavers
- b) Design of the poster
- c) Level of Impact on life of Care Leavers
- d) Clarity of poster without presentation

**The winners were adjudged as follows**

<p>Laura Garcia, Spain</p>	<p>First</p>	
<p>Gabriella Rask of Austria</p>	<p>Second</p>	

<p>Bojan Krsnik, Croatia</p>	<p>Third</p>	
<p>Martina Sabetta of Italy</p>	<p>Most Liked presentation by Audience</p>	

**Outcomes**

**Good models and Best practices-** Some best global practices that were shared by the Care Leaver representatives and practitioners shall be useful in policy advocacy and also for customized adoption by individual Care Leaver networks and practitioners.

**Need for support-** Throughout the sessions, there was a persistent call for support for Care Leavers in terms of friends, experts, teachers- “the heart family is as important as the blood family”. It was

understood that a strong support system for Care Leavers is essential for their sustenance in the society.

**Gaps to be filled** - The for further research and the gaps in general conditions of the Care Leavers were highlighted with a view to reforms in policy and understanding of Care Leavers' situations.



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