



Ms. Votey, former Srae Khvav High School student, discussing "Don't Miss Your Chance to Explore Something New" with Dream students.

PEPY Program Updates

Dear PEPY Friends and Family,

This quarter has been full of energy, learning, and growth through meaningful competitions and engaging activities across all our programs.

Our **Dream Management Program** empowered students through 11 Dream Talks with over 450 participants, practical training for Teaching Assistants and teachers, and major events like two Final Speaking Contests and a powerful Skills Fair, reaching nearly 1,000 youth, educators, and community members.

The **Scholarship for Higher Education Program** continued to support students academically and emotionally. The PEPY Championship Season VII brought joy and sportsmanship. We also conducted family and workplace visits, strengthening connections with parents and employer partners who praised our students' responsibility and growth.

At the **Learning Center**, students developed critical thinking and leadership through a Youth Debate Contest and two inspiring Leadership Talks. We also opened applications for the 2025–2026 intake, welcoming new learners to the journey.

Every event this quarter has helped our youth grow in confidence, skills, and spirit. Thank you for making this possible. To stay connected, subscribe at pepyempoweringyouth.org/subscribe, and view full reports at pepyempoweringyouth.org/our-reports.



Dream Management Program

On May 23rd 2025 the Dream Team conducted a Skills Fair in Kralanh High School. The team led Grade 12 students from Sen Sok and Varin High Schools to participate in the event, with a total of 811 participants.

There were 36 institutions invited, including vocational training centers, universities, and professional schools. They set up booths and provided information on their respective skill areas. The goal was to encourage and equip students, before they take national exams, to help them make informed decisions about their future career paths or further education.



Dream students joined by their teachers, school principals, police officers, the Governor and Deputy Governor of Kralanh District.

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Dream Management Program *(continued)*

We also organized two quarterly meetings attended by teachers and school principals from all 12 partner schools, totaling 39 participants. These meetings focused on discussing challenges, identifying solutions, and creating action plans for the upcoming quarter.

Other teacher activities included a follow-up training focused on “*Event Protocol and Event Management*” to strengthen confidence in coordinating Dream Management projects or school events. Twenty-five participants, including the trainer, PEPY’s Executive Director, school principals, teachers, and PEPY’s staff attended.



Dream teacher, Sattra, presenting challenges during the 3rd Quarterly meeting at Kok Dong High School.

Story of Change: Meet Yat Current Dream Student!

“Study hard to learn, have the knowledge to make money.”

We would like to introduce Yat, a Dream student from Banteay Srei High School. Yat is an outstanding student both in the Dream class and in her regular school work. She is currently studying in grade 11, and has been a part of the Dream class for almost two years starting in 2023.



Yat believes that the Dream Management class is great for personal growth. She says that every lesson is connected to real-life situations, helping her recognize both her strengths and weaknesses. Most importantly, it has helped her understand herself and what she wants to achieve in the future. This journey of growth highlights the positive impact of the Dream Management class on students just like Yat.



Scholarship for Higher Education (SHE) Program



Scholarship team member Channra visiting SHE student Vichet's home.

Eight student family visits were conducted during April in Kralanh. In these visits, the SHE team talked directly with parents and guardians regarding their child’s education and personal development. Overall, parents were excited and very satisfied to hear about their children's progress. We plan to continue visiting more families in the future to offer ongoing support and encouragement to students, their families and the communities they come from.



The final night of competition in the PEPY Championship Season VII

The PEPY Championship Season VII Match was held every Sunday evening between February and early March 2025. The atmosphere was filled with excitement, cheering, and friendly competitive spirit. Sang, a class of 2024 student, said “*It was more than just football. We made new friends and felt more connected with alumni and staff*”.

In the final match, Mixed Promotion FC (Men’s Team) and Coronation FC (Women’s Team) secured first place in their respective groups. Both teams demonstrated great teamwork, fair play, and a strong spirit throughout the competition.

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Learning Center Program

The Learning Center buzzed with activity this quarter! Our 59 students (48 female) maintained a stellar 96% attendance rate and dove into 6 English, 9 ICT, and 5 soft-skill lessons — all aligned with our curriculum goals. They explored teamwork and leadership during **5 workplace visits**, while **7 employer check-ins** helped track their job-site growth.

