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2026 April

April marked another impactful month for the Global Unites movement as country chapters continued advancing grassroots peacebuilding, youth empowerment, leadership development, and community engagement across diverse contexts. Through school relations engagements, Peace Club activities, mental health and self-defense workshops, sports and debate initiatives, community outreach programs, and strategic partnerships, teams across the network collectively engaged thousands of young people and community members. This month also highlighted the growing influence of youth-led leadership, with volunteers, students, and local changemakers actively contributing to dialogue, social cohesion, and positive transformation within their communities. Across every chapter, Global Unites continued strengthening its mission of building bridges across ethnic, religious, social, and cultural divides while creating safe spaces for learning, collaboration, and collective action toward a more peaceful and united world.



COUNTRY CHAPTER SPOTLIGHTS

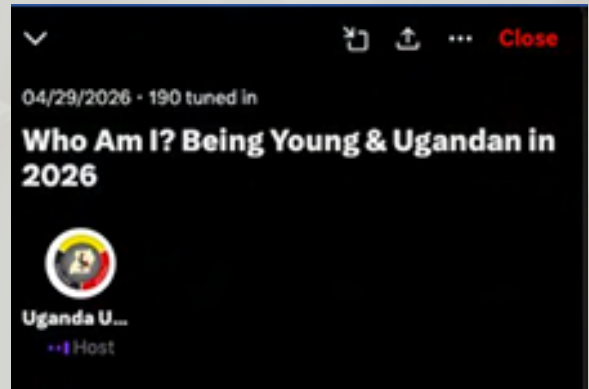


UGANDA UNITES

Uganda Unites continued expanding its grassroots impact through a series of school, community, and youth engagement initiatives throughout April. The team conducted six school engagements, including outreach to a new school, Majorine College, while continuing Peace Club follow-ups in five partner schools. A volunteer training session on work readiness was also organized in collaboration with a prospective partner, helping equip young volunteers with practical professional skills. In Jinja, Eastern Uganda, a community engagement session at TMM Girls School created space for dialogue and leadership development among young women. The chapter also hosted another edition of the Youth Voices Unfiltered X Space under the theme “Who Am I: Being Ugandan in 2026,” encouraging youth to reflect on identity, belonging, and citizenship. Uganda Unites further demonstrated the transformative impact of its Peace Club program by supporting vulnerable youth previously associated with gang-related activities, helping redirect them toward peacebuilding and positive community engagement.

TESTIMONIAL

“A powerful testimony emerged from a Peace Club member from Oxford School Kawempe, who shared how the mentorship and dialogue sessions helped him move away from gang involvement and embrace peacebuilding. Reflecting on his journey, he emphasized that the program transformed how he viewed identity, violence, and his future, inspiring him to become an ambassador of peace within his community.”



COUNTRY CHAPTER SPOTLIGHTS



KENYA UNITES



Kenya Unites strengthened its focus on youth leadership, mental well-being, and educational empowerment throughout April. One of the major highlights was the successful participation of supported schools in the National Debate for Peace Championships, with one school qualifying for the East Africa Nationals. The team also organized a Sports for Peace event that engaged learners through self-defense, teamwork, and discipline training, demonstrating the role of sports in promoting peace and resilience. At ACK Kasarani, a Teen Mental Health and Peacebuilding session created a supportive environment for discussions on emotional well-being and youth empowerment. Additionally, Kenya Unites advanced preparations for the Future Leaders Conference (FLC) by developing the concept and budget framework to support fundraising and strategic partnerships.

TESTIMONIAL

Representatives from Kenya Unites reflected on the pride and inspiration they experienced while supporting students during the Debate for Peace Championship. Witnessing learners confidently showcase their ideas and qualify for the East Africa tier reinforced the importance of sustained mentorship and educational advocacy in empowering the next generation of leaders.



