

## STF Stories in South London

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On Friday 3rd September South London Community hosted a testimony evening at the Peace Embassy for 8 Young people who had returned from public offering activities over the last year. As it turned out all 8 testimonies were from graduates of the STF program but you could say that they represented those who had also participated in DONE and the 21-day Mobilisation.

The meeting hall was filled with young and old eager to hear of the internal and external experiences that 8 had had. After a buffet meal we settled down to watch a video of the STF year 2015/2016 and then hear from Carmel M. followed by Dominic G., Joshua M., Elna Marie F., Andre S., Nadia Y., Veronica from Costa Rica and

Cha Eun L.



The impression that each one gave was one of confidence and deep insight into their own character in terms of faith and ability to challenge themselves. They had visited numerous countries and they were particularly honest about the highlights and also the difficulties that they had experienced. Pastor Franklin asked for each speaker to be free to speak at length in order to encourage them to be open but that turned out to be too generous as each one wanted to give a half hour talk without notes! So, in the end, it was limited to 15 minutes each.



It is remarkable how sincere and full of passion these young people are. They faced themselves in this past year and found that they could work together in teams, develop deep bonds of friendship and receive guidance followed by experience in a life of faith. Their confidence in themselves and the knowledge that they had found their own relationship to God was evident.

We were fortunate that not only did we hear from South London Second Gens but also from those of other countries who were still in the region after attending the Senior HARP Workshop as staff in Cleeve House.

