

Sunday, September 26: Human Rights in time of Crisis

Video Transcript

Hello, my name is Kamil. I'm the DYC president.

What is the DYC? It's the Deaf Youth Canada, a non-profit organization that serves individuals who are 18 to 30 years old across Canada. Ever since COVID, it has impacted our organization greatly. For instance, we were going to host CDYLC, the Canada Deaf Youth Leadership Camp in Surrey, BC in the summer of 2020. But unfortunately, we had to cancel it. It was an extremely hard decision for all of us. As typically, we are able to host workshops, have panelists, and socialize in person. But when it got cancelled, we centred our focus on hosting virtual workshops and virtual panels through Zoom which really helped. Plus, we hosted our first town hall meeting through Zoom. It was really beneficial for our youth community to get together through that and continue connecting with one another yearlong throughout COVID times. Not only that, but we became more active through Facebook and Instagram such as spotlighting the Deaf youth with showcasing their own businesses, their education majors, and what their jobs looked like. That helped other Deaf youth see what other youth were doing in their jobs, which helped them all feel positively uplifted. That was very beneficial. Having access to virtual means and participating online was so important, if we didn't have that then it would be impossible for the Deaf youth to progress further. Having access to that helped this Deaf youth organization to resume throughout the year, regardless of COVID times. Now, we are looking forward to hosting CDYLC 2022 in the summer. Looking forward to that! Cheers!