

Year-End Review

Annual Progress Report 2020



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Note From The Chairperson

I was very proud and excited that the Board decided to undertake something that has been missing from the liberty movement in recent years: teaching new libertarians about the ramifications of the non-aggression principle (NAP) and its successful, real-world applications. When I was learning about liberty back in the early 1980s, the International Society for Individual Liberty (ISIL), Liberty International's precursor, was in the forefront of this important niche. At each county Libertarian Party meeting, we read and discussed one of ISIL's tri-fold issue papers, debating and finally arriving at what we believed to be the proper interpretation of the NAP.

Last year, LI debuted its Libertarian Solutions 1.0, a live webinar series that presented some of the challenges faced in interpreting the NAP to new libertarians throughout the world. In this Annual Report, you'll see some of the passionate endorsements of our attendees. Several of you provided scholarships for attendees in the developing world, who competed for partial scholarships to our Columbia conference by writing provocative essays inspired by these webinars. As always, our success depends upon your generosity, for which we are always extremely grateful.

In 2021, LI will present Libertarian Solutions 2.0, illustrating the many ways in which we can still find freedom in our unfree world. We hope that you will support us in this endeavor both through our scholarship fund and by attending the course yourself if so inclined. While it's always more difficult to find freedom when the world, as a whole, is so enslaved, there are work-arounds that can help us become wealthier, healthier, and wiser.

Note From The Chairperson

We haven't forgotten our roots, though. LI is in the process of turning our tri-fold pamphlets into "video pamphlets," the modern vehicle of education. The raw footage is impressive and I expect the final product to be outstanding! I hope you'll agree when you see it. Of course, we are updating our tried-and-true "paper" pamphlets, which have morphed into pdf downloads for printing by liberty organizations for their unlimited use.

While we are proud of this year's accomplishments, which could not be achieved without your support. You make what we do possible and we never forget that. I hope that this annual report makes you are proud of your contribution to Liberty International in 2020.

Yours in Liberty,

Mary J. Ruwart, Ph.D.
Chair, Liberty International

Note From The President

WWe entered the year 2020 with big plans and hopes. I was personally in Phoenix together with eight outstanding young people from four continents - participants of Project Arizona (PA). For over two months, they advanced the PA program with quality internships, academic classes, networking meetings and general advancement of libertarian ideas. Suddenly, however, we were forced to leave sunny Arizona. It was quick and brutal. We lost one-third of the program, and many dreams were not realized. However, the worst was that the covid-induced pandemic and restrictions did not allow everyone to get home. Some countries did not allow entry. This is where we needed help, and we received a fantastic dose of charity from freedom-loving people. Three students stayed for an additional three months in a beautiful house in Scottsdale (huge thanks go to Connie and her husband!), and virtually everyone got financial assistance in buying new plane tickets. Libertarians are sometimes portrayed as cold-hearted, but that's just not true. We cherish helping people in need; we just don't do that at gunpoint.

The voluntary charity was a big issue for Liberty International in the infamous year of 2020. Soon after Project Arizona was "evacuated," we launched a large "Covid19 Relief" camp to help people suffering from lockdowns in different parts of the world, including Nepal, India, Uganda, and Colombia. We wanted to serve as a connecting body between the ones who identify needs on the ground (our libertarian brothers and sisters in faraway countries) and have good hearts and resources (our audience in the developed world). I am personally very proud of the "Covid 19 Relief", as that's just another example of how charity can be successful when done voluntarily.

Note From The President

The year 2020 forced us to innovate and to hold more internet-based projects. We launched a very successful one named Libertarian Solutions 1.0, a 2-month long series of weekend online lectures on the fundamental principles of libertarianism. We had over 229 participants from 12 countries, and got rave reviews. We also conducted topical webinars for the public during the entire year by broadcasting through Facebook and YouTube. We discussed various issues ranging from the libertarian response to the covid 19-induced pandemic, anti-government protests in Belarus, and medical tourism as a gateway for more freedom in healthcare.

It was a challenging year. We needed to cancel the number of programs, including delaying the World Conference in Colombia to 2021. However, I am proud of what we were able to achieve under adverse circumstances. We have a fantastic young team heavily supported by mature Board members. This combination of youthful spirit and mature wisdom will undoubtedly bring even more tangible fruits in 2021. With that wish, I leave you to explore our Annual Report. Thank you for being part of the Liberty International family. We can't do all this without your help, so I hope you will be proud of the accomplishments that you helped to support.

