PSCORE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

PEOPLE FOR SUCCESSFUL COREAN REUNIFICATION



ACTIVITIES

Education Program
Street Campaign
Tribunal in Germany
UN Reports and Workshops
Digital Advocacy

PSCORE ACTIVITIES REPORT 2020



Introduction

2020 has been an exceptionally difficult year for everyone. Because of the Coronavirus pandemic, our plans for 2020 were completely changed. All of our activities and projects had to be changed as we transitioned to an online format. In particular, UN-related activities have been difficult to attend in person. We had planned to go to Geneva in March to participate in the UN Human Rights Council, but it was canceled 3 days before. Currently, it looks like participating will not be possible until 2022, but we are making an effort to contribute in other ways online. Over half of 2020 felt like chaos, yet we were still able to prepare projects and achieve various goals. To everyone who actively supported us throughout these uncertain times, we would like to give a special thank you.

First, we would like to thank our donors, volunteers, and supporters from all over the world. Every form of support helps us achieve our goals. We would also like to thank our staff and international team of interns. They have worked with great dedication and commitment on our projects despite all the challenges that the past year has brought. Lastly, we would like to thank the North Korean defectors for sharing their stories and experiences with us. Without their help, many of our projects would not be possible.

2020 AT A GLANCE

TIMELINE

MAY

Started *Inescapable Violence* social media campaign

JULY

Provided arts and crafts videos for North Korean defector elementary school students (40 videos in 2020)

Workshop series with North Korean defector teachers (5 times in 2020)

Peaceful Korean reunification online workshop 2020 (42 participants from 12 countries)

Imjingak & DMZ tour

NOVEMBER

Street campaign for North Korean human rights and Korean reunification in Itaewon

Speech event with Incheon Yeongjong High School

Webinar for Korean Reunification 2020

JUNE

Launched Zoom English education program with elementary and middle schools for North Korean defector students

SEPTEMBER

Participated in the tribunal "Forced Labor in Political GDR Detention" from September 11th to 13th, 2020 in Cottbus, Germany

OCTOBER

Street campaign for North Korean human rights and Korean reunification in Itaewon

Start of *Tales from North Korea* social media campaign

Imjingak & DMZ tour

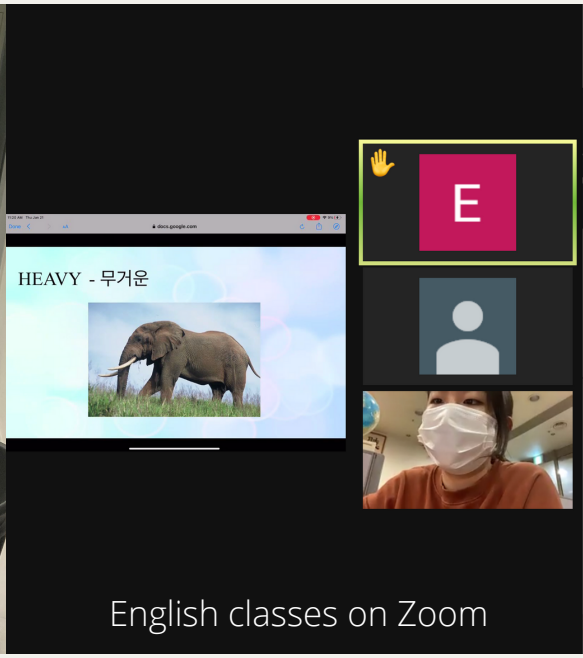
DECEMBER

Released interview series with North Korean defectors & history quiz series

EDUCATION PROGRAM

PSCORE NEWSLETTER





English classes on Zoom

EDUCATION AMID COVID-19

Online transition

Throughout 2020, our education program had to go through a lot of changes in order to comply with social distancing regulations. Our monthly cultural excursions and Wednesday English classes, which used to provide fun and meaningful opportunities for North Korean defectors to learn with others, had to be canceled due to limitations on group activities. However, our 1-on-1 tutoring program was able to continue. Throughout the year, more and more 1-on-1 lessons moved online, but this proved to have its advantages! Students are able to have better access to teachers because there are no limitations on physical distance, and we now have several tutors who are able to volunteer and teach from all over the world. The increased access to teachers has also allowed for students to receive tutoring several times a week from multiple tutors.

We have also been able to continue serving elementary and middle school students from North Korean defector backgrounds. We provided various arts and crafts activities for elementary schools by sending them the supplies along with an instructional video to accompany it. In total, we were able to produce 40 of these videos in 2020. We also provide regularly scheduled English classes over Zoom several times a week to elementary and middle school students. We also hosted 5 workshops with North Korean defector teachers throughout the year. In these workshops, the teachers were able to participate in art therapy, classes with professional psychologists, presentations from their peers, and more.

