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Internet Rights Training Exchange in Jakarta

Human rights defenders, including activists working on gender and sexual rights, are increasingly experiencing technology-related human rights violations. As a response to these challenges, APC carried out an internet rights training exchange in Jakarta as part of its APC IMPACT project.

"The Internet corrupt young minds". "Social media are responsible for the Arab Spring". "If you have nothing to hide, you have nothing to fear from surveillance". "If you don't want naked pictures of you online, don't take pictures of yourself"...

These were some of the internet myths challenged during the [Internet Rights Training Exchange](#) that APC organised in Jakarta between 29 May and 2 June, as part of our [APC IMPACT project](#).



Members of [Bytes for All Pakistan](#), the [Center for Internet and Society India](#), the [Coalition of African Lesbians](#), [Digital Empowerment Foundation](#), [EMPOWER](#), [KAOS GL](#), [IPP](#), and [Point of View](#), got together in a lovely hotel in Jakarta for four and a half days to learn about internet rights and become trainers in their own communities.



Internet Rights Training eXchange

IRTX- Jakarta is a four and a half day interactive training exchange that will build on the knowledge and experience of participants to increase understanding of human rights defenders (HRDs), civil society organisations and internet activists of the

linkages between the internet and human rights.



We did presentations on the framing of internet rights including freedom of expression, freedom of associaton, privacy, sexual rights, as well as the basics of internet governance.

IRTX Jakarta_Sadaf Khan, from Bytes for All, during her presentation 1



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We played games, and we learnt how to use them as the powerful learning tool that they are.

IRTX Jakarta_Bishakha leads the game



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IRTX Jakarta_Internet Rights and games 2



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We challenged cases concernng competing human rights through role playing, forming a people's court and acting as Police, Government, head of a social media corporation, freedom of expression advocate and sexual rights activist.

IRTX Jakarta_Making a point



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We experimented with social ladders and internet rights. On a scale of one to ten, who has more

and less rights?

IRTX Jakarta_The social ladder 2



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We interrogated internet rights from a feminist lens, and identified examples around each of the Feminist Principles:

IRTX Jakarta_Understanding of the Feminist Principles of the internet



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IRTX Jakarta_Ritu holds the Feminist Principles of the internet



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Bishakha asked us if we considered this photo offensive, because Instagram took it down due to "community standards".

IRTX Jakarta_Are you offended by this photo?



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Because Private Censorship is more widespread than we think.


IRTX Jakarta_Bishaka Datta during her presentation on Private Censorship



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And of course there was time for bonding...

IRTX Jakarta_Afterwork fun

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...discovering a new found passion for Indonesian fruit

IRTX Jakarta_Fruit is key to survive a training

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And forming APC IMPACT with our bodies (or at least trying):

IRTX Jakarta_Writing IMPACT with our bodies

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More on our [IRTX Jakarta website](#), and lots of photos on the [APC group on Flickr](#).