Jacek Spendel
President, Liberty International

Our: Mission & Vision

Established in 1969, Liberty International is the oldest organization promoting libertarianism worldwide. With our presence in 27 countries, our mission is to bring liberty to every corner of the world by sharing the philosophy and benefits of freedom, with particular emphasis on educating newcomers. We spread liberty and foster a global network of freedom champions, empowering them to become change agents in their own countries.

Over the last few decades, LI has successfully promoted libertarian ideas and fostered a global network of freedom champions, empowering them to become change agents in their own countries. Through LI in-person training, it has been offering a short-term certificate course, "Liberty Camp", and a long-term, in-depth intensive course, "Project Arizona", in partnership with other pro-liberty organizations. Over 3000 students have graduated from courses and continue to propel the liberty movement.

Our vision is simple. We want to make freedom a global matter. All our activities aim at bringing the philosophy of liberty closer to every person around the world. We believe that it doesn't matter where we start as long as we build relations. We mainly work with students and recent graduates. We see the world free of governmental overpower yet full of individual responsibility. We see the world freer, more open, and more individualized.

2020: Highlights

Individuals Trained
706

Individuals Engaged
1063

Events Organised
18

Pretty much everything, the whole training was enlightening and now I will be able to communicate libertarian ideas more or very well to people unlike us Libertarians because now I am well versed with the practicality of libertarian ideas. So to me as a young libertarian, I feel all the modules were and are equally important to the advancement of liberty ideas.

Emmanuel Acquah, Ghana
Libertarian Solutions 1.0

Before the Liberty Camp I could not imagine why my freedom was so precious.

Kigongo Imran, Uganda
Liberty Camp 2020

Pablo Jorge Garcia, Bolivia
Project Arizona: Class 2020

Project Arizona connected me with people from all over the world that stood for the same principles as I do, that being freedom. It allowed me to perceive theory in practice, something that wasn't possible at its fullest from where I come from.

Libertarian Solutions 1.0

My journey with libertarianism started in 2019 when I decided to take part in the Liberty Camp held in Italy. I had only a general idea of what libertarianism is, so my purpose was to find out more. I decided to take part in the Libertarian Solutions program for the same reason. Moreover, the main goal of the course was to learn how to successfully convey libertarian ideas to people who are not familiar with them. The program addressed some of the most complex and controversial topics in libertarianism, while the teachers managed to address and explain them in simple language while using basic logic. The program lasted for eight weeks and contained 16 one-hour-long sessions taught professionally. The course discussed, among other things, the impact of regulations on healthcare and the economy, the pros and cons of public and private education, the libertarian view on the problems of immigration and terrorism, environmental problems and their potential solutions, and some complex ethical dilemmas are present in libertarianism.

My favorite lecture addressed the paradox of Sweden. Before the course, I sometimes wondered why a democratic socialist country with an advanced social welfare system came to be and still is one of the wealthiest countries in the world? The socialist Swedish government ought to put heavy restrictions and regulation on the economy, leading to their gradual economic decline, right? The Libertarian Solutions lecturers turned out to be amicable, but how speakers efficiently addressed those complex topics showed their significant knowledge and experience.

As a participant, I could always ask them multiple questions, and I always received a satisfying answer. Personally, I found the Libertarian Solutions program an excellent opportunity to find out more about libertarian philosophy. I improved my ability to communicate libertarian ideas to others and how to answer their potential counterarguments successfully. The course helped me to understand some of the most controversial libertarian concepts deeply, which may seem unfair or contradictory at first glance. I could honestly recommend the Libertarian Solutions course to anyone who wants to learn more about libertarian ideas and find a way to communicate those ideas to others efficiently. Participation in this program might be an excellent investment in yourself and your future.