COUNTRY CHAPTER SPOTLIGHTS



LIBERIA UNITES

Liberia Unites experienced one of its most active months, engaging more than 1,400 people through community outreach, school programs, youth empowerment initiatives, and partnerships. A major achievement was the successful partnership with the Work of His Blood Experience (WOBE), where the team co-hosted the third edition of the Christian concert and engaged over 870 participants, most of them youth. Community engagement sessions in Yartana, Zazay, and Rehab communities focused on leadership, entrepreneurship, non-violence, and purposeful living, creating meaningful opportunities for youth development and dialogue. The chapter also continued its School Relations Engagements, reaching hundreds of students and establishing a new Peace Club at Amos B. Taybior High School. Through these diverse initiatives, Liberia Unites continued building strong community connections while empowering young people to become active contributors to positive social change.



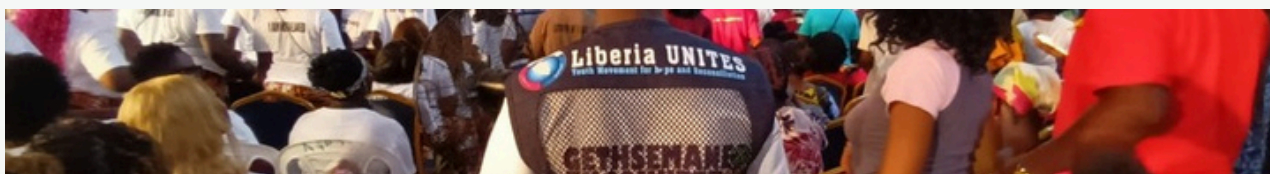
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LIBERIA UNITES

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My name is Mayoshi Gayflor from Grade 12A at The Buchanan SDA High School, and I had the privilege of participating in the Liberia Unites school relations engagement on our campus. It was a truly inspiring experience for me. I actively joined the discussions on youth leadership and service learning, and it opened my eyes to the importance of taking initiative and giving back to my community. I am very grateful to the Liberia Unites team for visiting our school and sharing such valuable knowledge with us. The session was both engaging and empowering, and it has motivated me to do more as a young leader. I am excited about the upcoming programs and look forward to being part of them. After graduation, I am also willing and ready to volunteer and continue contributing to this meaningful movement





AFGHANISTAN UNITES

In April, Afghanistan Unites continued focusing on leadership development, youth engagement, and psychosocial support initiatives despite the challenging context in the country. The team held a follow-up online meeting with graduates of the Global Unites Master Trainers Academy (GUMTA), encouraging them to move forward with establishing Peace Clubs and to take active leadership roles within the movement based on their skills and experience. These discussions helped strengthen ownership, collaboration, and long-term engagement among emerging young leaders. At the same time, Afghanistan Unites made important progress in developing educational and support-based programming by preparing curriculum materials for upcoming Psychosocial Support (PSS) programs for Afghan women and girls, as well as children-focused initiatives. These programs are designed to create safe and empowering learning spaces that respond to the social and emotional needs of vulnerable communities. In addition, the chapter conducted individual meetings with second-tier leadership members and leading volunteers to discuss the GIANT Leadership Program. Through these conversations, participants were encouraged to deepen their leadership journey, expand their involvement within the movement, and continue contributing toward community transformation and peacebuilding efforts across Afghanistan.

TESTIMONIAL

**Diana Miskinyar - GUMTA Graduate
Afghanistan Unites**

“First, I want to express my gratitude to Global Unites for providing such meaningful and prominent programs, and for giving us the chance to learn and grow. By participating in the Global Unites Master Trainers Academy, I began a new journey full of motivation to boost my knowledge and deepen my interest in becoming a leader in my community—or at least to understand the characteristics of leadership, which are essential for anyone who aspires to be one. Overall, all the sessions were truly vital and meaningful for me. Whenever I joined the class, I found myself reflecting on my generation and the ways I could share and contribute the knowledge I gained there. It was not merely eight weeks of sessions on youth leadership, grassroots movements, peacebuilding, and non-violence; it was a path and an opportunity that continues to remind me to utilize what I learned. This experience has not only shaped my understanding but also inspired me to continue creating positive change in my community.





