



IRI'S YOUTH APPROACH

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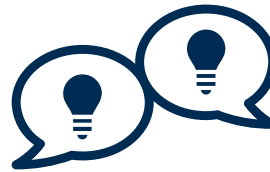
Barriers and opportunities

CONNECT



Democratically-minded youth

CO-DEVELOP



Tools and strategies with youth and partners

TEST



Solutions

SUPPORTING YOUTH-LED SOLUTIONS

The International Republican Institute (IRI) advances the role of young people in decision-making processes by helping youth and partners identify barriers and opportunities to promote active participation, connecting them with other democratically-minded leaders, co-developing tools and testing strategies. IRI's programs equip the next generation of changemakers with the knowledge and skills to advocate for reform, overcome barriers to meaningful political participation and promote more vibrant, resilient, and inclusive democracies.

GENERATION DEMOCRACY

IRI is building on the momentum generated by young leaders across our regional programs through Generation Democracy. Launched in 2015, Generation Democracy is a global network of more than 400 youth across 70 countries. Through this network, young changemakers can share ideas and best practices and access skills-building workshops, webinars and professional development opportunities to advance positive change in their communities and countries.



EUROPE

In Bosnia and Herzegovina, IRI worked with a select group of young “Reconciliation Ambassadors” through the USAID-funded re:Generation program to create a documentary film that examines the legacy of the Bosnian war and advocates for positive change in the country.



EURASIA

In Georgia, IRI organizes Youth Political Debates to encourage a culture of respectful policy-oriented discussion and empower the next generation of leaders. This project has been so successful that the model has been replicated in Kyrgyzstan.



ASIA

In Mongolia, IRI connects emerging leaders with their global counterparts through the Leaders Advancing Democracy Program (LEAD), an initiative that has reached nearly 1,000 beneficiaries in Kyrgyzstan, Bhutan and Myanmar.



LATIN AMERICA

In Panama, IRI works with government and civil society organizations to enable at-risk youth to design, implement and secure local stakeholder support for projects to improve their communities, create economic development opportunities, and reduce crime and violence.



AFRICA

In Uganda, IRI supports the Inter-Party Youth Platform (IYOP), an initiative which unites youth across the political spectrum through sports in order to foster a dialogue on constitutional reform and barriers to political participation.



MIDDLE EAST

In Jordan, IRI’s Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) is equipping young Jordanians with the communications skills necessary to ensure their concerns are represented in the political process. Through the advanced YLA Training of Trainers program, IRI promotes peer-to-peer learning and mentorship.