By Bartłomiej Kamiński, Alumni, Libertarian Solution



Dr. Per Bylund

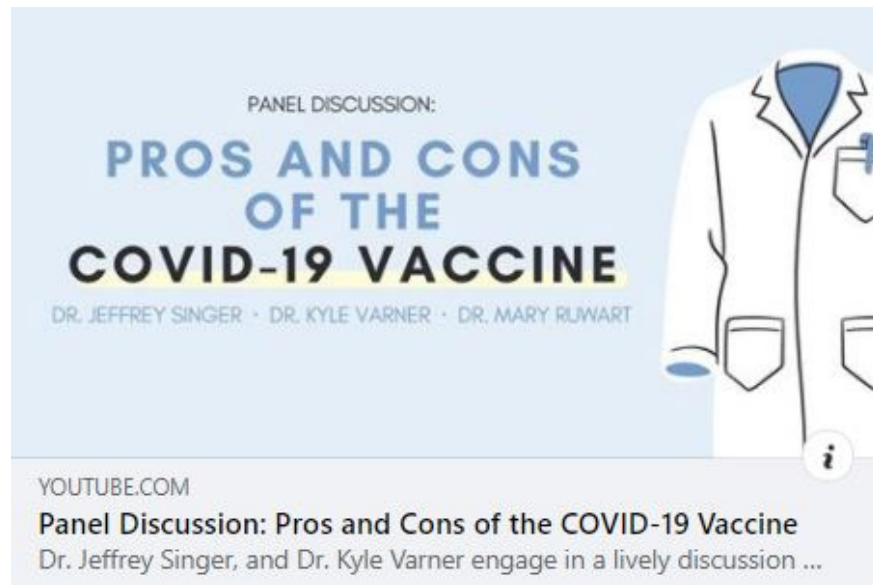
Dr. Kyle Varner

Dr. Jim Lark

Dr. Mary Ruwart

Prof. Ken Schoolland

Topical Webinar Series



We organized a series of six online panel discussions with the common thread of promoting libertarian ideas in covid19. The panels focused on themes like Protecting Us from Cure and Recovery; Free Market Healthcare in Age of Pandemic; World After COVID-19: Libertarian Utopia or Cyberpunk Dystopia?; Libertarianism in the Age of Pandemic; “Let and Let Live” movement; and Pros and Cons of Covid19 Vaccine. Some of

our panelists included Dr Jeffrey Singer, Senior Fellow, Cato Institute; Dr David Vequist, Founder and Director, Center for Medical Tourism Research; and Dr Kyle Varner, Board Member, Liberty International. The series received a cumulative outreach of 613 YouTube views, along with 50 attendees each watching during Facebook live. Watch the complete series on our YouTube channel.

Project Arizona - Class of 2020



CHINA ARGENTINA AUSTRIA BOLIVIA
UKRAINE ECUADOR GEORGIA INDIA

Days of meetings, miles of Arizona highways, gallons of morning coffee and green tea - this is all seen. However, even meticulously calculated numbers cannot unveil a real flavor of the experience. Why? Because it is not about numbers - it is about people who lead, motivate, and excite for further accomplishments. Project Arizona is a unique place that unites people of various backgrounds under the ideas of liberty.

People who lead. I was lucky to have my internship under the leadership of Mr Stephen Slivinski (Director of the Doing Business North America project at the Center for the Study of

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Economic Liberty at Arizona State University). I assisted Mr Slivinski with the research on the regulatory barriers to entry for businesses and entrepreneurs, particularly on the burden of state-level occupational licensing. I have been impressed by Mr Slivinski's commitment to public policy and his ability to leverage all possible resources towards the end goal. All this, combined with his extensive understanding of "a big picture", has enriched my research experience.

People who motivate. Also, I had a great chance to meet with public policy leaders across various domains, including education, healthcare, criminal justice, and others. I particularly enjoyed meetings with Jason Bedrick, Robert Jamison, and Erik Twist, who emphasized the value of education in bringing the next generation of leaders. I should also mention unforgettable meetings with a great project friend, Glenn Cripe, with whom we had plenty of insightful talks on the ideas of liberty.

People who excite. This story could not go without mentioning seven students and two organizers who have made my day-to-day experience. The project provided a unique opportunity to learn about many countries' traditions, politics, and economics by just sharing the same apartments with a group of incredible international students. It is truly unforgettable.

