60 Years of Al: Youth Who Shape the Human Rights Movement

Thursday, May 27 at 8pm ET on Zoom. Join the conversation: Register here!

Guest Panelists:

Alice Lei, she/her, is currently the president of a student group at Mission Vista High School. She is a member of the Youth Power Action Network as well as a part of the Global Human Rights Education team's Youth Advisory Board for an upcoming documentary. Right now, Alice's work is centered around supporting her AAPI community.

Aniket Shah is a former Chair of AIUSA's Board of Directors. Shah has been a leader in the organization for more than 18 years, first as a student activist and served as AIUSA's Board Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee. Shah is a leading authority on global sustainable development, working in leadership positions with the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network, Investec Asset Management, and previously with the Earth Institute.

Hamzah Latif is a human rights activist, muralist, and community organizer. He has worked on dozens of issues as a field organizer for Amnesty International, highlighting the human rights violations of children, women, and most recently refugees on the southern border and Black Lives Matter protesters.

Helen Jack is a third year internal medicine resident at the University of Washington, and her clinical focus is on primary care for socially and medically complex patients. She also holds a Visiting Researcher position at the Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology, and Neuroscience at King's College London (KCL). Many of Helen's current research and clinical interests stem from her work with Amnesty International USA. Helen started in Al as a high school group member in 2004 and continued being actively involved in student groups as a college student at Yale. She was the Legislative Coordinator for New Hampshire from 2008-2012, the first young person in a Legislative Coordinator role. She also served as one of Al USA's six representatives to the 2013 International Council Meeting, a biennial meeting of Al sections from around the world to set policies and priorities for the international Al movement. Upon completion of residency in June 2021, Helen will be joining the faculty at University of Washington where she will be practicing primary care and continuing her research on expanding access to behavioral health care for vulnerable populations.

Lilián Sánchez serves as a Public Policy Fellow with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) working with Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal's D.C. office and, previously, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) National Political Advocacy Department. Through her advocacy and legislative work, Lilián has worked to end the criminalization of poverty through fines and fees, bring justice to immigrant survivors of gender-based violence, and uphold the civil and human rights of vulnerable communities across the country. She has developed an impressive leadership record receiving the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence B.R.A.V.E. Award and was inducted into the Iowa Latino Hall of Fame as the recipient of the Latinx Youth Leadership Award. Lilián graduated from the University of Iowa with degrees in Political Science and Ethics & Public Policy; as well as minors in Philosophy, French, and Latinx Studies. She served as a Ladis Kristof Fellow in Oakland, California in 2018.

Vibha Venkatesha (she/her) is a Detroit-based activist who has been involved with Amnesty in many capacities for the past 7 years, including as a SRR Advocate Trainer, NYAC member and founding member of the AIUSA Youth Collective, and representing AIUSA on the Global Youth Collective and at the Global Assembly in South Africa. Vibha has facilitated workshops on a range of human rights issues locally, nationally and internationally, served on the drafting committee for The Hague Youth Declaration of Human Rights presented to the UN, and participated in an expert consultation at UN Office of Human Rights drafting the World Programme on Human Rights Education. She is currently part of the Human Rights Education working group and a Policy Analyst for the City of Detroit.

Moderated by AIUSA Student Leaders:

Sarah Holehouse is a Student Activist Coordinator for South Carolina and founder of the Al Student Group at Lexington High School, which was nationally recognized as the winner of the 2021 ActivismX Competition. Sarah is a member of Amnesty's Youth Power Action Network.

Shaheera Abbasi is a Student Activist Coordinator for California and is completing her senior year at Alexander Hamilton High School in Los Angeles, California where she is active in the Al Student Group. In additiion, Shaheera serves as the the Youth Coordinator for the Los Angeles Al Local Group, a Social Media Manager and Team Lead for the National Youth Instagram Account, and serves as the member representative on AIUSA's ICE Detention Campaign Team.