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Anwar Fazal is a "comprehensivist" who makes things happen.

He received his early education at the King Edward School, Taiping and Penang Free School (1958-60) and then trained in Economics and Education at the University of Malaya (1961-64).

He is a catalyst, a multiplier and accelerator of creative ideas and movements, with a passion for pioneering local and global citizen's networks on public interest issues affecting peace - peace with oneself, peace with others and peace with the environment. He is a leading social activist, starting as President of the University of Malaya Students Union and National Union of Malaysian Students. He is founder and key player in over a dozen local and global citizens networks - including the Consumers Association of Penang, Transparency International Malaysia, International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN), Pesticides Action Network (PAN), Health Action International (HAI) and World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA).

He was President of several worldwide organizations including the International Organization of Consumers Union, The Hague, Netherlands and Environment Liaison Centre International, Nairobi, Kenya.

He initiated the idea of several popular mobilization days - World Consumer Rights Day (March 15), World Wetlands Day (February 1st), World Breastfeeding Week (1-7 August) and World Migrants Day (18th December).

For his work, Anwar has received the Right Livelihood Award (popularly known as the "Alternative Nobel Prize"), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Global 500 honor, Mother Earth Hall of Fame, the Langkawi Environmental Award and the Gandhi-King-Ikeda Community Builders Peace Award. He is Chairperson of Think City, a platform for funding and advancing the UNESCO World Heritage Site of George Town, Chairperson of the Malaysian Interfaith Network, Advisor to The Taiping Peace Initiative, Vice-Chairperson of Sahabat Alam Malaysia and Member of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Advisory Council. He is also the recipient of Honorary Doctorate's in Law and Philosophy from the National University of Malaysia and the Universiti Sains Malaysia respectively.

Anwar is currently Director of The Right Livelihood College, an innovative platform begun in 2009 that brings together some 150 winners of The Right Livelihood Award from over 60 countries into a light, participatory, pioneering and unique worldwide University-Change makers collaboration. The Global Secretariat of the College is at the Universiti Sains Malaysia in Penang with branch campuses based at Lund University, Sweden, Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia and the University of Bonn in Germany.