

I. Reading and Writing for Critical Thinking (RWCT) Teacher Trainings

Reading and Writing for Critical Thinking (RWCT) teacher training is one of the core activities of Thinking Classroom Foundation to promote an active learning and critical thinking in the classroom level via teacher education and professional development program. TCF used to provide only on-site trainings for more than two decades but due to COVID-19 pandemic, trainings were conducted hybrid of online and on-site and online using mostly Zoom. More than three hundreds of RWCT trainers are now providing RWCT trainings at their respective communities. Some of TCF RWCT program's alumni establish teacher training centers and some are working as principals of teacher training institutions across the country. TCF connects with the teacher training organizations of alumni and collaboratively providing training program.

I.1. RWCT Teacher Training with Nawng E Hku Community-based School in Laiza, Kachin State by TOT alumni from 12- 23 April 2021.

Thirty teachers from Nawng E Hku community-based school completed 10 days RWCT on-site training by TCF-TOT alumni from 12-23 April 2021. TCF oversees the training. Most of the teachers already completed 10-day teacher training with TCF in 2019 (on-site). This training intended to provide as a refresher course for teacher who completed in 2019. Teachers actively discussed during the training about RWCT strategies' benefits and challenges; e.g. teachers become more prepared, motivated and gain self-confidence, students are very much engaged in lesson's discussion, asking questions. Only challenge is time management.



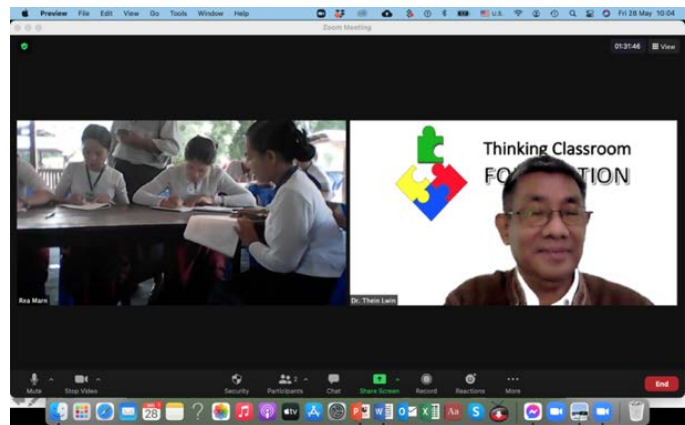
Picture 1. RWCT Teacher Training at Nawng E Hku community-based school in Laiza, Kachin Community based education center

I. 2&3: RWCT: Two Active Learning and Critical Thinking Teacher Training and Training of Trainer (ToT) with Mon Ethnic National School headteachers and teachers in May 2021



Two teacher trainings with fifty-eight teachers were provided for schoolteachers and school principals from Mon National Education Committee (MNEC) organization. Despite COVID-19, TCF was able to use hybrid-teaching, on-site and virtual. MNEC teachers were in the training hall using PowerPoint and TCF used zoom to facilitate the trainings. TCF alumni from

MNEC also assisted the facilitation. Both 6 days active learning and critical thinking teacher training and 14 days of training of trainer (TOT) trainings conducted in May 2021. One is 6-day RWCT training for 33 Mon teachers and second training was 2-week RWCT-TOT trainings provided for 25 TOT trainees from basic education teachers and head teachers from Mon ethnic education in Mon and Karen State, Myanmar. MNEC is one of the ethnic armed groups, Mon ethnic group, providing basic and higher education for more than 100 schools in their territory. It is a parallel education system with state system.



I.4. RWCT Workshop with Teachers from Kachin faith-based education in Kachin State

Twenty-one teachers completed RWCT on-site training conducted by two TCF's TOT alumni, Mr. Mun Awng and Mr. Dai Lum as requested by local community to TCF. Due to pandemic TCF trainers cannot travel, TCF arranges to provide trainings by requesting TCF's TOT alumni. TOT

alumni are located across the country. TOT alumni located in Kachin state provide trainings in Kachin state if they are available. Teacher training in Moe Gawng is for teachers from indigenous schools in Moe Gawng region in Kachin State. There are more than ten community-based

