



# LEGACY PROGRAM

**Milestone Report**

**2023 - 2024**



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# WHO WE ARE

The Legacy Program Philippines is the Filipino youth-led charity dedicated to advancing education in the Philippines. We empower students in their learning through implementing a series of reflective workshops and the awarding of scholarships that cover college tuition fees. We are built on the culture of sharing.

Our mission is to be a movement run by Filipino youth, for Filipino youth, breaking down barriers to education through collaboration. We envision our community to be an international alliance network with a deep-rooted understanding of the next generation's personal, social, and educational needs. Our work is underpinned by our core values of Community, Resilience, Ambition, Determination, Leadership, and Empowerment.

Each workshop is thoughtfully designed to cultivate critical thinking, foster active listening, encourage collaborative learning, and sharpen reasoning abilities. The insights of both teachers and students play a vital role in our work. This approach is shaped by in-house research and our relationship with our partner schools as we guide students to take charge of their own education.



Our team operate from two primary bases: the United Kingdom and the Philippines.

In the UK, our team focuses on *fundraising and raising awareness of our mission*. Through community events, we unite people in support of our cause, welcoming anyone who wishes to get involved. We collaborate closely with Filipino student societies, connecting them with the social and educational realities of the Philippines.

In the Philippines, our team leads the *on-ground implementation of the program in partner high schools and local communities*. We also collaborate with and support other student organisations, embodying the spirit of bayanihan (community cooperation) as we use Legacy as an international bridge and platform to serve the Philippines.





# LIMANG LEGACY LADDERS

The Legacy Program sets out aims to achieve five developmental aims called the "Limang Legacy Ladders to Learning." Each "Ladder" symbolises *educational progression*, providing a structured pathway where every step builds upon students' *learning to promote personal growth, academic success, and preparedness to make a meaningful impact in the world.*

## 1. SELF

Students will be able to self-reflect and critically evaluate their experiences to identify their goals, personal limitations, and areas of growth

## 2. KAPWA

Students will be aware of and receptive to other voices with the spirit of empathy and curiosity, representing a diversity of perspectives to sensitively address topics and community issues.

## 3. NATIONAL AND GLOBAL AWARENESS

Students will develop an understanding of national and global issues, mobilizing resources to create sustainable change in their local communities.

## 4. PRACTICAL SKILLS

Students will be able to effectively manage teams and make strategic decisions, while fostering a culture of innovation and accountability.

## 5. CURIOSITY

Students will be active learners by asking questions that cultivate genuine curiosity, life-long learning, and exploration beyond surface-level understanding





In the lead-up to the official program launch of our program, our international team has spent months preparing workshops and scholarships through months of fundraising, research, and dedication.

Since 2023, the Legacy Program has brought together dedicated individuals who have *collectively raised a total of £5,214* (approximately ₱384,000) to support communities in the Philippines. These funds *will cover the costs of our workshop and provide full tuition for at least three scholarship recipients in our incoming 2024/2025 Legacy Program cohort.*

We continue to actively receive donations and look forward to collaborating with additional organisations to further support the future of students in the Philippines.





# KEY LINANG WORKSHOPS

Our workshops at Legacy are at the heart of our mission. Since 2023, we have been supporting Filipino youth by teaching them key learning skills through our workshops. While developing the program, we did not wait to help students in their academic journey. We got to teach students valuable study techniques, give away educational resources, and have a bit of fun! We also evaluated our activities and used the data to form an exciting range of workshops for the 2024/2025 Legacy Program.



## LAYAG 2023

Our workshop series, LAYAG 2023, in proud collaboration with Wisdom Academy PH, marked the beginning of our mission to support Filipino youth in their education. From September to October 2023, we delivered an outreach program in Cavite to positively impact students in the crucial areas of Leadership, Academics, and Career Guidance. It was a series of engaging workshops, insightful sessions, and interactive activities. We also provided free school supplies such as books, water bottles, and folders while giving the students hearty meals and other exciting giveaways.



# KEY LINANG WORKSHOPS

## Study Workshop 2024 at Bambang Senior High School

On 21-22 March 2024, we held a series of workshops at our partner school, Bambang Senior High School. We taught students various techniques to help improve organisation, and concentration, and overcome procrastination. We used these workshops to trial a potential pedagogical approach for our student-led discussions. We gave students the resources to deliver a brief presentation to teach their peers on the science of procrastination. We received some great presentations and identified numerous dispositions we will be developing to get students empowering each other.



Here are some of the things students said in our most recent workshop:

*"One useful thing I've learned is the importance of active listening in effective communication."*

*"I learned that you must have empowerment, empowerment that you yourself will work hard for yourself, you must learn to work hard in everything and think you can do it."*

*"Be confident, don't be scared when the times you will face your weakness, give time for the pending homework and give some care to your health."*





# KEY LINANG WORKSHOPS

## Workshop Zero

In October 2024, we proudly hosted the first session of the 2024/2025 Legacy Program, welcoming 36 enthusiastic Grade 11 students from across Los Baños. This workshop, focused on the first of our developmental aims – **The Self**.

