

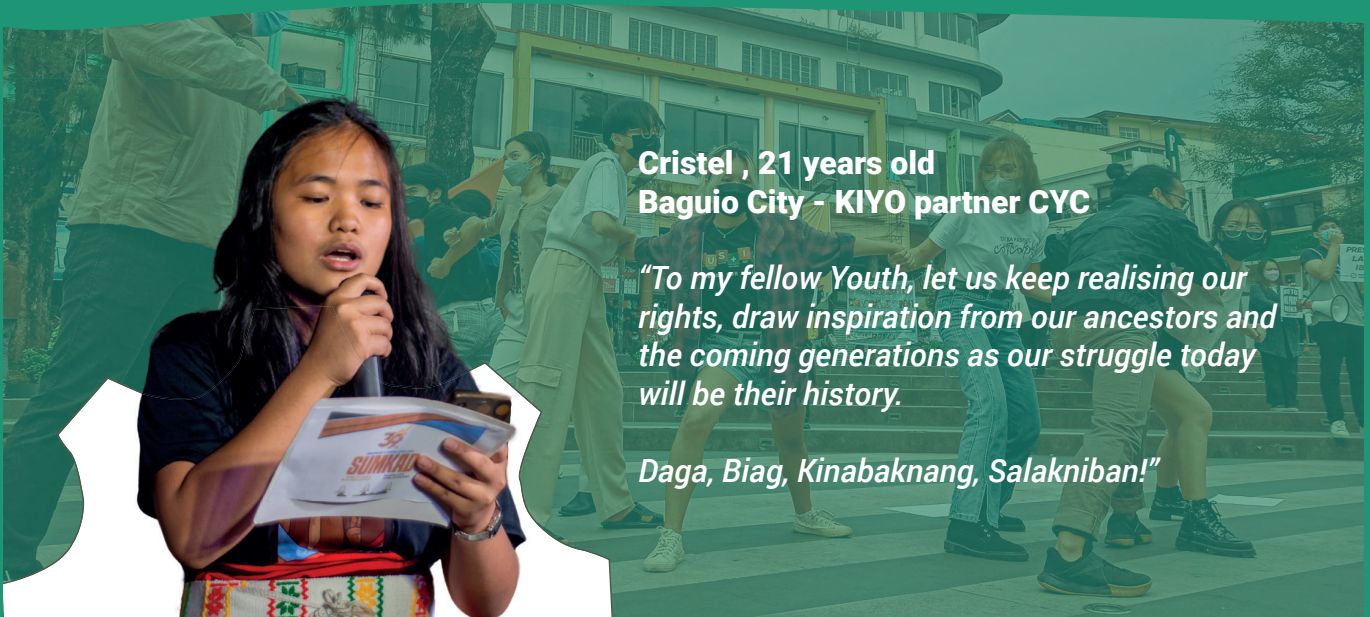
# Youth defending indigenous rights and culture in the Philippines



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In the mountainous Cordillera region of the Philippines, youth play an important role in preserving indigenous life and wisdom and continuing the duty to sustainably manage ancestral lands and natural resources. Like their parents, youth organise themselves in grassroots organisations. However, to effectively advocate for the rights of indigenous children and youth, grassroots organisations have to continuously develop their capacities. Furthermore, indigenous and non-indigenous youth face the consequences of natural disasters and military operations that facilitate the intrusion of large-scale mining projects on indigenous lands.



**Cristel , 21 years old  
Baguio City - KIYO partner CYC**

*"To my fellow Youth, let us keep realising our rights, draw inspiration from our ancestors and the coming generations as our struggle today will be their history.*

*Daga, Biag, Kinabaknang, Salakniban!"*

*Keep in touch!*

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**KIYO and CYC have been partners since 2018. KIYO and CYC learn from each other's work with youth, as well as from the other KIYO partners through the global KIYO programme. In the DGD 2022-2026 programme, KIYO and CYC will focus together on:**

- Increase the in-house training capacities of youth led-organisations to develop a quality learning environment to empower their own youth members.
- Support youth-led organisations in developing their organisation's sustainability by continuously developing youth leaders and growing their memberships, and developing organisational economic self-reliance through social entrepreneurship initiatives.
- Strengthening the digital skills of youth for them to be able to use social media and other digital technologies in advocacy and organising work.
- Fostering exchange and learning with other youth and youth organisations from other countries through KIYO's peer learning platform.
- Creating and maximising spaces for youth empowerment, such as youth summits, community actions, advocacy projects and collaborations, ...



**Check out the video to know more about CYC!**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Q0yd4yb0io>

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