NEPAL UNITES

In April, Nepal Unites focused on empowerment, partnership-building, and youth leadership initiatives. Members participated in an impactful self-defense session for women, designed to strengthen confidence, safety awareness, and practical skills for personal protection. The chapter also engaged with Samir Pariyar, winner of the Champions of Change Award for Gender Equality, while continuing planning meetings for the Future Leaders Conference (FLC). Nepal Unites further strengthened its visibility through the recognition of local Hidden Heroes and the development of partnership collaborations for the Karnali Youth Festival. These activities reflected the chapter's continued commitment to gender empowerment, youth engagement, and community leadership.

TESTIMONIAL

Participating in the self-defense training organized by Global Unites was a deeply empowering experience. The techniques and steps demonstrated by our instructor, James Sang Lee, were incredibly practical and effective. In today's context, where concerns regarding violence against women and children are rising, it is a necessity. This session has significantly boosted my confidence and taught me the importance of being self-reliant for my own safety. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the organizing team and James for this impactful initiative. While the session was informative, I believe that conducting such training physically in the future would be even more effective for hands-on practice. I look forward to seeing more programs like this that help women and girls stand strong and secure

Sweta Gurung
Nepal Unites





EMPOWER & PROTECT!

GLOBAL ONLINE SELF-DEFENSE COURSE FOR YOUNG WOMEN & GIRLS

Global Unites marked a significant milestone in its journey of youth empowerment and global engagement with the official launch of the Global Unites Sports Department. This important initiative was inaugurated through the organization's first global sports-related program, a True Self-Defense Training for Young Women and Girls, bringing together participants from multiple countries and continents in a shared virtual learning space.

The session focused on equipping young women and girls with practical self-defense skills while also promoting confidence, resilience, and personal empowerment. More than a physical training program, the initiative created a supportive and encouraging environment where participants could strengthen both their self-confidence and sense of security.

The training was led by internationally recognized martial arts champion James Sang Lee, whose expertise and guidance inspired participants throughout the session. His contribution highlighted the importance of combining physical preparedness with discipline, confidence, and leadership.

The launch witnessed enthusiastic participation from young women representing diverse regions, including Sri Lanka, several African countries, and other parts of the world. The energy, engagement, and commitment demonstrated by participants reflected the growing need for safe, empowering spaces dedicated to the wellbeing and protection of young women globally.

This inaugural program represents the beginning of a broader vision for the Global Unites Sports Department, which aims to use sports and physical development as tools for empowerment, leadership, unity, and social transformation. As the movement continues to grow, Global Unites remains committed to creating initiatives that foster resilience, confidence, and global solidarity among young people.





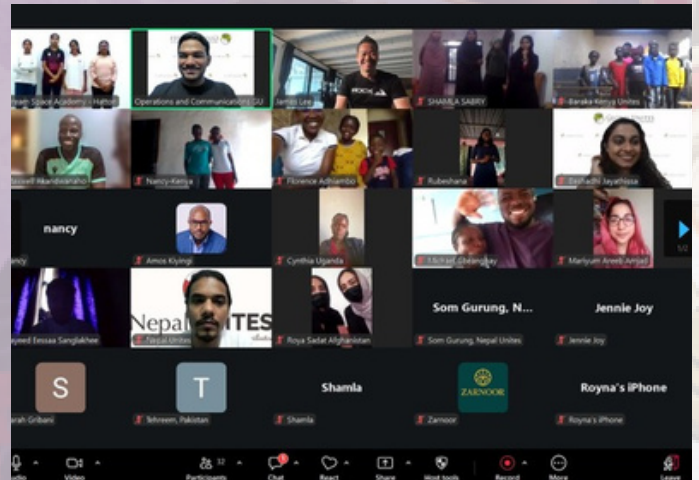
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In April, The World We Share continued to expand its platform for meaningful dialogue and awareness-building by featuring a series of impactful conversations addressing global and regional social issues. Through thought-provoking discussions and inspiring personal stories, the platform aimed to encourage reflection, learning, and community engagement among youth and wider audiences.

The month's content included four key episodes covering diverse and timely themes. Episode 04, titled "What War Does to Women: A Conversation on Christina Lamb's 'Our Bodies, Their Battlefield'," explored the devastating impact of war and conflict on women, shedding light on issues of violence, trauma, and resilience. Episode 05, "Breaking the Silence | Kawya's Journey as a Mental Wellness Champion," highlighted the importance of mental health awareness and the role of youth-led initiatives in creating supportive and healing spaces within communities.

