



KARREN JOY FETALVERO
YMCA Philippines

30 years of age or under on 4 July 2022? Yes

BIOGRAPHY

Karren has been a member of the YMCA for 11 years now. It has played an integral part of her life and helped shape her into the person she is today. Karren would like to pay forward in this endeavor through further engagement in the movement.

Currently, Karren is a member of the Executive Committee of the World YMCA, and particularly the Movement Relevance Committee. She has also been a part of the Solidarity Fund Special Committee. Simultaneous to her engagement with the World YMCA, she sits as an ex-officio member at the national board of the YMCA of the Philippines. Karren's involvement with the Y goes as early as when she was in High School, being a member of the Hi-Y Club and eventually working at her local YMCA as a Program Coordinator. Karren also got an opportunity to be exposed at the Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs when she completed a year-long internship for the Global Alternative Tourism Network program. All these experiences combined have provided her with great appreciation for the mission of the YMCA as she has not only experienced them as a recipient, but also been a part of the programming and implementation level.

Professionally, Karren works at a foreign mission in the Philippines and helps in enhancing the relationship of the Philippines and the Czech Republic through engagement with the government, private sectors, and civil society. She has also taken on the role as the Gender Focal Person of the Embassy, engaged at the working group of the Delegation of the European Union to discuss gender equality programs and initiatives of the EU member states in the Philippines. Karren is also training herself on research and policy analysis as she completes her graduate studies in Development Policy. Specifically, Karren's current research is focused on women's participation in politics and governance.

Karren strongly believes in the space that the YMCA provides to the youth as she has seen it first hand. With this, she hopes to be of value to the continuous improvement and relevance of the World YMCA. Karren trusts in its mission and hopes to be an agent through which the mission of the YMCA can be realized.

