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Reaching Young People

Internship Program

The IWB internship program reaches out to young people (usually university students) to encourage them to maintain their idealism and find a practical expression for it. Interns engage in a number of activities including listening to presentations, watching videos, discussing a number of issues, organizing and participating in demonstrations, participating in live talk shows, and making posters, Camp cool, presentations and videos.

In 2022 the internships were conducted both online and offline and total 60 interns successfully completed the internship. While most interns were from Bangladesh, we also had interns from Afghanistan, Myanmar, Nepal, India, Pakistan, Syria, Finland, USA, and Timor-Leste. The largest number of participants were from the Asian University for Women. The AUW interns engaged in a number of activities to enhance their skills in leadership, communication, presentation, and video making. They made posters, a PowerPoint presentation on an assigned topic, and a video. They also all participated in a live talk show (on the IWB Facebook page).















There was several internship sessions with students from different universities. The interns came from the following universities:

• Asian University for Women (international)

University of Asia Pacific

FOR WOMEN



• The Peoples University of Bangladesh



Reaching Young People

Camp Cool

Camp Cool is a 2.5-day residential training where participants learn about new topics (car free Cities, Revolt against Plastic, Diversity, Urban Gardening, climate Crisis) and gain advocacy skills. Camp Cool teaches participants about wellbeing of economics campaigns and other topics through a fun, participatory approach.

This year Institute of Wellbeing Bangladesh organized one Camp Cool session, Camp Cool-14. Every time Camp Cool focuses on a specific topic. The theme of the Camp Cool-14 was "Burn less fuel, Build Better Cities" organized by Car free Cities Training Institute. As right now, the world is affected by global energy crisis. There were number of participants from different countries and universities. Institute of Wellbeing Bangladesh awarded certificate among all participants.







Pictures of Talent show in the Camp Cool:







Camp Cool participants Reflection:













Reaching Young People

Diversity is Our Strength

IWB organizes "Diversity is Our Strength" programs to highlight the importance of accepting and celebrating people who are normally excluded from society, with a focus on people with disabilities and transgender people. The goal is to encourage young people to develop a more positive attitude towards these excluded groups and to abandon their prejudices. In 2022, IWB organized several Diversity is Our Strength sessions with interns.

Evan Ahmed Katha who has been one of our main contributors of diversity program was awarded a crest for her active participation and contribution in promoting inclusivity and diversity.













Awarded a crest



Reaching Young People

Amader Shishu ~ Our Children

Institute of Wellbeing Bangladesh has a different type of internship program called "Amader Sishu ~ Our Children." This is a 2/3 weeks long internship program, and the participants are mainly the undergraduate or graduate university students. However, in this program, IWB provides a special offer for extending the opportunity to 2 months for the fresh graduate. The journey of the first batch was started in December 2022. The program is organized and directed in a very beautiful village environment at Khajuria, in Cumilla. The participants/interns are basically works with the interested and enthusiastic children from the village in Khajuria government high school. The aims of the program are as follows.

- Create a good image inside the children's mind about village; like, village is a great place to have a healthy and beautiful life.
- Create an opportunity for the village children to gain knowledge through creative and fun learning to explore their own capability, and also for the intern to gain experience for their future career path
- Gain practical village life experience for the interns
- Learn how to survive in an adverse environment and situation



At first, 9 interns participated in the program and they provided creative teaching and training among 27 children in 2022. The participating interns were mostly from Bangladesh, but there were some foreign interns from Afghanistan and Myanmar as well. In this batch, all the interns were the students from Asian University for Women.

Through the program the children learn lots of activities in several creative ways. Beside the children the interns also get a great opportunity to focus and improve their own skills.

Basic lesson learning activities with children

- Hygiene
- Manners
- How to deal with disable people
- Village vs. city life
- Discipline
- Moral lesson







Theme learning activities with children

- Drawing
- Origami
- Crafting and Painting Clay Objects
- Acting
- Dancing
- Singing
- Role play























Fun activities with children (Playing together)

- Kanamachi
- Borof Pani
- Kabadi
- Tukatuki
- Pepsi
- Rong Khela
- January February
- Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes
- Simon Says



Activities with Interns

- Orientation
- Training for all activities
- Picking up & down children from school
- Meeting with teachers, parents and supervisors
- Weekly meeting for activity updates
- Regular meeting for lesson learning updates
- Village visiting (gathering information about village life)
- Nature visiting
- Cooking trial
- Bonfire
- Organize the talent show as volunteer









Talent show's pictures:































Pictures of Fun, Village Visits and Outings:













Reaching Young People

Bangladesh Youth Climate Network (BYCN):

Student and youth societies, as many government and private institutes are working to prevent the global climate crisis. Bangladesh Youth Climate Network (BYCN) team makes awareness of the youth generation to protest the carbon emission of the carbon-emitting countries and to protect the balance of the environment. BYCN trained advocacy, public speaking, and networking and provided the necessary information for this ambassador team to effectively work on climate crisis prevention.



