

Testimony – Monica Castillo. 2017

Hi, my name is Monica and I am in my final year of a Bachelor of Social Research and Policy, majoring in Sociology and Anthropology. During the 2017 June/July Winter Break, I completed my internship at the Diplomacy Training Program. My experience with DTP has been an invaluable and learning experience.

I worked on two key projects during my DTP Internship. My first project was preparing an analytical report on DTP's monthly e-newsletters, providing recommendations to improve the quality and accessibility of the newsletter for future issues. I also created a mock e-newsletter to showcase my recommendations in a tangible and assessable format on Microsoft Word. My second project was conducting a background research paper on Myanmar's international labour migration for a prospective training program in 2018. Both projects taught me how to implement my skills and knowledge from my university courses, particularly in understanding international government policy. I also got the opportunity to design pamphlet and application form template on Microsoft Word for an Indigenous Training Program on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, to attract potential participants and trainers.

My experience in DTP has given me an insight into operations and structure of an NGO. Certain aspects such as funding, marketing and networking are important towards the running important initiatives such as training programs for DTP.

Prior to commencing my internship, I only been exposed to UN Human Rights Frameworks from Model United Nations and two sociology courses. It was during my first day at DTP which I soon realised that human rights and advocacy can empower people within their everyday life. Because my experience with DTP, I have a better appreciation of human rights and affirm my commitment to empower people with the fundamental principles of our rights.

Thank you, DTP, for a wonderful internship. I will keep in touch.

Monica.