

ReAct
care in action

Career Fair

Post-Event Report

Career Fair

Since its founding in 2003, ReAct has hosted numerous events focused on improving the lives of children living in Indonesian orphanages. The first Career Fair was held in February 2012 at the BKM orphanage in Pematang Siantar, North Sumatra. Continued by the second Career Fair in Bali on May 2013. Due to its success, ReAct decided to organize another Career Fair in celebration of ReAct's 10th Anniversary, as well as the Universal Children's Day.

A Word of Thanks

Many sincere thanks to our international and local guest speakers as well as attendees who traveled from near and far for this event.

ReAct would also like to extend a special thank you to our supporting organizations and event sponsor whose support has enabled us to fulfill this successful event.

Supporting Organizations:



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Overview of 2013 Career Fair

The Career Fair provided a rare opportunity for orphans to dream big and prepare for their future. They met professionals from many walks of life. They were coached on how to write a powerful CV as well as interview techniques. At the Fair, each professional (a total of 20) presented an overview of their career, explaining what it is like to work in such field. Groups of participants were rotated from one presentation to the next, giving them exposure to many professionals throughout the day.

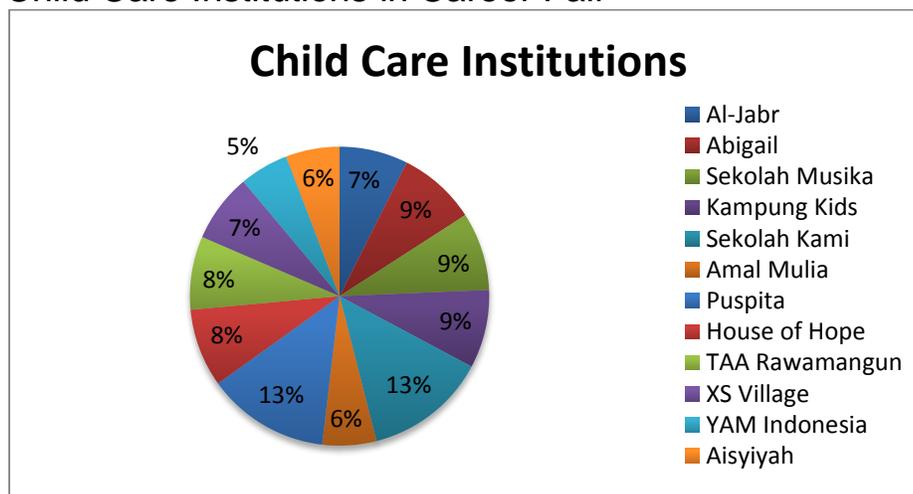
a. Objective

Often, children living in orphanages suffer from low self-esteem and emotional poverty. Additionally, once they finish high school, they will need to leave the orphanage and fend for themselves. During the Fair, ReAct's aim was to enable the teens to develop skills for getting a job so they can be actors and architects of their own future, if they dare to believe. Our goal was to expose the orphanage youths to various career paths, empower and inspire them, as well as guide them to discover their potential for the future.

b. Participants

The Career Fair was attended by a total of 200 youths from orphanages and child care institutions in Jakarta. The different regions that were represented by these youths are shown in the graph below.

Child Care Institutions in Career Fair



c. Guest Speakers (Professional Volunteers)

Names	Careers
Wisnu 'Kucing' Suryapratama	Film Maker
Murwanto	Photographer
Lina Martha	Lecturer
Meltho , Clive Jovi Huwae (PASTO)	Singer
Delfi Tampubolon	Nurse
Mario L. Pangestu, Harmaein, Michael Hotma C.	Lawyer
Benny Istanto	UN Officer (WFP)
Yantisa Akhadi	IT specialist
Mister I	Magician
Yulinar Kadri	Teacher
Istiqomatul H.	Journalist
Suwardi Hagani	Landscaper
Vanessa Reksodipoetro	Social Worker
Lukman Ferdian, Erna Meiningrum	Banker
Eki Ameliasari	Child Party Organizer
Kancah Citra Ganteng	Mimer
Christian Schild	Hotel industry
Roy Tan, Tetty Firmansyah, Kathrin Irviana	As guest speakers

d. Outcome

Through this event, ReAct directly impacted 200 teens by empowering them with necessary skills for finding a job after high school. These teens came away from the Career Fair with a clear understanding of 20 different professions, the skills and training required for each profession, the steps and pathway that these professionals took to arrive at that specific career, and concrete steps in how to approach companies when looking for a job.

Student Volunteers

At this special Career Fair, ReAct was supported by student volunteers from the Jakarta International School, which makes the event a “Youth-Led” event. Not only did it affect the children from orphanages, but also impacted the students who were volunteering.

“ReAct’s Career Fair is like we said at the event ”...a great idea...” A career day gives the orphans that ReAct invites a chance to feel that they can do anything they set their mind to. I always believe that if I want to accomplish something, I set my mind to it, put my heart into it then I can do anything. I think that this day initiated by ReAct gives the orphans the encouragement and support that they need to have confidence to be anybody they want to be, whether a magician or a lawyer, they have what it takes. ReAct’s Career Fair is a program that I hope not only will come back to Jakarta International School, but is an idea that I hope will expand out of Asia as well. Thank you so much for the opportunity to be apart of this inspiring day and I look forward to participating in more career fairs.” –

Mackenzie Winton (Student Volunteer)



Pictures/Photos



About ReAct

Created in 2003, ReAct is a non-profit organization that mobilizes resources, both human and material, in the struggle to aid and sustain young people in claiming their rights and fulfilling their most basic needs – food, shelter, education, self-esteem and love. ReAct's Caring for the Caregiver program is founded on the belief that given strong and effective training, the morale and effectiveness of staff increases, the quality and effectiveness of programs improves and the children benefit.

Vision

Improve the Quality of Care of Children living in orphanages

Mission: Caring & Catalyzing

To act as a catalyst and positively impact the lives of young people, their families, and their communities in Indonesia, with programs that are culturally sensitive and effective, in ways that are sustainable.

Objectives

- To uphold the rights of children for care & respect.
- To provide a vehicle for others to express their compassion for the children/youth of Indonesia, and to give them opportunities to make a difference.
- By demystifying the process and making it accessible to others, we hope to stimulate others and give them practical ways to engage.

We Aim to Help Children and Youth

- Develop a sense of self-esteem and dignity
- Understand who they are and how they can contribute to their communities
- Ensure that their rights are understood (by them and by others) and enjoyed
- Obtain appropriate education and provide them with a positive educational environment
- Be safe from exploitation and abuse
- Face life with marketable skills, but also with a sense of values and important life skills