

TRANSCRIPT FROM CHAT CONTINUATION OF APYN SKYPE SCHOOL SESSION ONE:

[17:34:00] SS: What do you think the AI candle represents?

[17:41:44] for H: "Do you think someone living in poverty would be able to say "I have enough to eat and drink?"

[17:42:45] H: I think not, at least when I volunteered for the poverty-stricken children they did not say so.

[17:43:37] APYN: another question: "Do you think someone living in poverty would be able to say "When I'm sick I can go to a doctor?"

[17:43:57] APYN: and what rights are violated if they cannot?

[17:44:25] APYN: HSY says: "The right to health"

[17:44:34] H: Exactly

[17:44:46] JF: :)

[17:45:21] H: Not only the right to health, but the right to pursue happiness.

[17:45:51] APYN: another question: "Could someone living in poverty say "I can live with my parents"

[17:46:55] APYN: SC says: Maybe yes, the choice would be open to many people

HSY: They might have been sold to someone else

JF: They might have to work too

[17:47:19] APYN: another question: "Could someone living in poverty say "I have the opportunity to go to university"

[17:47:57] H: Depends on the case, but mostly the opportunity will be scant.

[17:48:41] APYN: SC agrees, and says only if they've had the opportunity to learn how to read and write some other way - but otherwise no

[17:49:12] APYN: another question: "Could someone living in poverty say "I can access the information I need"

[17:49:29] H: I would have to say no to that

[17:49:40] APYN: another question: "& in your every day life what information do you need to live?"

[17:51:03] APYN: HSY says: "about elections" (voting and deciding who our leaders are"

SC: "Where to access resources" (available resources and opportunities)

JF: "What people can and can't do to me" (rights, laws and values in society)

[17:51:45] APYN: another question: "Could someone living in poverty say "I live in a clean environment"?"

[17:52:06] APYN: SC: "It depends; it might be possible - when people are living in the countryside for example"

[17:52:50] APYN: SS: "for example, clean environment could be about clean water and air quality"

[17:53:36] APYN: JF: "For me, I think it's more likely that they would be exposed to polluted environments"

SC: "I agree, for someone in poverty if they're in a polluted environment they cannot choose to move"

[17:56:55] SS: One statement - what does dignity mean to you?

[17:58:31] H: The sense that I obtain my own value,

[17:58:43] H: and others' respect

[18:00:03] JF: I agree H - I think the chance to be free and express yourself and not just live trying to get enough food and water are part of this too

[18:02:10] APYN: So- sorry we were dropping out a bit there

[18:02:23] SS: So, we are working towards realizing the inherent dignity of everyone, that rights are respected and upheld, no matter what your situation is in life.

[18:02:41] SS: :)

[18:03:22] SS: Amnesty International is working towards tackling all human rights abuses.

[18:03:59] SS: We talked about voicelessness, deprivation, exclusion and insecurity earlier.

[18:04:30] SS: I am just going to speak about what we are doing to tackle these issues

[18:05:39] SS: we are seeking to address these human rights concerns with 3 approaches

[18:06:08] SS: access - active participation - accountability

[18:07:14] SS: access - third is access to essential services, ones that are essential to everyday livelihood and human dignity.

[18:07:23] APYN: Q: what does access mean?

I think I understand the other two properly (active participation meaning the people living in poverty being actively involved themselves) ...

[18:07:26] APYN: oh sorry :)

[18:08:04] SS: don't worry - is everyone else clear on these? SC?

[18:08:11] SS: :)

[18:08:30] SC: q: what does accountability mean here? I don't quite get that...

[18:08:50] SS: good question - this can be very broad.

[18:09:03] SS: Does anyone have any ideas?

[18:09:07] SC: c: but I think access means the society allowing that right be accessible to all citizens, it this afterwards that they can USE it

[18:09:33] HSY: Are these things put in order to priority?

[18:09:35] SS: good point - linking access to action

[18:09:48] APYN: H also – do the three approaches make sense for tackling Human Rights.

And why Amnesty International is using them in the Demand Dignity campaign?

[18:10:29] SS: good point HSY - no there isn't an order of priority,

[18:11:24] SS: although some people living in poverty will be much more further along in realizing one or two of these more than others

[18:11:46] H: They are, in a way that sustains the livelihood. For the Demand Dignity campaign I should say that demanding dignity literally means requesting respect for basic rights.

[18:12:08] SS: for example, one community could have access to clean water and sanitation but not have access to doctors and medical provisions

[18:12:10] H: Oh and FYI it's H, not H

[18:12:28] SS: just to pause and ask how much time we have JF?

[18:13:31] JF: we have about 10 minutes left before we should continue any discussions on the facebook discussion

[18:13:44] SS: we started a little later - are we good for 10 mins?

[18:13:45] JF: as we're running a little over time

[18:14:01] SS: good idea :)

[18:14:07] JF: (HSY, H, SC - are you ok for 10 minutes more?)

