

PSCORE

Activity Report 2019



SHAPING THE NORTH KOREAN HUMAN
RIGHTS CONVERSATION
A YEAR IN REVIEW



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To our most valuable members,

A special thank you

We would like to give a special thanks to those who made 2019 a success. First, we would like to thank our donors, partners, and co-hosting organizations. Without their collaboration and commitment to North Korean human rights issues, our work would not be made possible.

We would also like to thank our extraordinary interns from all over the world, who dedicate their time, skills and passion to PSCORE on a daily basis.

We would also like to thank our Secretary General, Nam Bada, who devotes himself all year-long to the cause of North Korean human rights issues and to manage our wonderful team of interns.

Finally, we want to thank our Executive Director Kim Tae-hoon, who is celebrating his first full year with us and for giving us invaluable advice and making time for us despite his busy schedule.

Visit to EU and UNHRC



In March , PSCORE visited the European Parliament along with Mr. Hwang In-cheol to help him plead his case about his father's abduction in the 1969 Korean Air Lines hijacking by North Korea agents . Mr . Hwang asked for international assistance to urgently return his father Hwang Won back to South Korea.

PSCORE Delegates and Secretary General Bada Nam along with Mr. Hwang In-cheol first met with the Polish Permanent Mission at the European Union in Brussels . The visit received a positive reception from the Polish Permanent Mission vowing to collaborate with PSCORE in promoting Mr. Hwang's story in a future campaign.

In addition, PSCORE met with a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) from a Socialist Group, Arne Lietz. At the meeting, PSCORE presented on the missing abduction cases of Korean Airlines abductee Mr. Hwang Won as well as the most recent exile of Cho Gil Kil, the ambassador of Italy to North Korea.

PSCORE's report was recognized to be a unique one to be included in the important matters to be discussed at the European Union.

PSCORE made its yearly visit during the same month to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHCR) in Geneva, in conjunction with Democratic People's Republic of Korea Universal Periodic Review, thanks to the Special Consultative status endowed by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

The visit also gave Mr. Hwang In-Cheol the opportunity to speak on the KAL hijacking case of his father; achieving his long held wish to publicly address the UNHRC council. PSCORE hosted a side event and provided information booklets to the public to garner support into taking the necessary actions to make his story and the unheard story of countless defectors to be known.

PSCORE President Kim Tae Hoon made an oral statement at the 40th Human Rights Council session in an interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The key factors addressed in his statement were on children's rights and the defection of high ranking North Korean ex-diplomat Cho Sung Gil.

Meetings with representatives of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (WGEID) Mr. Ugo Cedrangolo and Ms. Rhiannon Painter as well as Ms. Margarita Nechaeva, a representative of WGAD (Working Group on Arbitrary Detention) for updates were conducted. The meetings provided practical advice on the ways to move forward to advance the campaign to return the missing victims of KAL YS-11.



RightsCon

On June 12, PSCORE Secretary General Bada Nam had the pleasure of holding a session titled "North Koreans Need Real Information" at RightsCon Tunisia.

This was PSCORE's first invitation to speak at RightsCon, a world leading summit on human rights in the digital age. The session touched on how the internet and factual information have changed North Korean views on their own country and the rest of the world.



A follow up session "Information Expansion in North Korea : Current efforts and challenges" was also held. We hope to return to RightsCon in the near future to continue helping organizations to gain a wider understanding on North Korean human rights.



Street Campaigns

In September and October, PSCORE held two street campaigns in both Itaewon and Sinchon.

Many people stopped by and learned not only about the lack of human rights in North Korea, especially amongst children, but also about the reunification process. We were able to answer their questions and they also had the possibility of answering our questions.

Our team is doing their best to spread awareness about the current situation in North Korea and works towards reunification.