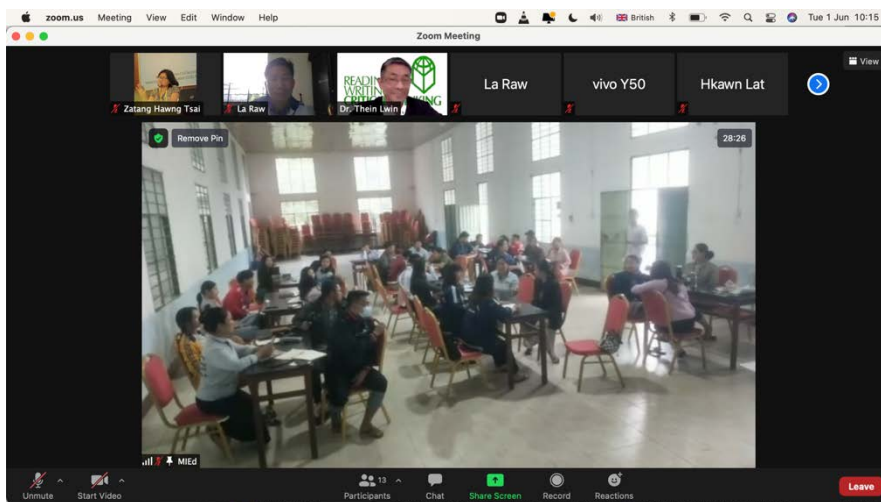


indigenous school for Kachin ethnic children that region. The children attend the community schools although there are state parallel schools are available because the parents chose the school to educate their children in their mother tongue, learning own culture, and able to get quality education. TCF has been supporting teacher trainings to indigenous schools across the

country for more than two decades. The training took 10-day from 28 May to 6 June 2021. Teachers participated actively and promises to use their knowledge and experience from the training.

I.5. RWCT Training with Kachin Ethnic Education in Maijyang from 1st to 5th of June 2021

Forty teachers from Kachin Education in Maijyang: Intensive English Program (IEP), Maijyang Institute for Education (MIEd), and Maijyang College completed five days RWCT training with

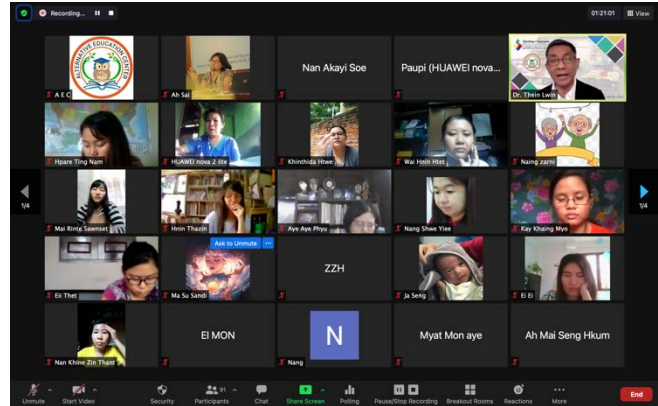


hybrid of on-site and virtual from 1 to 5 June 2021. TCF's TOT alumni facilitated on-site. Most of the teachers did not receive any teacher training before becoming teachers. Teachers from Maijyang, Kachin state teach for higher education

institutions; teacher training college, Kachin National College, and Liberal Arts college. Those higher education institutions are fully operated by Kachin Independent Organisation (KIO) which is Kachin ethnic armed group in northern Burma. TCF provided active learning and critical thinking teaching strategies in higher education because all of forty teachers are teaching post-ten higher education schools in Maijayang, Kachin State.

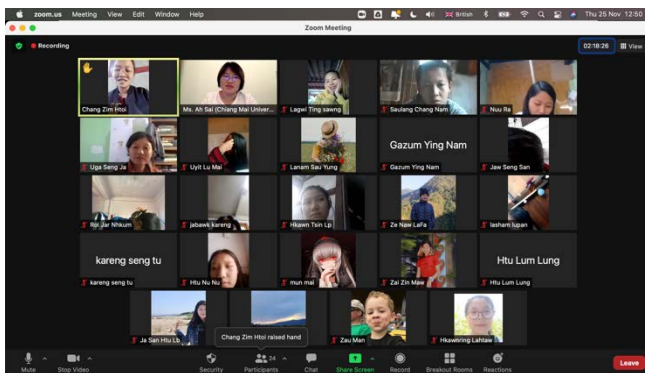
I.6. Active Learning and Critical Thinking Teacher Education workshop with Alternative Education Group in Magwe Division 3 July 2021