Despite the setbacks that the year had brought, the education program was not only able to continue, but also further grow and develop.

SPEECH EVENT AT YEONGJONG HIGH SCHOOL



On October 30th, PSCORE was invited to speak with the ‘Global Citizen Club’ and the ‘Study and Research Club’ at Incheon Yeongjong High School. A North Korean defector teacher who works with PSCORE, Lily, gave an insightful and informative presentation to the high school students about the educational system and the rights of students and teachers in North Korea.

After Lily’s address, the students broke out into two rooms to have discussions with the PSCORE interns about reunification in English. Both groups had interesting conversations about the challenges and complexities of Korean reunification and the North Korean human rights issues. Through this educational outreach activity, both the high schoolers and the PSCORE interns were able to gain more insight and have interesting discussions with each other.





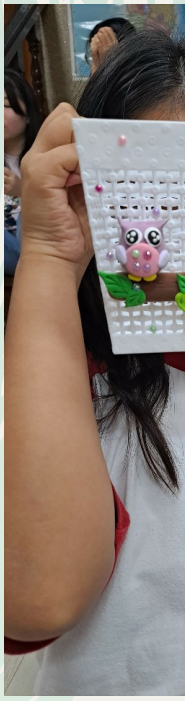
ARTS AND

EDUCATION PROGRAM









CRAFTS











STREET CAMPAIGN



ITAEWON STREET CAMPAIGN

During the months of October and November, the PSCORE interns took to the streets of Itaewon to raise awareness for North Korean human rights. In the chilly weather, they worked hard to set up informational boards, hand out free resources, and put themselves out there to spread awareness. The street campaign highlighted child abuse in North Korea, separated families, and political propaganda amongst other issues. The campaign encouraged passerbyers to interact with the campaign by voting on what they believed to be the most difficult aspect of reunification: political, economic, or social barriers. It was a very unique and valuable experience to be able to spread awareness in this way and to engage in difficult conversations with passerbyers about Korean reunification issues.

The campaign was held during a time of social distancing level I, and safety measures such as masks, hand sanitizers, and face shields were implemented during the entirety of the event.





IMJINGAK CAMPAIGN

TRIP TO IMJINGAK

PSCORE was able to host two campaign trips to Imjingak this year: once on July 18th and once more on November 14th. The campaigns raised awareness for North Korean human rights and the issue of peaceful reunification by providing those who were interested in a trip to the DMZ, Imjingak, Geomdansa Temple (July trip), Odusan Unification Tower (November trip), and the National Memorial Hall of the Korean War Adbuctees (Nov. trip).

We were accompanied by a North Korean defector, who told their story of escaping North Korea and gave their valuable perspective on the issue of peaceful Korean reunification. Being able to be so physically close to North Korea as well as hearing firsthand the perils of being a North Korean defector was an eye-opening experience for everyone involved.



Both trips were deeply informative and fun-filled for everyone as they visited the various locations and learned more deeply about North Korea. Through the campaign, PSCORE was able to raise more awareness on peaceful Korean reunification by gaining more social media traction.

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MUNSCR Preparation

In 2020, we started to set up our very first Model UN. MUNSCR (Model UN for Successful Corean Reunification) is a Model United Nations that PSCORE is organizing to raise awareness of the significance of Korean reunification and the problems surrounding the human rights of North Korean citizens. Throughout the fall and winter months of 2020, we completed crucial steps in structuring MUNSCR, such as recruiting for committees, launching the website, and having lecture series with relevant and distinguished professors and professionals.

We are continuing these efforts through 2021, and we look forward to holding our official conference in April!

UNITED NATIONS REPORTS

PSCORE has also engaged in formulating UN Reports in order to further human rights in North Korea on a bigger scale. On June 8th, PSCORE sent an urgent appeal to the UN on the case of South Korea pushing for a ban on anti-North Korean leaflets that relay essential information to the North Korean people.

On December 24th, we also submitted "List of Human Rights Concerns for the UN Human Rights Committee." This report focused on North Korean children's and women's rights, digital rights, and abduction cases. This report was featured on the UNHRC website.

We hope that our input will continue to contribute to and enhance the dialogue between the UN and North Korea so as to improve the living conditions of North Korean civilians.