Continuing the series, Episode 06, "My Take + Your Questions Answered | Understanding the Iran War," provided an informative and reflective discussion on the complexities of the ongoing conflict and its broader social and political implications. Episode 07, "What No One Talks About: Samir on Menstruation & Equality," focused on breaking stigma surrounding menstruation and promoting gender equality through open conversations and awareness-building.

These episodes collectively generated significant engagement across digital platforms, reaching over 1,648 views, gaining 29+ new subscribers, and accumulating 29 watch hours during the month. The growing audience engagement reflects increasing interest in conversations centered on peacebuilding, social justice, mental wellbeing, and youth-led social transformation.

Through The World We Share, Global Unites continues to create a space where important yet often overlooked issues can be discussed openly, empowering young people to engage critically with the world around them and contribute toward positive social change.



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A CONVERSATION ON CHRISTINA LAMB'S
"OUR BODIES, THEIR BATTLEFIELD"

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HER MISSION: HEALING MINDS

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GUMTA

NEW COHORT FOR 2026



The Global Unites Master Trainer Academy (GUMTA) officially opened applications for its new cohort in 2026, inviting passionate youth leaders, peacebuilders, and changemakers from across the region and beyond to join the growing movement. The academy continues to serve as a platform for empowering young leaders with the knowledge, skills, and networks

needed to create meaningful social impact within their communities.

Designed as an intensive virtual learning experience, the program focuses on key thematic areas including reconciliation and conflict transformation, youth leadership and character development, non-violence, and grassroots movements. Through interactive sessions, mentorship, and collaborative learning, participants are equipped to become effective trainers and community leaders capable of driving positive change.

The call for applications received strong interest from young people across multiple countries, reflecting the increasing demand for leadership development opportunities centered on peacebuilding, social justice, and youth empowerment. To encourage wider regional representation, Global Unites particularly welcomed applications from underrepresented communities and emerging youth leaders committed to building more inclusive and peaceful societies.

As Global Unites continues to expand its impact globally, the new GUMTA cohort represents another important step in nurturing a generation of leaders dedicated to dialogue, resilience, and transformative action.

TESTIMONIALS



MAGE RATA

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EXPLORING IDENTITY THROUGH CONVERSATION

In addition to its global podcast initiatives, Global Unites Headquarters also launched "Mage Rata," a locally grounded podcast series aimed at exploring the question of Sri Lankan identity through diverse voices and lived experiences. This initiative creates a space for meaningful conversations with individuals from a wide range of sectors, including entrepreneurs, politicians, social leaders, activists, actors, lawyers, and sports personalities.

Mage Rata goes beyond surface-level discussions by diving into the personal journeys, values, and perspectives that shape how individuals understand their role within the nation. Through these conversations, the series seeks to unpack what it truly means to be Sri Lankan in today's context, bridging differences, highlighting shared experiences, and fostering a deeper sense of belonging and unity.

By engaging voices from across disciplines and communities, the podcast encourages reflection, dialogue, and a more inclusive understanding of identity. It also provides young people with the opportunity to learn from real-life experiences, challenges, and insights of leaders and changemakers who are shaping the country in different ways.

This initiative reflects Global Unites' continued commitment to connecting local narratives with broader conversations on unity and social cohesion, reminding us that understanding who we are is a critical step toward building a more peaceful and united society.



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Categories

Junior: 15 – 16 Years

Senior: 17 – 18 Years



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- ✔ Certificates of Participation
- ✔ Top three speakers in each category will receive medals and certificates.
- ✔ The Junior and Senior winners will advance to represent their country at the South Asia Regional Finals.



COMPETITION THEMES

- Ethical Leadership
- Peace & Reconciliation
- Nonviolence
- Youth Empowerment
- Social Responsibility



COMPETITION PROCESS

The national competition will take place over approximately 4–5 hours and will include the following stages:

- 1 Opening Session
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- 3 Final Round



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