Two Youth Leadership Talks offered fresh perspectives on customer service and creating learning cultures. Alumni returned for a **skill-boosting session** on communication, and 60 students took part in **full-day CV/interview trainings**—resulting in a 33% increase in readiness. The future looks bright, and we're just getting started!



Above: Learning Center recruitment in a rural partner high school

Below: Students, staff, and judges join the Youth Debate Contest 2024-2025 at Build Bright University



The Learning Center team completed new student recruitment announcement in May. The announcement took three days and was conducted at 12 high schools in Siem Reap province. The team conducted in-person outreach, made an online announcement and distributed 700 application forms to students at

all 12 Dream Management Project partner high schools. During the sharing sessions, many students asked questions to clarify the information and ensure they fully understood the Learning Center program, showing a keen interest in learning with us.

Visiting Speakers

Two inspiring Youth Leadership Talks took place in March and May. In March, Miss Rith Teav from Spoons Cambodia led a session on “Customer Service Excellence” discussing the principles of good service, and being attentive customers and guests. Miss Teav also emphasized staying calm under pressure and understanding customers' needs.

In May, Mr. Thea Putsa, head manager at Koulen Central Mall and Hotel, spoke on the topic: *“Building a Learning Culture in Our Organization.”* Mr. Putsa shared how learning and personal growth are keys to success in any workplace. Overall, it was a great opportunity for PEPY students to gain valuable insights from Miss Teav and Mr. Putsa, who both have extensive experience in these areas.

English Learning Project (ELP)

In addition to daily English lessons, teachers have been busy running the English Learning Club and also extra classes to support any students in need of additional support with class topics and other English language assignments.

We observed significant improvement in students' language abilities this quarter. They are now more confident speaking in class, communicating with teachers, giving presentations, and practicing reading in aloud. Amy and Mark, our volunteers for the last 3 years, shared their impressions of the students' efforts: “They work hard. They are funny and honest, and they are always ready to learn. Day by day, they practice lots of English. We feel very lucky to be able to spend time with them.”

Next semester, our students will join the **2024-2025 English Speaking Contest!** They will compete in three different rounds down to the top 5 contestants for a chance to speak in the final round of champions. Stay tuned!

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Students English Learning Project working on the project and doing the presentation in English.

A two-day training on CV and interview tips was provided by Mr. Skut Savoeng, PEPY's Program Manager and supported by Scholarship and Learning Center staff. The main purpose was to help students understand what is in a standard CV, identify its key components and structure, and confidently write their own CVs to attract potential employers.

The training also aimed to help students understand how to prepare before and during an interview, learn useful tips and flexible strategies for job seeking, and prepare strong responses to common interview questions. Students were very engaged and asked many important questions. They participated in group sharing, discussions, teamwork, and mock interview practice. Most importantly, by the end of the sessions, students significantly improved their knowledge of CV and interview skills.



A current Learning Center Program student practicing writing her CV for future job opportunities.

Information Communications Technology (ICT) Project

This quarter, the ICT class delivered a comprehensive Excel module consisting of nine lessons. Each lesson provided fundamentals in working with spreadsheets and their applications to life and work. Topics included worksheet & cell management, data entry, cell formatting & presentation, essential functions and more!



Mr. Channarun, ICT teacher, explaining a lesson to students.

Youth Empowerment (YE) Project

Back in April, Youth Empowerment class began covering lessons focusing on **Debate Skills**, which strengthens students' abilities in thinking critically and speaking persuasively. They learned how to present their ideas convincingly and engaged in respectful discussions with others. After finishing this lesson, students prepared themselves to participate in the **PEPY Debate Contest** starting at the end of May. Based on their learning progress, students have manifested better confidence and have become great team players. They got to learn more about themselves as individuals more deeply, practiced working more strongly as a team, and used persuasion in a very professional way.

This contest is not just about the theory of working as a team, but it has put them into practice and strengthened their skills, which they will be able to apply in their chosen field of study and work. *(photo on previous page)*
