



Internet Society
Youth SIG

What is the Youth SIG?

The Youth Observatory is **an organization formed mostly by young people** and have about **1200 members from all over the world**. It is an initiative focused on **increasing the participation of young people** in the discussion spaces on Internet governance at a global level.

Formally established in October 2015, since February 2016 it has been officially recognized by Internet Society as a Special Interest Group (SIG).

We have a Board of Directors, 7 Working Committees and 6 regional groups. In the elections that will take place at the end of this year 6 Regionals Directors will be added to the Board.

What We Have Done:

Project: Youth in Schools

Online Campaigns

Participation in events, including panels

Approval of workshops at national, regional and global events (IGF)

Training Webinars

Onsite Events

Youth declarations

and more...

Book: Analysis of a Connected Youth

Book launched in 2017 with funding from Beyond The Net and partner organizations

Has articles written by young people from different Latin American countries

Released in Portuguese, English and Spanish, with physical copies in English and Portuguese

Presented for the first time in the LACIGF, and then in several national, regional and global events



Youth LACIGF

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First Regional Internet Governance Forum focused on young people and their particularities

3 editions: 2016 (Costa Rica), 2017 (Panama) and 2018 (Argentina); 2019 edition is starting to be organized

Supported by different companies and organizations, and recognized as a NRI by the IGF Secretariat

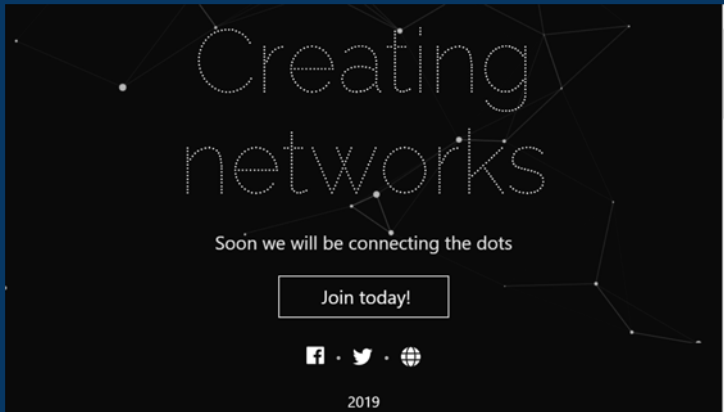


Creating Networks (BTN Project)

Its objective is to map the current initiatives and organizations that involve young people and information and communication technologies around the world. The project aims to organize capacity building sessions, webinars and workshops.

The project was approved and received \$ 16,000 USD from ISOC's Beyond The Net.

We got 78 responses from organizations all over the world. We are still in the process of reaching them, some organizations already replied and declared their interest in participating in our webinar sessions.



Internationalization Process

After months of discussions, meetings and consultations with ISOC, external groups and members of the organization until we decided on a model to be adopted.

In October 2018, we had an assembly where we voted in favor of the internationalization plan which included the creation groups divided by regions in the Telegram (main network of contact of the organization), as well as the creation of a global group, to facilitate interaction and organization of the members of the organization.

We established the creation of 6 new positions for the Board, the so-called Regional Directors, who will be responsible for more closely monitoring the work and projects carried out in their region of representation. We will fill these positions in the next election process at the end of the year.

2019

For this year we **continue working on the internationalization process**, holding meetings and projects with the intention of involving even more members residing in regions other than Latin America.

We will work on strengthening the Youth LACIGF as a space of discussion for young people, and we will work on **creating other spaces like this in other regions, starting with Africa**.

Continue with the project "Creating Networks" and strengthen it for a greater global impact.

To **increase the participation and representation of the organization in major events**, with the purpose of contributing in the discussions and decisions, to bring more young people to the organization and to look for new partnerships and initiatives.

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