One day of active learning and critical thinking seminar was conducted on 3 July 2021. The workshop was jointly organized by TCF and Alternative Education Group in Magwe Division. Alternative Education



Group in Magwe township, Magwe division was founded by a head monk who is TCF teacher training alumni. The grass-root organization is providing teacher training, reading clubs for young people and children, public awareness in quality education, right to education, and capacity building training for youth, parenting education, and seminars for the community. Ninety-one participants joined the workshop. The workshop was also able to provide how to create learning community during pandemic and military coup.

I. 7. Teacher Training for Kachin Indigenous Education groups in Kachin State



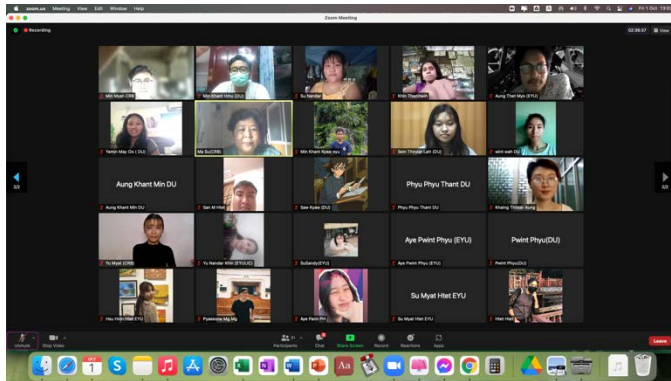
Twenty-four teachers from Kachin indigenous education groups' in-service and pre-service teacher received actively learning and critical thinking teacher training between 19 October and 25 November 2021 as 3 hours a day for eight sessions. TCF was invited to provide

training in 3 months training of Kachin Education Foundation (KEF) based in Kachin State. TCF alumni are now leading the KEF's teacher training program. The KEF provides two to three

trainings a year before pandemic. TCF used to provide the teacher training and curriculum development trainings at KEF teacher training and curriculum development programs on-site but due to pandemic and military coup, shifted to virtual training for almost two years. KEF caters teacher training for almost 30 indigenous schools across Kachin State. Participants' engagement was productive but it still has challenge to engage with everyone during training unlike on-site training.

II. Critical Thinking Workshop for Youth

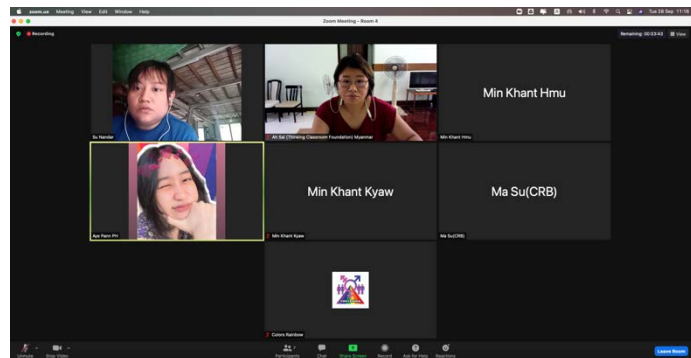
TCF provided five days of one critical thinking workshop with thirty-six from 27 September to 1st October 2021, to universities student unions leaders and members from East Yangon University student union, Law students union, volunteer association for law assistance. Thirty-six young people from different networks mostly from student unions actively engaged and



participated the workshop. Under very tough circumstances especially during military coup, most of the young people (the participants) from workshop were working hard under difficult circumstances to join the workshop because they were

hiding in forest areas, they were actively participating and leading in mass protests against military coup in across the country.

One of the advantages of the workshop conducting virtually is the participants can join anywhere that can access to internet. The challenge is connection was weak in the remote areas and unstable participation during the workshop. We had to breakout the room in order to promote individuals' participation.



The workshop was jointly organized by TCF and the Color Rainbow Myanmar. Color Rainbow is working on human rights advocacy especially for LGBTQ community in Myanmar. TCF also provided the critical thinking workshop to staff and partners of Color Rainbow as a capacity building.