By Kateryna Shapovalenko, Alumni, Ukraine, Project Arizona: Class of 2020

Liberty Camp in Uganda

In collaboration with the Language of Liberty Institute (LLI) and Action for Liberty and Economic Development (ALED), we organized a 5-day training program on “Fundamentals for a Prosperous Society” at Nkumba University Entebbe, Uganda. Our lead faculty included Andy Eyschen from Language of Liberty Institute, Mugabi John from Action for Liberty and Economic Development, Nesige Claire from Ladies of Liberty Alliance Uganda and other speakers. It attracted 69 students, mainly from Uganda, but also some visitors from South Sudan, Rwanda and Tanzania. The students were undergraduates, pursuing various disciplines, including economics, political science, agriculture, law, international relations and other science courses. Students and speakers were interviewed during the camp by Uganda Broadcasting Services.

Mugabi John, Alumni and LI Regional Representative, Uganda



Global Capitalism Awareness Program in Nigeria



In partnership with Kids4Biz, our West African representative, Rowland Kingsley, organized the Global Capitalism Awareness Program in Southern Nigeria. The event focused on stirring up zeal for capitalism awareness and entrepreneurship development among 400 African youth and teenagers through a two-day seminar, art and debate contest. Faculty included Li Schoolland, Director of External Relations—the Asia Pacific for the

Acton Institute; Michael Malgeri, Principal Technologist, MarkLogic; and Ken Schoolland, Author. Publications Johnny Profit: Bedtime Stories about Capitalism by Michael Malgeri and The Adventures of Jonathan Gullible: A Free Market Odyssey by Ken Schoolland were distributed along with participants' certificates.

By Rowland Kingsley, Alumni and LI Regional Representative, Nigeria

Launch of Thai edition - The Adventures of Jonathan Gullible: A Free Market Odyssey by Dr Ken Schoolland

The launch event of the Thai edition of the book - Jonathan Gullible: A Free Market Odyssey by Ken Schoolland was designed to happen at the Mind Space C ASEAN at Samyan Mitrtown, a mall in Bangkok. Since C ASEAN is both a bookstore and a common space, it is a great platform to attract readers to join the event. In addition, the event itself was framed under the free market economy theme, where the foundation had invited three speakers for a panel.

The launch event started with the opening from our foundation's regional director, Mr Moritz Kleine-Brockhoff. Then, a zoom call from our respected author, Mr Ken Schoolland, followed. In addition, participants shared the journey of the book itself. Followed by a discussion on the book from three different perspectives: a bookstore owner, a political science professor, and curator.



Finally, the event ended with a Q&A session. Participants were curious to understand the potential influence of the book on free-market ideas based on the situation in Thailand.

As Friedrich Naumann Foundation supports a free-market economy, it is our objective to spread the word in as many ways as possible, including publishing "Adventure of Jonathan Gullible" in the Thai language. Some speakers suggested a second edition with a slightly amended translation, making it easier to read for a younger audience. More and more youngsters are interested in non-fiction books on various topics such as economics and politics in Thailand. This type of publication is essential for Thai society, especially for the younger audiences, since youngsters are not exposed to such topics in school. Therefore, the translated version of the book is vital for Thailand.

By FNF Thailand, Regional Partner

Death by Regulation: How We Were Robbed of a Golden Age of Health and How We Can Reclaim It by Dr Mary Ruwart

The author received two prestigious awards - The Newswire.com 2020 Book Excellence Award in the Medical category and the 2019 Indie Book Award under the Current Events/Social Change category. The book also secured a position of Amazon best-seller in the United States, Canada, and Germany.

2021 Plans: A Way Forward

In 2021, the organization will focus on an overarching theme, “Empowering Individuals to Be Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise”, for its core programs. Our training programs will provide tools to its participants that will help them to be freer in spite of government(s), along with a comprehensive understanding of libertarian ideas. Freedom is too fragile, and there is no time to wait for policies to change, with the ultimate goal of increased freedom and prosperity at an individual level.

Taking this general theme into action, several projects of LI would transform.



Our Global Presence

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Financial Flow

In 2020, we received almost \$232k donations from different sources, out of which over 77% has been spent on ongoing activities and business operations. We managed to efficiently organize or co-organise several events around the globe. We ended the year with a net ordinary income of \$53,778.49 that is targeted for future projects that spread the good news of liberty!

Direct Public Support	\$203216.25
Indirect Public Support	\$29,691.31
Total Donations	\$232,907.56

Donations

Business Operation	\$38224.97
Events	\$70,414.97
Payroll Incl. Contracts	\$70,409.13
Travels & Meetings	\$80.00
Total Expense	\$179,129.07

Expenses



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