

## About MPI and MPI's Virtual Peacebuilding Training Program

The Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute's Virtual Peacebuilding Training Program complements MPI's in-person Annual Peacebuilding Training Program and extends MPI's role as a resource to peacebuilders through digital technologies. MPI's virtual learning platform has been developed to enable MPI to widen its reach and deepen its impact on individuals and communities, enabling them to become empowered to continue building just and peaceful communities in Asia-Pacific and beyond.

In 2023, MPI's Virtual Peacebuilding Training Program is offering two courses related to Digital Peacebuilding. The high-quality, passionate and skillful facilitators bring their knowledge and skills to these virtual courses. MPI utilizes new technologies and tools in both synchronous learning—the Zoom sessions with the facilitators and participants—and asynchronous learning in MPI's Virtual Classrooms. Through this program, grassroots peacebuilders can continue to hone their skills and build on their experience and knowledge in order to be of greater service to their organizations and the communities with which they work.

Learn more about MPI and its Virtual Peacebuilding Training Program at <https://mpiasia.net/mpi2023online>.

## TRAINING PROGRAM

*MPI is offering two courses for its Virtual Peacebuilding Training from October to December 2023. These courses will explore themes on Digital Peacebuilding and Digital Security. Applications are now open! Please note that the **deadline for applications is October 6, 2023.***

[\*\*APPLY HERE!\*\*](#)

### **Digital Peacebuilding: Integrating Technology with Peacebuilding Practices**

***Hein Paing Htoo Chit***

October 16 to December 4, 2023 | Monday

3:00 PM – 6:00 / 6:30 PM, Philippine Time [UTC+8]

This is an introductory and participatory online course designed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills needed to leverage digital tools and strategies for effective peacebuilding in today's interconnected world. This course is ideal for individuals who have a basic understanding of peacebuilding practices and want to refresh their knowledge while exploring the unique challenges and opportunities presented by the digital era.

**Preferred Participants:** Peacebuilding Practitioners, NGO and Nonprofit Workers, Community Leaders, and Social Activists.

**Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Conflict Transformation, Fundamentals of Peacebuilding, Introduction to Peacebuilding Theory and Practice*, or an equivalent course or experience.

**Additional Requirements:**

- Laptop or tablet preferred
- Reliable, stable and hopefully high-speed internet connection
- Webcam and microphone
- Zoom account
- Note-taking tools

**Course Orientation:** MPI will organize an orientation for the Digital Peacebuilding course before the first day of class. The orientation will cover important information and a short demonstration of the learning platform and various online tools and applications.

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## Facilitator



**Dr. Hein Paing Htoo Chit** is an educator, peacebuilder, and social entrepreneur. He graduated from the University of Medicine Magway in 2015. He then traveled to conflict-affected areas across Myanmar to serve as a primary and emergency healthcare doctor. In 2016, he founded SEED for Myanmar, a community library that later developed into a social impact organization. In addition to his role as executive director of SEED for Myanmar, Dr. Hein works as a freelance consultant focusing on peacebuilding and socioeconomic development. He is also an alumnus of the Konrad Adenauer School of Young Politicians, an Advancing Leaders Fellow of World Learning, a Professional Fellow of the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative, and a Generation Change Fellow of the United States Institute of Peace. He received his Master of Business Administration degree in 2020. Dr. Hein has also served as President of the US Ambassador's Youth Council, a mentor for the Professional Fellowship Program of the Youth Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative, and the Myanmar Youth Country Liaison of the Generation Change Fellowship Program of the United States Institute of Peace. He is currently serving as a board member of [Build Up](#), an organization committed to building peace through technology and transforming conflicts in the digital age.

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## Digital Security for Peacebuilders

**Fred Goddard**

October 17 to December 5, 2023 | Tuesday  
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM, Philippine Time [UTC+8]

Digital security is a critical aspect of modern peacebuilding efforts. As more peacebuilders embrace digital tools for communication, coordination, and advocacy, the need to protect sensitive information and ensure secure digital practices becomes paramount. This online course will equip participants with the essential skills to navigate the digital landscape securely, safeguard their data and communications, and mitigate potential threats. The course will combine theoretical concepts, practical exercises, and case studies to foster a comprehensive understanding of digital security best practices for peacebuilders so that the participants may conduct their peacebuilding activities safely in an increasingly connected world.

**Preferred Participants:** Peacebuilders who are wanting to learn more about digital security. This is an introductory course for peacebuilding practitioners. Ideally, it is for those who are responsible for or frequently using digital tools within their organization.