DIGITAL LIFE AND DIGITAL RIGHTS REPORT

A project that we have been working on is the Digital Life and Digital Rights report. This report will shed light on the digital rights violations that are happening in North Korea. The recognition of digital rights as a key part of human rights in the 21st century is a major barrier towards fully protecting vulnerable people who lack access to basic human rights such as the right to information, privacy, and expression. Within North Korea, access to digital technology is severely restricted, and access to the global internet is almost entirely nonexistent. Such limitation ensures continued reliance on the North Korean state for goods, services, and most critically, information. It is for this reason that the government resists so strongly against allowing digital rights. Much of the research has been completed, but interviews from North Korean defectors have been delayed because of the coronavirus situation. We look forward to releasing this report in 2021.

TRIBUNAL IN GERMANY

CONNECTING PAST INJUSTICES WITH PRESENT DAY ISSUES

Forced Labor in Political GDR Custody

PSCORE's Secretary-General, Bada Nam, participated in the tribunal "Forced Labor in Political GDR Custody" (Zwangsarbeit in Politischer DDR-Haft) on September 11-13, held in a former concentration camp in Cottbus, Germany. PSCORE participated on behalf of North and South Korea as one of the nine international jurors. The international jury was composed of human rights activists and historians from the United States, the Czech Republic, China, and South Korea, as well as a representative from Russia, who was unable to enter Germany due to the spread of COVID-19.

Learning about historical instances of injustice can help us to better understand the situation in North Korea. The forced labor camps of East Germany are in many ways similar to the modern-day detention camps in North Korea. Because of their similarities, we can predict how, in the event of Korean reunification, rehabilitation and reintegration will affect those who were forced into labor camps in North Korea Because PSCORE's mission is to advocate for an end to human rights abuses in North Korea and empower North Korean defectors by providing them with what they need for their integration in South Korea, we feel that it is important to understand how other nations have handled similar situations.





By attending this tribunal, PSCORE is furthering our understanding of these issues. It was not only an opportunity for PSCORE to learn about the victims of former East German political imprisonment, but also an opportunity to observe what problems may arise if unification is achieved in Korea.



"북한, 자유가 없는 곳"

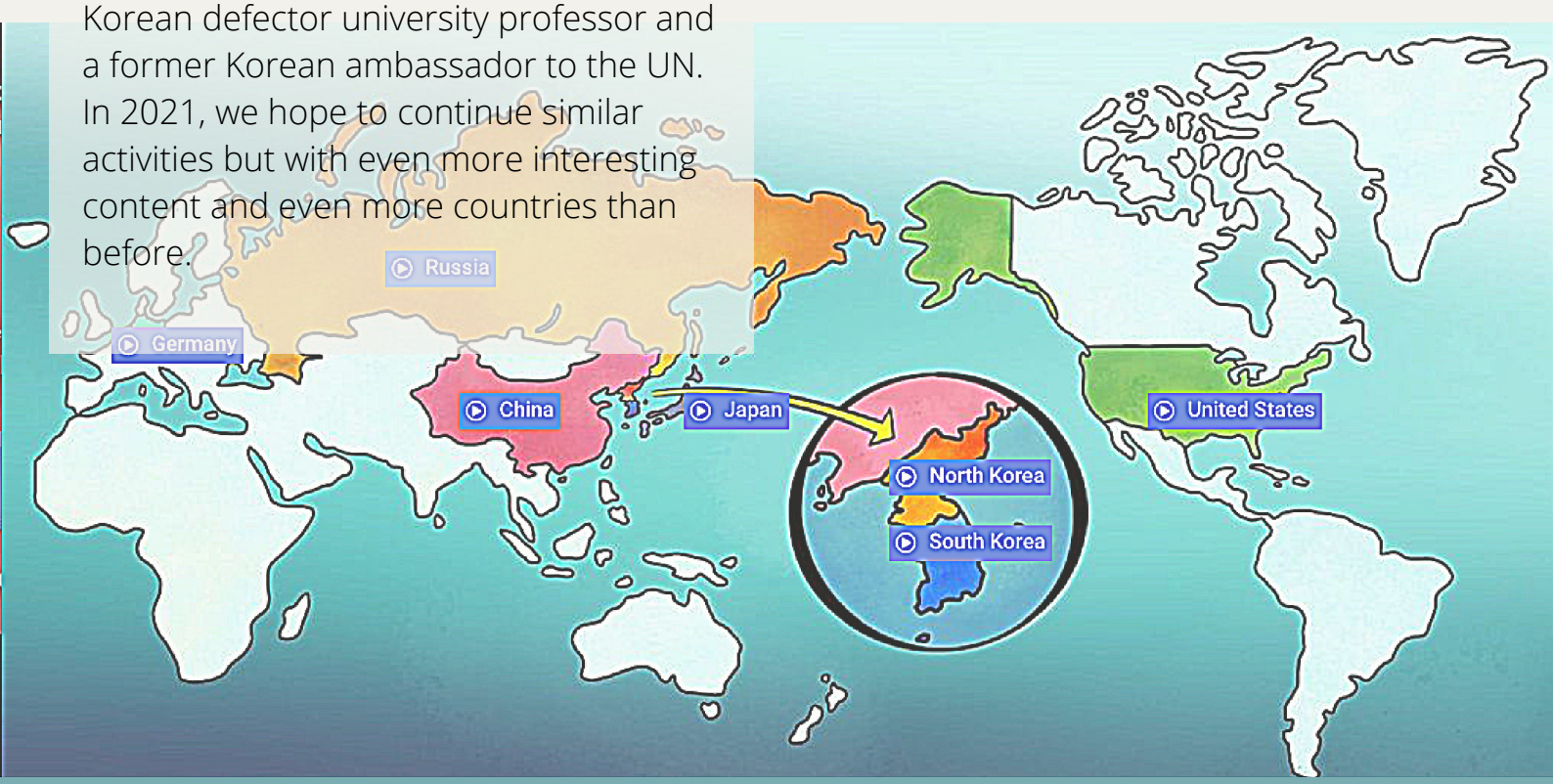
"North Korea, a place without freedom"

