

UNESCO Master Class Gwangju Series

Youth Actions in Response to Inequalities

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Hosts & Organizers: Gwangju International Center, UNESCO,
Gwangju Council for Sustainable Development

Background

Launched by UNESCO in November 2019 as a global “training for trainers” initiative, the Master Class Series on Racism and Discrimination aims to shed light on the growing significance of racial prejudice and the spread of racial discrimination and intolerance, and raise the visibility on its consequences. The ultimate goal is to empower young participants to become agents of change and trainers in their own schools and communities.

As the lead city of UNESCO Asia-Pacific Coalition of Cities Against Discrimination (UNESCO APCAD) Gwangju Metropolitan City, represented by Gwangju International Center, has begun organizing a long-term project centered around and drawing the inspiration from the original UNESCO Master Class entitled “UNESCO Master Class Gwangju Series”.

The First UNESCO Master Class Gwangju Series gathered 20 high school students from Gwangju. Divided into 5 teams and guided by 5 teacher-facilitators, over the period of approximately 6 months, the Gwangju Series participants created and implemented their own team projects focusing on raising awareness and proposing solutions to the rise in online hate speech under the theme of "Youth Actions in Response to Online Discriminations".

The results of each team project implementation were presented at the 12th World Human Rights Cities Forum and the ‘Best Team’ among Gwangju Master Class participants, as chosen by the jury of experts, presented their project achievements at the 2023 UNESCO Global Master Class in Paris. The Second Edition of the UNESCO Master Class Gwangju Series has gathered 27 youth participants from Gwangju and South Jeolla Province. Under the topic of “Youth Actions in Response to Inequalities”, this year’s program focuses on exploring issues related to inequalities by aiding the participants in pinpointing topics and situations that result in unequal treatment of certain groups or individuals in their immediate surroundings, such as schools and communities they belong to, as well as providing them with the knowledge and various tools to plan and implement suitable actions responding to them.



Objectives

1. To briefly introduce the UNESCO Master Class Gwangju Series and the project surrounding it
2. To share and discuss about the Gwangju Series youth participants' project results
3. To evaluate the Gwangju Series youth participants' project results

Main Agenda

1. Sharing results and experiences of the Gwangju Series youth participants' projects
2. Reviewing and evaluating good practices and limits of UNSECO Master class Gwangju series youth participants' projects
3. Selecting the 'Best Team' to represent the Second Edition of the UNESCO Master Class Gwangju Series at the UNESCO Global Forum

