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Introduction

Nai Graduate Club (NGC) is a family network of successful working journalists in all over Afghanistan, who have taken Nai media courses in Kabul, Jalalabad, Mazar-e-Sharif, Herat, Kandahar and surrounding rural provinces since Nai Supporting Open Media was established in 2005.

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The key aim for journalists is to build strong working relationships with each other in their respective cities, provinces, and countrywide.

Nai Graduate Club links up Nai's Media Watch campaign, which raises awareness about the rights of journalists, to strengthen regional media's presence and their access to information. It also enables them to establish and grow relationships with Nai's network of media lawyers, as well as Nai partners, like the annual Afghan Youth Voices Festival, human rights advocates and civil society organizations.

NGC Facebook

Nai Graduate Club Facebook account is a valuable tool for members to post upcoming events, media opportunities, special projects and multi-media stories, facilitate discussion and trade reporting tips nationwide. Currently the NGC members in Facebook are around 185 people and they are increasing day by day.



1 March: Gathering for youths problem in Kabul at Nai office



8 March: Gathering for women global day in Kabul at Nai office



13 March: One day seminar about fundamentals of journalist for NGC members by Ahmad Zia Rafhat Kabul University professor in Kabul at Nai office

NGCs Activities

The following activities are done by Nai Graduate clubs on March 2012.

Kabul

- A meeting was conducted on March 1st by NGC to discuss problems youth are facing with in Afghanistan. Guest speakers to the meeting were from youth related organizations and youth rights activists. , Fahim Sidiqi one of NGC member and chief of Khat Now Organization, a youth development organization, said “unemployment and poverty caused that the youths addicted with drugs”. Other guest speaker, Nesar Ahmad Bahawi, Teakwando International Champion said “due to the ignorance of the youth in the country by the government of Afghanistan, this generation is faced with lots of problem. This is happening in the situation that more than 60% of the population of the country is less than 25 and are almost youth”. Ariana television Director, David Raid, was other speaker who has promised to pave the way for youths to work in Mazar-e-Sharif, Herat and Jalalabad provinces by the job opportunities that the TV station has in the above mentioned provinces.
- On March 8th, The International Women’s Day, NGC conducted a celebration party on the occasion. There were many guests from International organizations, governmental offices, media as well as women’s schools. Rohullah Samon, Spokesperson for governor of Paktika province congratulated the women’s day in a speech he was given to the ceremony and said “in Paktika more than 100 thousand people go to school which 35% of them are female”. He wished, they could bring more peace and pave the ground to the women to go to school everywhere in the province. At the end, the gifts were distributed to NGC members which considered by Nai office.
- NGC members conducted meeting with National Olympic Committee and Youth Deputy Directorate of Ministry of Information and Culture, the main aim of these meetings was to have a good relationship between NGC and mentioned organizations. The NGC conducted seminars from 11 to 13 of March on Basic of Journalism, Media Journals and World Political History was instructed by Kabul University Faculty of Journalism professors. Weblog learning was instructed by ICT department of Nai on 6 to 7 of March.



22 March: fourth gathering, second term of NGC in Kabul at Nai office

Balkh

NGC managed a 3 days CoolEdit and Photo Journalism seminars, to improve the journalist's skills. The seminars precepted to be helpful for participants.

Herat

Normal meetings were managed by NGC in Herat on March.

Nengarhar

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29 March: visit with chief of National Olympia committee

Kandahar

A Media conference was conducted by NGC members on March 15th, with more than 55 male and female participants. Besmillah Afghanmal, Senator of Afghan Nation Assembly was a speaker of conference, he congratulated the new graduated journalists and explained about parliament and Afghan Nation Assembly to journalists. Mr. Afghanmal said that the parliament and Afghan Nation Assembly is a bridge between the people and government. He also said Senators shares the provinces problems to the president Karzai to find the solutions. Finally Mr. Afghanmal answered to journalists questions.

There was a seminar for 11 days on photo journalism which 10 days were lectures in different aspect of photo journalism and the last day was a practical test.



Media Conference for NGC in Kandahar

Statistics

The followings are the statistics of NGC gatherings.

Proposition	Participant		Date	Location
	Male	Female		
Youths problem	47	25	01/03/2012	Kabul
12th gathering of NGC	11	8	22/03/2012	Kabul
Women International	28	32	08/03/2012	Kabul
Days				
NGC Media Conference		55	15/03/2012	Kandahar



NGC gathering in Mazar-i-Sharif

The followings are the NGC seminar statistics.

Topic	Instructor	Date	Location	Duration	participant	
					Male	Female
Weblog Learning	Ahmad Shakib	6-7 March	Kabul	2 Days	10	10
World Political History	Najib Mahmod	11 March	Kabul	1 Day	7	6
Media Journals	Wahid Gharwal	12 March	Kabul	1 Day	19	11
Basics of Journalism	Ahmad Zia Rafhat	13 March	Kabul	1 Day	17	3
CoolEdit		5-7 March	Balkh	3 Days	7	5
Photo Journalism		12-14 March	Balkh	3 Days	7	5

The followings are the NGC meetings

Meeting with	Aim of meeting	Date	location
Youth Deputy Directorate	Introduction to it and to participate in youth ceremonies	03/04/2012	Kabul
National Olympia Committee	Introduction to it and giving information about NGC	03/29/2012	Kabul