DIGITAL ADVOCACY

WEBINAR AND WORKSHOPS

PSCORE organized an online Webinar and Workshop series in 2020 that allowed for young voices from all over the world to contribute their thoughts and ideas to the discourse on peaceful Korean reunification. 42 young people from all over the world representing 12 different countries contributed to our Webinar and Workshop series, and it was a very unique opportunity for different nationalities to come together and critically discuss the multifaceted nature of the Korean Peninsula and the issues it is currently facing. Alongside the young people representing many different countries, these series also featured keynote speakers such as a North Korean defector university professor and a former Korean ambassador to the UN. In 2021, we hope to continue similar activities but with even more interesting content and even more countries than before.







INTERVIEWS WITH NORTH KOREAN DEFECTORS

Throughout the months of August, October, and November, PSCORE conducted a 5-part series of interviews with North Korean defectors. The interviews include the perspectives of a university student, human trafficking victim, a teacher, and more. The series also includes a vast variety of topics such as the school environment in North Korea, the journey through China, digital rights in North Korea, and more. Not only does each interview provide the unique and touching story of an individual, but the interviews also provide an opportunity to gain personal and unique insight into different solutions towards solving various North Korean-related issues.

HISTORY QUIZ SERIES

PSCORE released a 4-part video series to find out just how different North Korea and South Korea's education systems are. Two North Korean students and two South Korean students participate together in a quiz show, providing us with an entertaining way to learn more about differences between North Korea and South Korea. The quiz series touches upon a variety of topics, such as the Korean War, historical figures, school textbooks, and perception of foreign nations. We hope to provide even more entertaining and accessible video content in 2021.

SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS

INESCAPABLE VIOLENCE

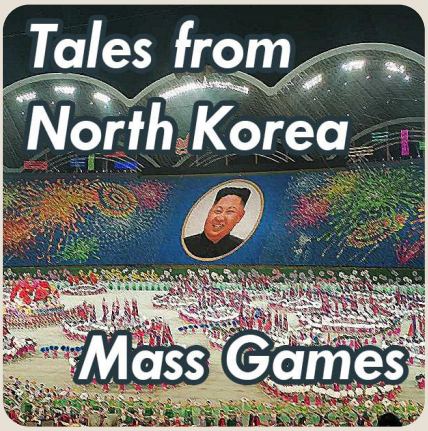
From early May to late July, we ran our social media campaign Inescapable Violence on our social media to spread more awareness about the child abuse violations that are occuring in North Korea. Child abuse remains a prevalent occurence in North Korea, and the government does not even officially recognize the concept of child abuse which negatively affects the phsyical and psychological development of North Korean children. Through this campaign, we spread eye-witness testimonies of North Korean defectors to unveil the realities of child abuse. The different topics include physical violence, sexual abuse, neglect, and psychological abuse.

