

Naguenyouth actively engages in Urulay Transpo, a Policy Kapihan Session on Active Mobility and Transport

Event Days	25 February 2024
Venue	Don Rodolfo's Cafe, Liboton, Naga City
Organized by:	<p>Keep the Change: Youth Policy Lab</p> <p>In partnership with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JCI Naga - JCI Nagueña - UNC Law School Board

Keep the Change: Youth Policy Lab organized its first Policy Kapihan session outside Metro Manila in Don Rodolfo's Cafe, Liboton, Naga City, on February 25, 2024, to engage young individuals of Naga City in the policymaking process and address pressing issues in the transport sector.

The "Urulay Transpo: Policy Kapihan sa Naga" was held at Don Rodolfo's Cafe, Liboton on February 25, 2024. In partnership with JCI Naga, JCI Nagueña, and UNC Law School Board, the event aimed to provide a platform for youth to have a deeper understanding of the transport sector in Naga City and contribute their insights and ideas towards sustainable solutions in transportation. The event included 20 Naguenyouths from youth organizations, student publications, the civic sector, and student governments.

Mr. Everild Gerd Pablo, Internal Vice President of JCI Naga and Partnership Lead of Keep the Change: Youth Policy Lab, on behalf of the LO President of JCI Naga, Pao De Leon, gave the opening remarks to the participants. In the speech, Pablo emphasized the need for the youth to be positive changemakers.

Urulay Transpo reflects the focus on discussing the current state of the transport system in the Bicol region, particularly in Naga City, through a panel discussion among its esteemed speakers representing different sectors, such as Hon. Jefson Felix for the Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Naga and SK Federation

of Naga, Ms. Sarah Ayesha Bustamante of Jovenes Anakbayan Naga City for the youth and civic sector, Mr. James Nathaniel Refugio of Naga City Planning and Development Office (NCPDO) for the City Government of Naga, and Engr. Edmer Flores of BISCASAT for the academe.

The panel speakers shared their insights and experiences on using public and private transportation and the struggles of active mobility and transport in Naga City. Some of the common problems shared by the speakers are the traffic congestion caused by the increasing population and numbers of private and public vehicles in Naga City, lack of effective implementation of local legislation on transport and mobility, bike lanes not being adequately utilized for its purpose, lack of public parking spaces, and the safety of the youth, women, and children in public transport.

After the panel discussion, a visioning session and policy workshop led by Mr. Gerald John Guillermo, founder of Keep the Change: Youth Policy Lab, was done to mentor the participants on the basics of policy drafting and how to craft a well-rounded policy on active mobility and transport effectively. The policies drafted by the participants will be pitched to the Sangguniang Panlungsod through the SK Federation of Naga for possible adoption. Moreover, policymakers and relevant stakeholders will discuss the policy proposals in preparation for the Annual Investment Plan 2025–2027, and will be shared in the Transport Sector of the People’s Council.

Ms. Angella Averilla, Project Head of Urulay Transpo: Policy Kapihan sa Naga and Partnership Lead of Keep the Change: Youth Policy Lab, believes that the youth have a unique perspective and valuable insights to offer when addressing issues in the transport sector. “By providing a platform for the Naguenyouth to engage in meaningful discussions and contribute their ideas, we hope to foster innovative and sustainable solutions that will lead to a positive change in the transport sector and the status of active mobility in Naga City,” said Averilla.

The organizer, Keep the Change: Youth Policy Lab, is a youth initiative supported by Oxfam and Asia Centre. It is dedicated to empowering Filipino youth and fostering their active engagement within the complex landscape of Philippine policy-making.

Photos: [Photos/Videos of Policy Kapihan](#)

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