

GLOBAL YOUNG GREENS REPORT FROM TAIWAN

October 26 - Taiwan Pride

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The GYG Steering Committee marched in the Taiwan Pride with our flag, making friends along the way and promoting our core values of Respect for Diversity and Social Justice.



October 27 - GGC and GYG workshops

Press Release

The GYG SC met with the Global Greens Committee (GGC) for a joint press release. GYG members all expressed great interest in collaboration and consensus.

Special note was taken for the 100 year old tree behind us, where a Taiwan Green spent two weeks in the branches to protect it from being torn down for development. The activist was successful in protecting it and having the developers rework their plan to protect this ancient tree.



After the release, we were invited to workshop with the GGC to learn more about each other and the work we're doing together. We learned about the different projects and successes that have been realised in different regions, and we worked collectively to find common threads between all of our work. The format was "World Cafe."

We broke for lunch before starting smaller breakout workshops. Topics included things like youth engagement, working with decorum, growing the Global Green recognition, nuclear power policy, testing parties for adherence to the Global Greens Charter, and growing our networks.

There was a lot of respectful and educational discussion, most of which were very productive, leaving members feeling closer and more familiar with each other.



At the conclusion of the workshops, we gathered together to finish up with an activity where each participant was asked to say something that they saw as a challenge for the Global Green movement, and something that gives them hope. This ended the day's proceedings on a very positive note!

The GYG SC met for an internal meeting to discuss outstanding work and projects, as well as to prepare for mediation in the morning with the GGC.

October 28 - GGC and GYG Mediation

The GYGSC and GGC met at Keli Yen's office for mediation, hosted by Larry Philbrook.

We split off into groups of two, GYG members pairing up with GGC members, to summarize the goals of the mediation into three points. Common themes included membership, respect, collaboration and education on what our networks actually do.



We then split up into our separate organizations to work on another mediation project. Groups were asked to look at the issues from the perspective of the other group. The GYG SC was able to work collaboratively and effectively, with help from Larry to articulate ideas and to appropriately respond to each question.



GYG expressed as how they felt as though there was a great deal of misunderstanding, due to a lack of knowledge to how the other group works. They said that education regarding how GYG works would be a key starting point for resolution to understand the GYG mandate as directed by Congress. The GYG SC expressed openness to bringing resolutions to next Congress to try and address GGC's concerns, primarily around membership. It was also decided that a Memorandum of Understanding would be an ideal project to work on together, to be presented by both SC and GGC at GYG Congress for consideration and debate.

GGC expressed a variety of thoughts, including educating each other on how each organization works, only allowing members of political parties be on SC, refraining from attacking Federations and Parties, developing MOU and working together with respect.



When the session was over, both groups shared a late lunch together before splitting up for separate evening schedules.

October 29 - Tea with the Vice-President



For our final joint activity, the GGC and GYGSC met at the Presidential Palace to have tea with the Vice President of the Republic of Taiwan and his Minister for the Environment. This was a very formal experience, but there was a great deal of fascinating conversation.

Topics discussed included nuclear power, successes in the renewable energy market, difficulties with being such a small, island state, the successes of short- mid- and long-term climate plans with teeth, and great respect of GG for acknowledging the sovereignty of the Republic of Taiwan.



Upon conclusion, the GYG SC met with Panai Kusui, a leader from the indigenous resistance movement in Taipei. We learned about the entire history of indigenous migration across the Pacific Ocean, originating in Taipei several thousand years ago. We also learned about the battle over territory, the overarching message being that the Taiwan government needed to see land titles, even though the indigenous culture never had property deeds before colonization. Lots of parallels to be drawn between this and other indigenous efforts from around the world

Finally, the SC met for a last meeting to discuss goals for 2019, and individual goals for each members of the SC. Goals included:

- Updating membership lists
- Attending COP25 in Sao Paulo
- Hosting another event, perhaps in Taiwan
- Compiling a list of potential sponsors
- Developing workshops and seminars for membership, including at Congress
- Creating MOU for GG and GYG

Individual goals:

- **Secretary:** respond to all emails, organize meetings, prepare newsletters, liaise with Oversight Committee, communicate with GG
- **Regional Coordinators:** get news updates from MOs for newsletter, strengthen regional networks through digital communications, update contact lists, collaborate more with other SC member in your region, help lead Working Groups
- **Communications:** get help from others to work social media - Facebook: Ian, Twitter: Martha, Instagram and YouTube: Samantha, regular posting, participate in Working Group
- **Activities:** create annual activities plan, grant applications, chair congress committee, participate in Working Group
- **Treasurer:** manage bank account, budget reports, manage CBWG.

GYG would like to extend a special thanks to the [Taiwan Young Greens](#) and the [Taiwan Foundation for Democracy](#) for their incredible efforts that made this summit possible. The experience was educational, culturally significant and incredibly productive for the SC. It is absolutely integral that we continue work such as this to build better bonds and stronger connections between our MOs, the GGC and Greens (and our supporters) from around the world.

Sincerely,

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