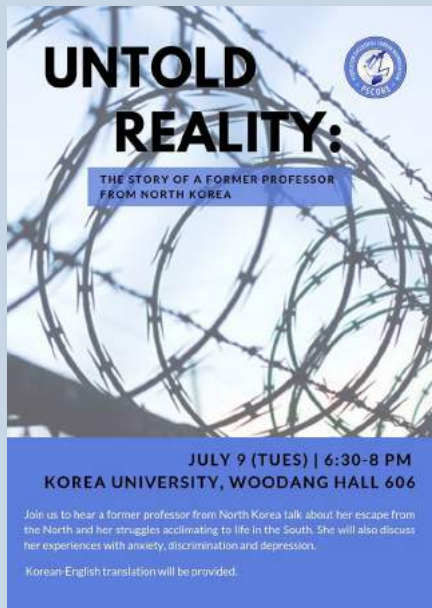
After the first campaign in Itaewon, PSCORE held another street campaign in the young and vibrant Sinchon area.

Although fairly different from Itaewon, our team still managed to reach out to people to inform them about the lack of human rights issues in North Korea, in particular, dealing with child labor, as well as promoting reunification.

While some people disagreed with our beliefs, engaging in constructive criticism and exchanging ideas on these topics with both Koreans and foreigners was a beneficial experience for all parties.



Speech Events



On July 9th, PSCORE hosted a speech event at Korea University titled “Untold Reality”. The event featured a former North Korean professor turned defector Chae Seyeon, who shared her tragic experience with North Korean education and the story of her escape to South Korea; leaving her husband and son behind while struggling adjusting to her new life.

Her story left a lasting impression on the audience with many changing their perceptions about North Korean defectors and vowing to help bring awareness to the plight of defectors as best as they can.



On November 13, in collaboration with Palette, the Japanese-Korean club at Yonsei University, PSCORE held a special speech event with the florist Jeon Geum Ju, who defected to South Korea in 2010. She recalled her eventful and emotional journey to get to where she is now, the proud owner of her flower shop in Seoul. Her hope is to have her audience think about peace and how it can bring everyone together.

Youth Engagement and Outreach



Over the summer break in July and August, PSCORE organized several educational workshops. Our first stop was at Daejin Girls' High School for the "Global Compact & UN Academy". Activities included having joint discussions about reunification, presentations from a North Korean defector, playing fun games, a live K-POP performance, and creating campaign boards.



On Saturday, August 17, PSCORE was invited to speak to approximately 100 summer school students regarding human rights and reunification. Bada, our Secretary General, gave a speech about the history of human rights. An intern from Germany, Bella, subsequently gave a speech about human rights differences between East and West Germany during the division and reunification.



A Q+A session followed the session where the students expressed their interests on how Germans have dealt with reunification, specifically the social and economic differences between North and South Korea. It was a very successful event demonstrating the importance of youth involvement with North Korean human rights.

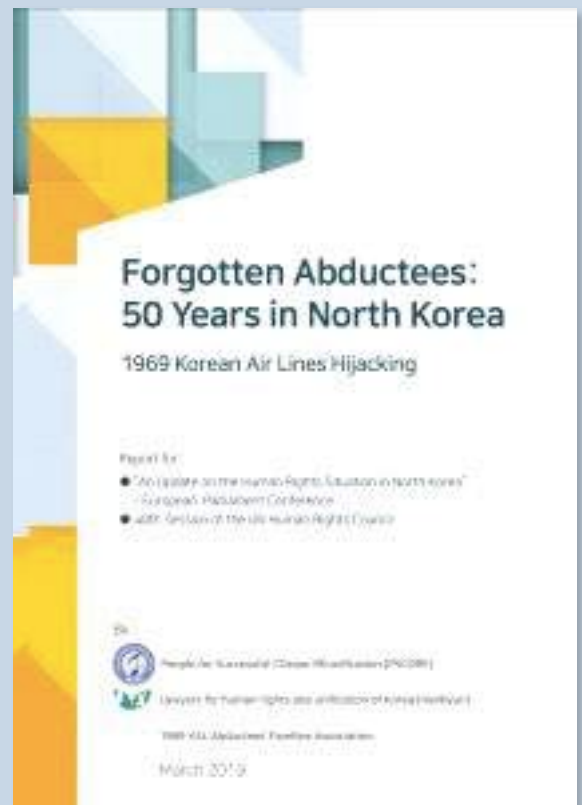


Our summer educational tour wrapped up at the end of August with PSCORE's visit to two elementary schools who are a mix of both North and South Korean students body. Students were presented with gifts which included new pencil cases (donated by CRCC ASIA), coloring markers, PSCORE bracelets with the symbol of Korean reunification, and LEGO boxes. A young student age 9, assisted by his teacher, told us his escape story by showing the group on the map his dangerous journey crossing the river between North Korea and China before coming to South Korea.