Idea Sharing

Facebook Live Talk Shows:

The Institute of Wellbeing Bangladesh regularly organizes and participates in talk shows in English and Bengali to spread our ideas to a wider audience. The IWB talk shows are broadcast live on the IWB Facebook page. Topics include environmental issues, diversity, Women Empowerment, and economics. This year IWB contacted 28 Live Talk Shows.

















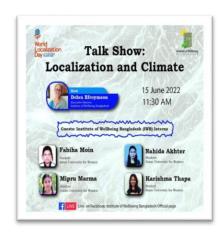




































Idea Sharing

Women's Empowerment for Development Talk show:

Gender discrimination continues to be an ongoing problem despite the contributions of women through their paid and unpaid work. In order to raise attention to the need to address discrimination, IWB regularly hosts online talk shows on the topic of "Women's Empowerment for Development" with women guests from a range of disciplines. The talk shows are conducted live on Facebook. During 2022, local government (Upazila) Vice Chairmen, women leaders from different organizations, and female academics participated in the talk shows. The talk shows also allowed IWB to expand its network with women leaders in Bangladesh.













Idea Sharing

Online & offline Meetings and Trainings:

IWB members regularly attended online meetings on a number of topics, including with the Car free Cities Alliance (internationally) and with students and various organizations in Bangladesh. IWB also conducted online leadership training for its BYCN ambassadors. Bangladesh Youth Climate Network organized a leadership training on 17 January 2022 and also meetings. In this meeting session number of students participated from different universities such as Southeast University, Tejgaon College, and Jahangirnagar University. At the end of the training certificates were awarded among all the participants.









Idea Sharing

Seminars:

Seminars during 2022, IWB Organized in two seminars: one is on "What students can do to prevent Climate Disaster" on 03rd August 2022 at The People's University of Bangladesh and another one is on 27th February 2022 at Tejgaon College in same topic.





















Promoting Solutions

Demonstrations:

The human-caused climate crisis is wreaking havoc around the globe, with increasing floods, fires, extreme weather events, and rising temperatures. It is urgent that global leaders take strong action to stop the burning of fossil fuels. IWB seeks to join the movement around the world to demand that government leaders take such actions.

In 2022, IWB organized a number of demonstrations on the topics of car free cities, the climate crisis, environment and health both solely and jointly with other organizations.

Institute of Wellbeing Bangladesh celebrated World Location Day in 2022. Main objective to celebrate the localization day is to inspire people for preserving the local culture, tradition and local economy. For the first time in Bangladesh, IWB and WBB jointly celebrated the World Localization Day. Through the celebration, we organized a local food display and local cultural event. In the food display, all the fruits were from Bangladeshi local seasonal fruits and all the cooked items were traditional, also we have indigenous items as well. In the cultural event, we have several types of local performances, such as, drama for having local homemade food for stay healthy, puthi path for inspiring people to restore our local tradition of ancient storytelling, portraying an indigenous culture of Garo community, poster presentation on climate crisis where we showed how multinational company destroyed our environment for their own benefit of profit maximization, and storytelling about "Two brothers – Localization Vs. Globalization."

















Promoting Solutions

World Car free Day:

In city after city, country after country, governments prioritize automobiles over people. While automobiles are given free space to move and park, people lack affordable housing and other benefits. Today's children and youth are often unable to play safely outdoors. Road crashes kill well over a million people each year and maim tens of millions more. Air pollution kills millions more, making it a major cause of death. The human-caused climate crisis is wreaking havoc around the globe, with increasing floods, fires, extreme weather events, and rising temperatures. It is urgent that global leaders take strong action to stop the burning of fossil fuels. IWB seeks to join the movement around the world to demand that government leaders take such actions.

In 2022, IWB organized a number of demonstrations on the topics of Car Free Cities, the climate crisis, environment and health both solely and jointly with other organizations. People around the world are demanding something better than congestion-causing, polluting, and deadly car-based transport systems. Each year on 22 September, people celebrate World Car free Day with colorful, joyous events showing how marvelous our cities could be if we greatly restricted or eliminated the automobile and instead focused on dense, compact cities that encourage people to move about safely and healthfully by foot, bicycle, and public transit, as well as enabling people of all ages and both sexes to play and socialize outdoors.

