A STUDENTS LED PLATFORM REDIRECTS SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR A SAFER SCHOOL

Children innovating, creating and expressing

Asia and the Pacific: Thailand

In Thailand, students aged 13 to 17 have started a platform called "Student Reflect" to address the issues of bullying, harassment, mental health and personal offending in schools. As school plays a crucial part in the child's development, engaging students and amplifying their voices is one of the key activities taken forward by this network.

This youth-led platform focuses on making school a free and safe place for every student to study, enjoy, hang out and express themselves, through the elimination of bullying as well as physical, verbal, and mental abuse by teachers and parents. The organization also provides students with recovery friends and space to share.
The activities are mainly divided in two categories: online and onsite.
Online: the organization creates digital spaces to reach out to and to express concerns and opinions. It also runs and promotes awareness raising campaigns and challenges targeting children and young people through social media platforms.
Onsite: "Student Reflect" holds physical meetings once every semester for students to exchange on their daily challenges, social issues and support each other.
Recommendations from the students are collected during the online and onsite activities, and passed on to the teachers, directors, school council, and the parents in order to find solutions through intergenerational dialogue.

Within the first 12 months of running its programs "Student Reflect" has reached 1,124 students in Suankularb Wittayalai Nonthaburi school by instagram poles and student reflect's online semester survey. The results were shared with the school management team and led to many changes in the school. For example, the students are now able to participate in the school improvement meeting along with the teachers. The school has started providing mental health counseling through psychologists invited to the school twice a month. Moreover, based on the evaluation survey, the majority of students (70%) feel safer and not afraid to speak for themselves. Students who have been bullied and harassed by other people in the school reflected that they are more inclined to speak up due to the provision of a safe platform.

The organization tackles a wide range of issues besides bullying and cyberbullying. It also addresses violence against girls and women, sexual abuse and exploitation of children, domestic violence, violence in institutions (children in detention, children with disabilities, children in foster care, etc), community / Gang violence, and online violence. 'Student Reflect' engages adolescents on the following issues: LGBTIQ children, mental health, climate Change and environmental issues, poverty and inequality, education, peace building.
Student Reflect youth-led organization