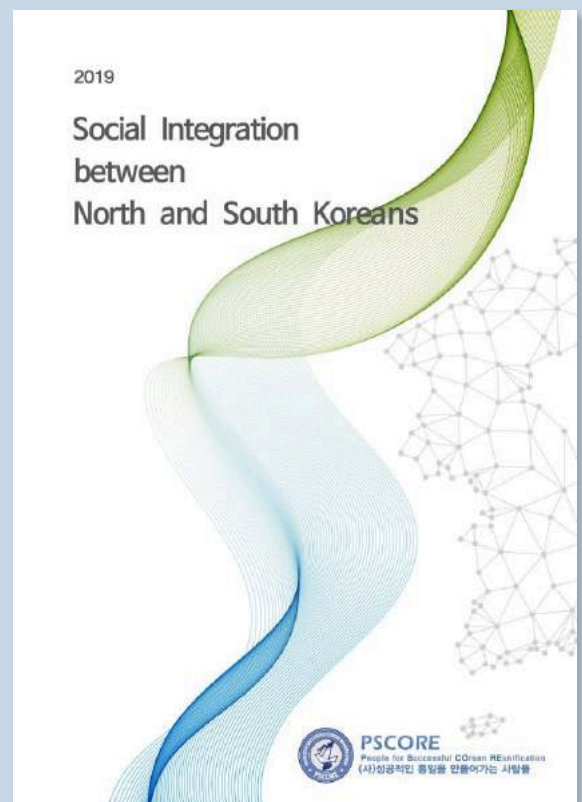
PSCORE remains committed to youth outreach in our mission to advance the cause of North Korean human rights and the reunification of Korea.

Reports

A local plane was hijacked en route to Seoul in 1969. 11 of those that were on the plane remain missing. These people deserve the collective efforts of the international community and the South Korean government to be rescued. Hwang In-Cheol is the son of one of the abducted passengers, journalist Hwang Won. He has been vocal in campaigning for his father's return for the last 18 years. Our hope is that this cold case will gain worldwide attention and will finally be resolved to bring the families closure.



Perceptions between North and South Koreans has been a contested issue since the Korean War and defectors still face prejudice in South Korea. Both societies have divergent perceptions of one another including social interaction. The report delves into the historical ties between the societies, learned histories, and biases surrounding social opinions about each other. Through questionnaires answered by North Koreans, as well as South Koreans and foreigners, the report gives the reader a better understanding of the the two Koreas in a necessary dialogue concerning North Korean human rights.



Inescapable Violence

Child Abuse within North Korea

2019



People for Successful COrean REunification

The riveting report primarily focuses on human rights issues in relation to the child abuse of North Korean children. The report contains detailed information about child neglect and the different forms of abuse under which North Korean children have to suffer ; including physical , sexual and psychological . The long -term effects of such mistreatment on children and their future are highlighted in the report.

The report received an overwhelming amount of acclaimed recognition from several media outlets within a few days of its release . Reuters , South China Morning Post , The New York Times , and several other media sources in various languages referenced our report as a must read for 2019 . We thank the media and our supporters for helping us continue to spread the word on North Korean human rights.

Get Involved

VOLUNTEER. DONATE. SPREAD AWARENESS.

Help PSCORE fight for human rights in North Korea.

Education Programs

In order to further support North Korean defectors in their integration into both South Korean and the international community, PSCORE organizes a multitude of education programs. Our 1 on 1 tutoring involves matching volunteer tutors, who are part an extensive network, with defectors seeking to develop their skills in a variety of disciplines.

We also host Wednesday English classes, bringing together teachers and North Korean defectors. Classes are taught from PSCORE's very own textbooks, with sessions allowing defectors the possibility to practice their language skills in a group environment. As an extension of our classes, PSCORE hosts cultural activities to help aid social integration.

International Awareness

It is with the support of our donors that PSCORE is able to further advocate for North Korean human rights on a global scale. PSCORE has been granted consultative status by the United Nations Economic and Social Council. We actively participate in the United Nations' human rights related sessions and submit our own human rights reports. These are published in multiple languages and contain extensive testimonies from North Korean defectors. Through these initiatives, PSCORE is able to continue fighting for human rights in North Korea.