In 2022, IWB celebrated World Car Free Day with so many games and fun activities among school children at Mohammadpur (Mohammadi housing society, 2 number road). IWB works closely with the international Car free Cities Alliance (CCA), supporting their various activities including planning social media. IWB regularly participate online CCA meetings and events.























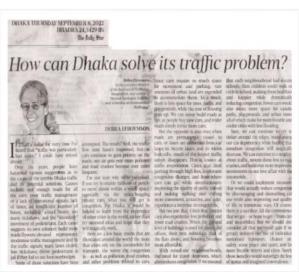




Article Writing:

The IWB Executive Director, Debra Efroymson, and the IWB Policy Officer A.N.M. Masum Bilhah, and Rifat Talukdar Pasha wrote many articles based on our work. These articles were published online and offline in a number of print media including newspapers and magazines. All of the published articles are reprinted on the IWB Facebook page.









Professionals or people?



It would be easier to work out a better balance between our personal and professional selves if we were more open in the first place that it is an issue requiring tailored solutions

for different workplaces and individuals























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- 3. Climate: https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/views/news/the-price-comfort-3162831
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- 20. Violence against women: https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/views/news/violence-against-women-only-womens-issue-3098511
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New Age

- 1. ASRTS: https://www.newagebd.net/article/183075/reducing-congestion-restoring-childhood
- 2. Race, politics: https://www.newagebd.net/article/186076/race-politics-and-the-mirage-of-innocence

Bangladesh Post

Professionals or People?

Morning Glory

Green jobs

Social Media Campaigns:

The Institute of Wellbeing organizes social media campaigns to celebrate various national and international days. This year Institute of Wellbeing organized number of social Media Campaign such as International Sign Language Day, World Localization Day, Zero Discrimination Day, Swamp Day, National Safe Food Day, and International Education Day.



















Videos:

IWB makes numbers of videos on various topics to raise awareness about social, economic and environmental issues. Interns from the Asian University of Women also make videos as part of their internship. IWB videos are found on our YouTube channel, website and Facebook.

- **♣** YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGuxicNN19N0PKcE0pKBgSg
- Website: www.instituteofwellbeingbd.org
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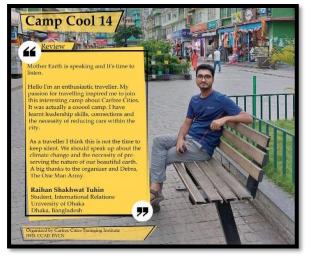
Institute of Wellbeing Bangladesh achieved great success through organizing different kinds of trainings, seminars, webinars, workshops, and public speaking for creating networks and spreading messages among them.