[18:14:15] HSY: Sure,

[18:14:18] SC: so according to what you've said its different degrees of access to different people then

[18:14:20] H: Yes

[18:14:21] SS: I just wanted to answer SC's Q regarding accountability

[18:14:22] SC: sure 10 mins is gd for me

[18:15:52] SS: Accountability - who is responsible for health, participation in elections/decision-making, education, resources, clean environment?

[18:17:13] SC: the accountability of the government and corporations for these aspects?

[18:18:41] SS: yes! National and international actors are responsible and obligated to uphold human rights

[18:20:02] SC: so the AI is working on from the accountability approach - does that mean by asserting pressure over these bodies

[18:20:21] SS: As many organizations such as companies also effect peoples lives, these companies (= non-state actors) are also held to account

[18:21:09] H: Hmm This is the first time that I've heard Amnesty can wield some substantial influence over private associations.

[18:21:20] SS: yes - one element of addressing human rights abuses for people living in poverty is to make governments and non-state actors accountable for their actions.

[18:22:05] H: Please don't get me wrong, it might be a conjecture

[18:22:39] JF: C: I think it's more empowering people living in poverty, and citizens of countries generally to hold these corporations and their government to account H – and Amnesty is helping at the empowering step, but also through bringing to the public attention where they do things wrong

[18:22:43] SS: If private associations are responsible for human rights abuses then the campaign will address them as much as governments.

[18:23:18] SS: Good point JF/H

[18:23:32] JF: so that for Trans National companies – the public in western countries can also help hold corporations violating human rights to account!

[18:24:11] SC: except on the level of public opinion, would it be from a judicial approach?

[18:24:30] SS: This is the case we have seen with Union Carbide in Bhopal, India for example

[18:24:49] SS: or trafigura in Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa

[18:25:29] APYN: We have to wrap up this first session now, but I can see everyone has a lot to discuss!

[18:25:41] H: Heated up...

[18:25:43] SS: this is where active participation comes in

[18:25:51] APYN: so luckily one of the things to discuss is how we continue the discussion!

[18:26:31] APYN: (and sorry for jumping in everyone :) - some people have to head off ;)

[18:27:05] SS: good idea - it would be good if we could discuss how people can take part in the campaign

[18:27:16] APYN: OK :) firstly - Thank you very much to SS for sharing your knowledge!

and also to everyone else – thank you for joining the very first APYN Skype School session!

[18:27:26] SS: maybe through the facebook group?

[18:27:47] APYN: We had 5 more people who wanted to join this call – we'll get in contact with them so they can catch up and post this session on the APYN website.

To help the catch up process – we ask everyone who was intending to attend to introduce themselves on our facebook page, will you please also add in your name, country and interest area and share their reflections on: how they think poverty could affect people's rights?

Let's continue the discussion until next week on this facebook space

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[18:27:50] SC: thanks a lot to JF and SS too

[18:28:02] H: Thank you!

[18:28:10] APYN: I'm looking forward to exploring more about how with more human rights there will be less poverty. And even more looking forward over the next few weeks to us all getting to know each other better! oops the facebook page is:

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[18:28:18] SS: thanks to APYN for inviting me

[18:28:35] APYN: Is everyone ok to write some first thoughts on to the facebook page as their homework before next week?

[18:28:39] HSY: Thanks everyone it was good class.

[18:28:44] SS: and sharing there views, questions and comments

[18:28:52] H: Agreed

[18:28:52] APYN: Also any questions you have that you want to ask but we didn't have time to?

[18:30:30] APYN: We'll send you some resources to read before next week (at the same time we started today, actually hopefully on time :D)

[18:31:06] SC: sure!

[18:31:25] H: Okay, but if my name is difficult to type just call me L.

[18:31:32] APYN: ok great

[18:31:51] JF: Sorry about my pronunciation anyone :D hehe

[18:32:05] JF: I'll see you all on the Facebook discussion page!

[18:32:24] JF: (maybe even later tonight if you have any questions you want to leave before you forget)

[18:33:09] SS: I'll write up my response to the questions on access and active participation, too.

[18:33:48] APYN: See you all next week – please check for an email but we'll see you at the same place next Wednesday!

[18:34:21] H: A plus XD

[18:35:07] JF: oh and we'll have a few more people then – hopefully we can meet them on the facebook chat then too :) (the link again: [http://www.facebook.com/apyouth?v=app_2373072738&ref=mf - /topic.php?uid=77332877199&topic=11499](http://www.facebook.com/apyouth?v=app_2373072738&ref=mf-/topic.php?uid=77332877199&topic=11499))

[18:35:19] SC: see u then :)

[18:35:44] JF: I have to run off now but I'm looking forward to next week's workshop
- JF

[18:35:58] JF: byyyee

[18:36:28] SS: Thanks JF for being a super host and see you all on facebook!

[18:36:30] SS: bye