TALES FROM NORTH KOREA

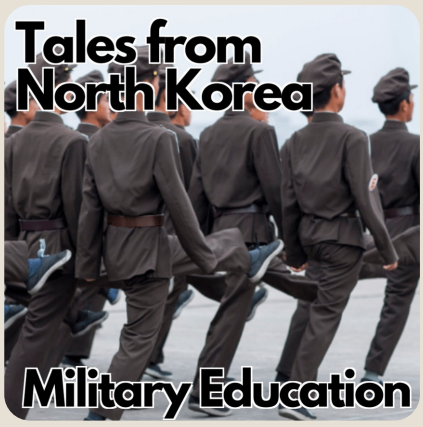
Tales from North Korea is our other social media campaign of 2020. The campaign was launched on October 14th in order to share first-hand experiences and direct testimonies of North Korean defectors. The campaign was organized in themes related to human rights violations, and a different topic was released on our social media every Wednesday. The campaign spread awareness about North Korean defectors' first-hand accounts with the education system, mass games, gender inequality, sexual harassment and abuse against women, public execution, religion, saeng-hwal-chong-hwa (self-criticism), military education, and surveillance. We recently wrapped up this engaging and eye-opening campaign, and we will continue various other social media campaigns in 2021 to continue to spread global awareness about North Korean human rights and reunification issues!


North Korea:
Education system, part 1 - teaching FALSE historical facts


Tales from North Korea


Tales from North Korea
Mass Games

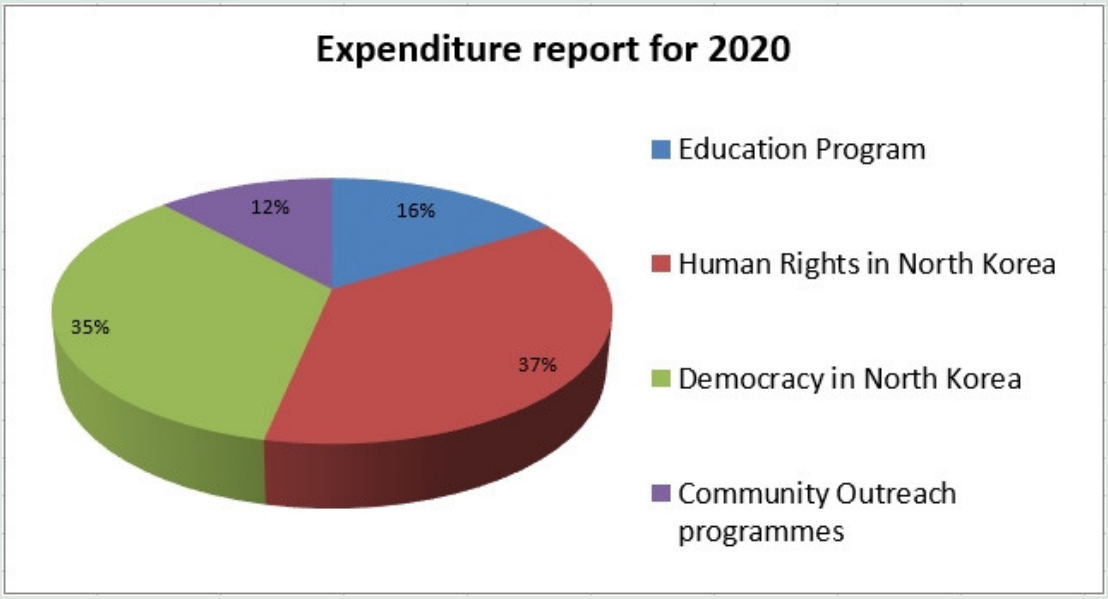

North Korea
Public Execution


Tales from North Korea
Military Education


Tales from the North
Education system, part 2: Physical abuse, sexual harassment and child labor


Tales from North Korea
Sexual harassment and abuse against women

2020 PSCORE EXPENDITURES



2020	
Program expenditures	**Amount (KRW)**
Education Program	7,095,333
Human Rights in North Korea	16,383,911
Democracy in North Korea	15,279,203
Community Outreach programmes	5,282,180
Total	**44,040,627**
Money Fundraised in 2020	**Amount (KRW)**
Personal	39,040,627
Cooperation	5,000,000
Total	**44,040,627**

VISIT OUR CAMPAIGNS!

STREET CAMPAIGN

Itaewon Campaign
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LxdMTduoY08

Imjingak Campaign
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gr6gNra2ODE

DIGITAL ADVOCACY

Online Seminar
http://pscore.org/reunification/onlineseminar2020/

Online Workshop
http://pscore.org/reunification/onlineworkshop2020/

Interviews
http://pscore.org/reunification/testimonies/interviews/

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