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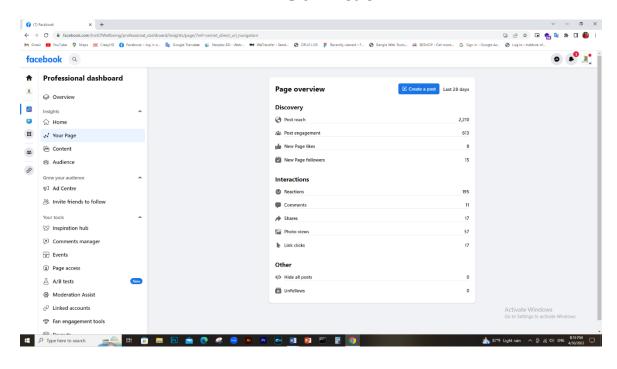
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1.	Arezo Hamedy	Afghanistan	Jan. 22 (on)
2.	Chi Sar Dwe	Myanmar	Jan. 22 (on)
3.	Christina Kanta Ritchil	Bangladesh	Summer 22.2 (on)
4.	Elma Rudhsara	Bangladesh	Summer 22.3
5.	Enarah Al-Wassouf	Syria	Summer 20.1 (on)
6.	Enas Fatoom	Syria	Summer 22.3
7.	Fabiha Moin	Bangladesh	Summer 22.1 (on)
8.	Fatema Jannat Smrity	Bangladesh	Summer 22.2 (on)
9.	Friba Kaiwan	Afghanistan	Summer 22.3
10.	Htang San Dumhpau	Myanmar	Summer 22.1 (on)
11.	Isabel Borges Pereira	Timor-Leste	Summer 22.3
12.	Ishrifet Bin Islam Timnu	Bangladesh	Summer 22.2 (on)
13.	Ja Zin	Myanmar	Summer 22.3
14.	Jame Nahar	Bangladesh	Summer 22.2 (on)
15.	Junaira Rabiya Faruk	Bangladesh	Jan. 22 (on)
16.	Karishma Thapa	Nepal	Summer 22.1 (on)
17.	Mahima Elahi	Bangladesh	Jan. 22 (on)
18.	Mahmuda Akter Tahia	Bangladesh	Summer 22.1 (on)
19.	Maliha Wafai	Afghanistan	Jan. 22 (on)
20.	Mina Mushtaq	Afghanistan	Jan. 22 (on)
21.	Mipru Marma	Bangladesh	Summer 22.1 (on)
22.	Most. Dulaly Akter	Bangladesh	Jan. 22 (on)
23.	Mya Thuzar Aung	Myanmar	Jan. 22 (on)
24.	Naema Fatima	Bangladesh	Summer 22.2 (on)
25.	Nahida Akhter	Bangladesh	Summer 22.1 (on)
26.	Nan Win Nandar Tun	Myanmar	Summer 22.3
27.	Niru Maya Tamang	Nepal	Jan. 22 (on)
28.	Pann Ei Phwe	Myanmar	Summer 22.3
29.	Raida Zaman	Bangladesh	Summer 22.2 (on)
30.	Rukhnain Adiyan	Bangladesh	Jan. 22 (on)
31.	Sadia Afrin Lopa	Bangladesh	Jan. 22 (on)
32.	Sadia Rashid	Bangladesh	Jan. 22 (on)
33.	Sadia Salim (Shaon)	Bangladesh	Summer 22.2 (on)
34.	Sadikshya Khadka	Nepal	Summer 22.1 (on)
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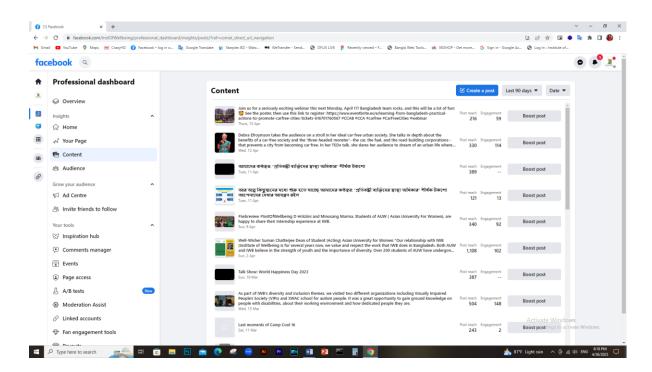
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37.	Shahanaz Akther	Bangladesh	Summer 22.1 (on)
38.	Shanjida Afrin	Bangladesh	Summer 22.2 (on)
39.	Sita Kumari	India	Summer 22.2 (on)
40.	Suchona Rani Kairi	Bangladesh	Jan. 22 (on)
41.	Sujana Shrestha	Nepal	Jan. 22 (on)
42.	Sunetra Talukder	Bangladesh	Summer 22.3
43.	Swastika Ghosh	Bangladesh	Winter 21/22.1 (on)
44.	Taspiatul Jannat	Bangladesh	Summer 22.1 (on)
45.	Umme Ayman Jannat	Bangladesh	Summer 22.2 (on)
46.	Wasima Alam Chowdhury	Bangladesh	Jan. 22 (on)
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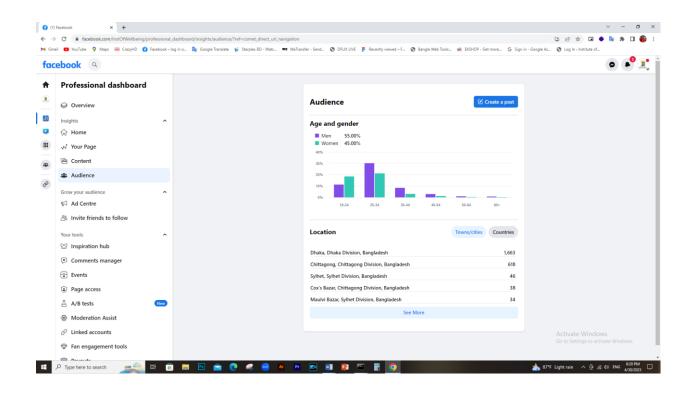
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SI.No.	Name	Country
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2.	Arifa Tamanna	Bangladesh
3.	Rani Inayat	Pakistan
4.	Zarghoona Yousafzai	Pakistan
5.	Sisir Mahmud	Bangladesh
6.	Noor A Shafayat Panna	Bangladesh
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Our Reach







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Thanks!