Through shared discussion and debate, the workshop created a vital and supportive space for dialogue on school life, mental health, peer support, and the importance of fostering empathy.

## Workshop One: Pagkilala Sa Sarili

Translating to **"self-awareness"**, students were encouraged to explore their identity and the influences that shape it, from influential figures to personal relationships.

The workshop incorporated a series of reflective activities where students learnt about identity and intersectionality as well as how their environment shapes who they are.

Our goal was to guide students toward a more grounded understanding of themselves, enabling them to form a framework when identifying their personal challenges.

## Our findings so far:

**97%**

of students were actively engaged in the workshop

**94%**

respondees were excited to join the next workshops

**82%**

of students felt they were able to express their opinions during the workshop activities

Our evaluation of these workshops revealed that students are engaged and excited for the rest of the year. We hope to continue celebrating such major milestones, as we progress through this year-long series.





# KEY FUNDRAISING EVENTS

## UK Student-led Fundraisers

From 2023 onwards, the Legacy Program has partnered with several Filipino Societies across the United Kingdom to host a variety of events. All our community fundraising events align with our core values, specifically **Community** and **Empowerment**, to create a space not only where people can have fun but learn about the social realities in the Philippines.

We are proud to have been selected as the charity of choice for the **2024 FilSoc Gala**, a collaboration between 10 university Filipino societies. The work we do would not be possible without the help of the Filipino student community. Dedicated to celebrating Filipino youth and community strength, the event was fully planned and executed by Filipino students as they donated £1,000 (₱73,500) in support of the Legacy Program.

Another notable event was the **Intersociety SportsFest**, hosted in June 2023. This event brought together multiple Filipino societies from various regions to compete in basketball, volleyball, and dodgeball. The aim was to promote healthy competition while fostering new connections among students. The SportsFest raised £1,000 (₱73,500) for future Legacy Program initiatives.

When Legacy first started, we raised money through impromptu social gatherings for Filipino societies, such as karaoke nights, potlucks, and movie nights. These events were an opportunity to bring people together and hang out outside of a busy academic calendar. These informal events raised a combined total of £421 (₱31,000)





## Key Fundraising Events

### Coast2Coast 2024 Challenge

The members of the Legacy team are committed to supporting students in the Philippines. To show our dedication to our mission, every member of the team was challenged to fundraise and collectively cover a distance of 1,000 kilometres — approximately the length of the United Kingdom — through walking, running, swimming, or cycling. *This campaign was a tremendous success, raising £2,383 (₱175,500) for our cause.*

### Schools Supplies Fundraiser 2024

Brigada Eskwela is a nationwide school maintenance initiative in the Philippines that prepares public schools for the new academic year. We fundraised for our partner school in the spirit of community and civic duty. Through this campaign, we raised £410 (₱30,200) to support our partner schools.

During this time, Typhoon Carina struck the Philippines. From the funds raised, £50 (₱3,600) was donated to Tulong Kabataan to assist victims of the typhoon, while the remaining funds were allocated to partner schools for clean-up efforts ahead of the academic year.

These funds will help us meet our goal of *alleviating the financial burden of tertiary education in the Philippines through scholarships and bursaries* for deserving students.

**We are excited for our upcoming fundraisers to support our students, schools, and communities!**



# BRIDGING LEGACY WITH PEOPLE

Through our social initiatives, we have fostered positive, long-lasting relationships in the spirit of kapwa.

## 2023/24 Sparks Internships

Last year, Legacy launched its first Sparks Internship program in the UK, welcoming a cohort of like-minded, enthusiastic young people to understand what Legacy does through a practical approach. During the 8-month program, Sparks Interns rotated around our different teams to help support our members and develop their skills and understanding of what the UK team does to make our vision a reality. By the end of our program, our interns gained insight and experience into the inner workings of a grassroots charity and made valuable and life-long connections. Some interns even decided to stay with us as part of our permanent team! **We are excited to open the Sparks Internship to the UK and the Philippines for the 2024/2025 cohort.**

Here are what some of our graduates said about working on our team:

**"This is an opportunity to really get involved and contribute towards Legacy's greater mission of promoting education in the Philippines."**

**"Working with the team in Legacy has been amazing because you get the opportunity to be surrounded by so many passionate and like-minded individuals and everyone's talents, motivations, and inspirations really contribute to such a positive environment."**



# BRIDGING LEGACY WITH PEOPLE



## **PARTNERSHIP WITH BAMBANG SENIOR HIGHSCHOOL**

In 2023, Legacy established its first school partnership with Bambang Senior High School in Laguna, Philippines. Through our teacher's conference, we considered what topics to include in our discussions directly from the inspiring people who teach Philippine high school students. Building *a clear communication channel with educators* helped Legacy gather information from their valuable perspectives and expertise to help create effective and purposeful courses for students to engage in. Legacy treasures our relationship, and we're proud to have been recognised as their sponsor at their 8th anniversary.





**Our work at Legacy has only just begun. We are a program where students empower each other, cultivating a vibrant learning environment where knowledge and experiences are freely exchanged. Our true measure of success will be the impact our students make in their local communities and the skills they learn. We will continue to empower students to serve each other and their country.**

