

Nur Qyira Izzati Yusri (Qyira)

Education

BACHELOR DEGREE | December 2016 | WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, USA

- **Major:** Communication Studies
- **Major:** Gender and Women's Studies

Professional & Work Experiences

CO-FOUNDER & PROGRAMME DIRECTOR | Undi 18

January 2016 - Present

Undi 18 is a non-partisan organization that lobbied the Malaysian politicians across the aisle to lower the voting age from 21 to 18 & achieved a unanimous decision in Parliament (211-0) and Senate (47-0).

- **Advocacy:** Setting the standards for policy communications and youth advocacy in Malaysia. After the historic Constitutional Amendment will enfranchise 7.8 million Malaysian adults by the next general election and will be a gamechanger for our democracy. Led various teams over the years (up to 200 volunteers to date) to run programs, lobby/advocate politicians and organize campaigns to ensure the success of this initiative.
- **Civic Engagement:** Leading the design and execution of workshops and modules revolving around topics of voter education, human rights, policy reform and leadership development.
- **Campaigns Management:** Build campaign strategies on various policy and democracy reforms, ranging from forest conservation ([MyHutan](#)), public health ([Sweet Spot](#)) to women's political participation, ([The 111 Initiative](#)) and various others.
- **Government Relations:** Lead key projects, develop and maintain beneficial and proactive relationships with government agencies and policymakers on a Federal and state level. Managed to lobby for 13/14 state governments in Malaysia to amend the state legislation to allow for 18 year olds to contest in state elections, opening more pathways for youths to enter policymaking.

PROG. DEVELOPMENT | CLOSING THE GAP, MALAYSIA

June 2019 – December 2019

Closing The Gap is a non-profit organization that aims to help underprivileged children from disadvantaged families achieve the possibility of higher education through mentoring programs and support.

- **Programme Development:** Overseeing and delivering CTG's core program, including developing and running workshops and residential camps.
- **Strategic Planning:** Provide strategic input for CTG's long-term roadmap, and provide operational support to expand the program to other schools or regions.

TALENT ACQUISITION | TEACH FOR MALAYSIA

September 2017 – May 2019

Teach For Malaysia recruits, trains and supports Fellows to teach in high-need schools across the nation.

- **Building partnerships:** Identified, built and managed relationships with key stakeholders, including prospective applicants, student organizations, university management, and government stakeholders.
- **Community building:** Design, plan and execute effective recruitment events, campaigns, and marketing strategies to influence the campus environment.

PEER EDUCATOR INTERN | SINDECUSE HEALTH CENTER

2015-2016

- Nationally certified to provide support and function as an advocate for those who have been affected by some form of gender-based/sexual violence.
- Gave presentations, conducted workshops and organized annual events like "Take Back The Night" for the university and city community.

Awards/Recognitions

2021

- Fellow, ifa (Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen)
- Undi18: Nominated for the Malaysian Human Rights Award 2021 by Suara Rakyat Malaysia (SUARAM)
- Generation T Asia by Tatler Asia for advancing democracy in Malaysia

2020

- Democracy Discourse Fellow, De La Salle University
- Forbes Asia 30 Under 30, Social Impact

2019

- Ministerial Appointee, Malaysian National Consultative Youth Council
- Prestige Malaysia's 40 Under 40

2018

- Delegate | International Youth Leadership Programme (IYLD) by the British High Commission in Malaysia

References

- [REDACTED] - CEO of Yayasan Tunku Abdul Rahman
 - [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED], Co-Founder of Undi18
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