### Additional Requirements:

- Laptop or tablet preferred
- Reliable, stable, and hopefully, high-speed internet connection
- Webcam and microphone
- Zoom account

## Facilitator



**Fred Goddard** is the Technical and Institutional Capacity Building Officer and the Data Protection Officer of the Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute Foundation, Inc. (MPI). He maintains MPI's website and social media presence, assists with the technical needs, and oversees the data protection and privacy of the institute and its constituency. In 2022, Fred represented MPI in the [Southeast Asia Digital Rights Collaborative](#) under the Association for Progressive Communication, and afterward, Fred led a project exploring digital peacebuilding and digital rights in Mindanao along with MPI alumni and staff.

Fred is a certified Accountability, Compliance, and Ethics (ACE) Level 1 Data Protection Officer by the National Privacy Commission. He has attended trainings, workshops and conferences related to digital rights and digital security with the [Foundation for Media Alternatives](#), [Access Now](#), and [Engage Media](#), among others.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

- √ Ability to communicate in English (oral and written)
- √ Access to a good, reliable internet connection, and other necessary hardware
- √ Familiarity with online programs/technologies (e.g., Zoom, web browsers, such as Google Chrome)
- √ Prior knowledge and experience in peacebuilding and/or related areas of development
- √ Able to clearly outline objectives and strategies for applying the lessons and skills learned from the course/s to one's work situation or specific context ([see application form](#))
- √ Mature and committed to fully participate in the course/s
- √ Open to dialogue with people from other faiths and cultures
- √ Satisfy any other added requirement/s of the online course/s selected

### Important note about your participation:

MPI requires that all participants commit to fully participate in all the sessions of their respective online course/s. Below are MPI's guidelines for absences from class:

- *A Certificate of Completion will be given to those who attend all the sessions or are absent for just one session. **Please note that certain courses may have additional requirements for course completion.***
- *A Certificate of Participation will be given to those who are absent for two online sessions.*
- *MPI requires a written explanation for absences (an email will do).*
- *No certificate will be given to those who are absent for more than two sessions.*

## ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS

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1. Complete the application form online at <https://www.mpiasia.net/programs/training/online-courses/application.html> (preferred method) or [download a fillable PDF](#) application and upload the completed form along with your latest Curriculum Vitae/résumé here: <https://www.mpiasia.net/programs/training/online-courses/document-uploader.html>.

**Please DO NOT email your application or any other sensitive documents to MPI.** If you have difficulty uploading these documents, please contact us at [apply@mpiasia.net](mailto:apply@mpiasia.net).

2. Do not forget to include your Curriculum Vitae/résumé to complete your application. Incomplete applications will not be processed.
3. An acceptance letter along with a billing statement will be sent to you once your application has been reviewed by MPI.
4. Payment should be made one week before the start of the online courses.
5. Once payment is received, a confirmation letter will be sent to you, confirming your slot in the course/s you have selected.

## COURSE FEES AND OTHER DETAILS

Course Fees: **US\$475 | PhP26,000 per online course**

Platform: **Zoom** for the online class and the **MPI Virtual Classrooms** for other class activities outside of the Zoom sessions.

Participants are expected to dedicate time to complete activities and assignments outside of the live sessions. Please refer back to your respective online course/s for details.

***Discounted Fee: US\$450 or PhP24,750 for those who submit their application on or before September 20, 2023.***

***For those who enroll in both courses, there is a special course fee of US\$800 or PhP44,000 (US\$400 or PhP22,000 per course)!***

## CANCELLATION POLICY

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Please inform MPI, as soon as possible, if you are unable to participate or continue with your enrollment. This will give MPI time to find a replacement for your slot. **A refund can only be issued if cancellation is made two weeks before the start of the course/s selected.**

## DATA PRIVACY RIGHTS

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MPI is not only duty-bound by law but also believes that it must observe and respect your data privacy rights. Under Philippine RA10173, these rights include:

- The right to be informed
- The right to access
- The right to object
- The right to erasure or blocking
- The right to damages
- The right to file a complaint
- The right to rectify
- The right to data portability

To learn more about MPI's Privacy Policy, please visit <https://www.mpiasia.net/privacy.html> or contact MPI's Data Protection Officer at [web-admin@mpiasia.net](mailto:web-admin@mpiasia.net) or at telephone number (+63) 82 295-3776 or mobile number (+63) 948-494-1579.

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