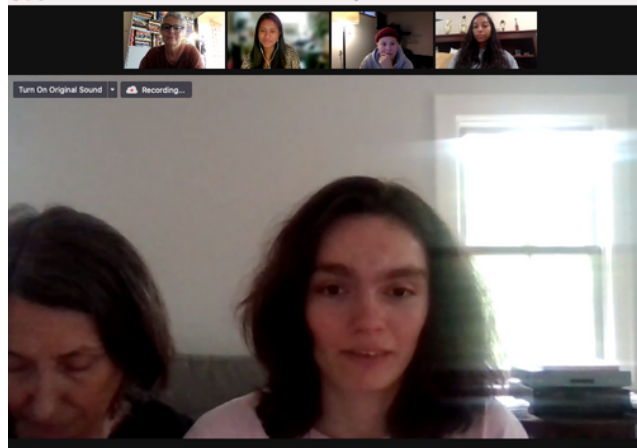


A Signing Ceremony with a Deadline!

Getting everyone together for a signing ceremony always takes some effort, even in these (hopefully ending soon) days of remote gatherings, but sometimes there's a little extra motivation for a date that's sooner rather than later. That's certainly the case for Decision-Maker Amelia, who signed her SDMA today—and not a day too soon. Amelia's wonderful volunteer facilitator, Rosie, is pregnant with her first child (a girl, we hear!) and is due imminently.



*Top left to right: Joan Cornachio, Rosie, Amelia's Supporters
Bottom: Amelia's mom and Amelia*

Rosie, who is originally from Sri Lanka, has worked on human rights issues at the Open Society Foundation since 2014, and knew something about many of the SDM pilot projects around the world. She was “thrilled” to learn there was a pilot project on SDM where she lives and says she has learned so much working with Amelia.

Amelia is a delightful 19-year old Cooke student who lives in Manhattan with her parents, but has been spending a lot of time in the country with family during the pandemic. She plays the drums, is very interested in health and fitness, and does yoga every week. A real New Yorker, she also loves playing the game Subway Surfers on her iPad. Rosie says that what she has most enjoyed in the facilitation process is that Amelia is always happy to see her at their meetings and “never fails to make me laugh with her wit and sass!”

Congratulations to Amelia,— keep that sass going!— and her supporters, and to Rosie; we can't wait to see the baby pictures!