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Work4Progress

SOCIAL INNOVATION IN ACTION

"LACK OF INFORMATION"
"OVERWHELMING PROCEDURE"

DIGITAL BUSINESS
ASPIRING LOCAL LEADERSHIP

INFORMATION KIOSK FOR ENTERPRISE SUPPORT SERVICES SOLUTION

PROCESS

SHIFTS

LOCAL ROLE MODELS
INSPIRING ENTREPRENEURSHIP

ECOSYSTEM LINKAGES
COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION

EASY TRANSACTIONS
STUDENTS, MIGRANTS, WOMEN

40 Development Alternatives
Creating a Better World

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Right by youth's side. Preventing and mitigating the socio-economic vulnerabilities and COVID consequences | #Work4Progress #laCaixaFoundation

DA participated in a session "Right by youth's side" organised by UN ECOSOC

Development Alternatives participated in the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC) session titled 'Right By Youth's Side: Preventing and mitigating the socio-economic vulnerabilities and COVID consequences', under the Work4Progress program on 15 February 2022. This session was organised as part of their event - Inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID-19 for sustainable livelihoods, well-being, and dignity for all: eradicating poverty and hunger in all its forms and dimensions to achieve the 2030 Agenda.

Under the Work4Progress program, H.R.H the Infanta Cristina of Spain, Director of the International area at "la Caixa" Foundation, Kanika Verma, Lead, Green and Inclusive Entrepreneurship, DA along with Gorka Espiau, Director, Agirre Lehendakaria Center and Dr. Joshua Fisher, Director of the Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict, and Complexity (AC4), Columbia University, were part of the virtual meeting's discussion on how social innovation platforms can lead to greater impact and systemic changes in order to create jobs for young people.

The aim of the event was to bring multiple stakeholders together, to promote collective action for securing the future of work for youth. Along with DA, other participants in the event included international financial institutions, international organisations, parliamentarians, local governments, non-governmental organisations, the private sector, civil society, scientists, academia, women, youth, and others. The participants were invited to present their work and achievements in the area of promoting decent livelihoods, especially for the youth and women. Along these lines, the Work4Progress program's social innovation approach was also highlighted, which has led to the creation of dignified livelihoods for more than 3300 individuals.