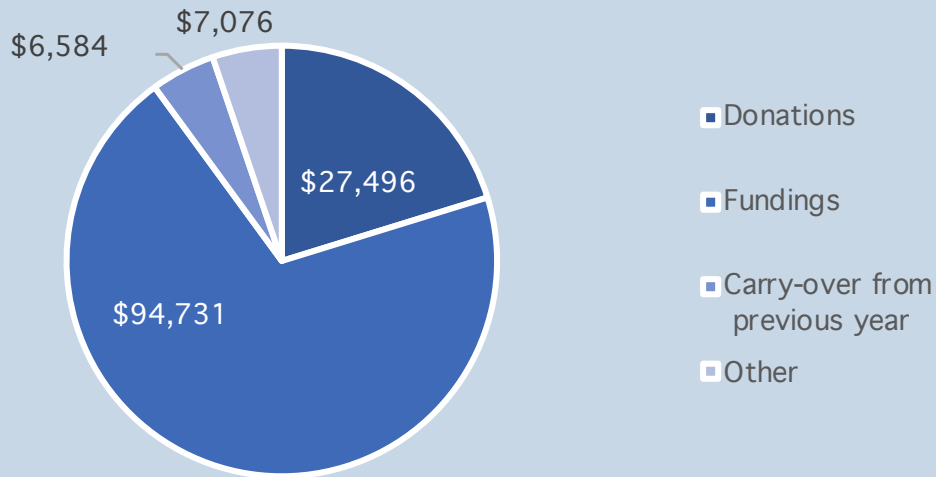
Community Outreach Programs

In order to project the voices of North Koreans still living on the other side of the border, PSCORE hosts awareness campaigns in Seoul. These typically take place in heavily populated suburbs and campuses. They usually involve participatory activities, informative presentations, petition signing and data collection. Through these campaigns, PSCORE has been able to diversify our audience and further inform the South Korean and international public of the abuse and suffering of North Koreans.

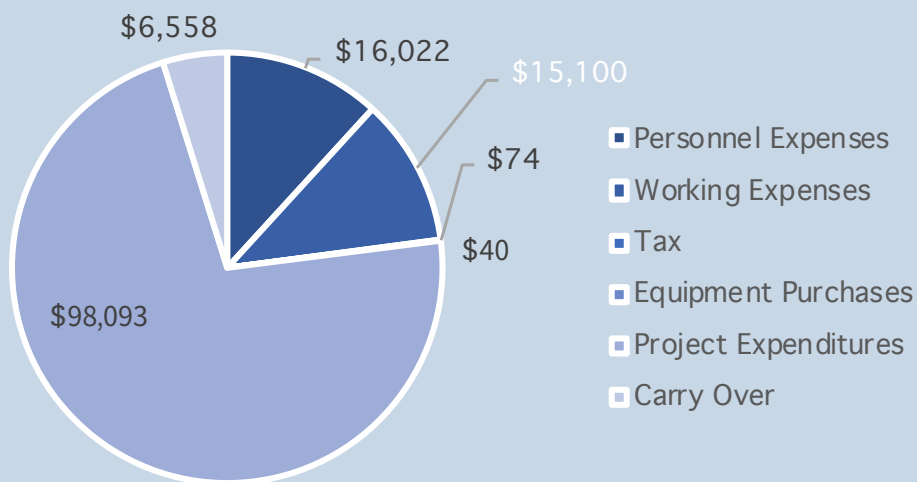


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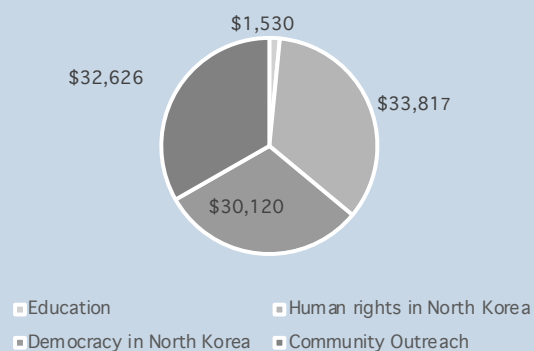
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Project Expenditures





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