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✓ **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JUNE 2018**

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20 June 2018	World Refugee Day	Melaka, Malaysia
24– 28 June 2018	18th Melaka International Youth Dialogue	Melaka, Malaysia
26 June 2018	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	Melaka, Malaysia



✓ BOTSWANA: EMPLOYMENT CREATION CALLS FOR CONCERTED EFFORT

Gaborone, 9 May 2018 - KANYE Assistant Minister for Youth Empowerment, Sports and Culture Development Mr Dikgang Makgalemele says employment creation calls for concerted effort and innovative ways.

Speaking during the closing of Youth Business Expo in Kanye on May 5, Mr Makgalemele emphasised the need for government, private sector and individuals to join hands in employment creation.

He cited Masire Empire noting that it was a torch bearer in youth empowerment and business mentorship in the country urging other organisations to follow-suit.

He noted that Masire Empire partners with educators, business leaders, industry professionals and young people in Kanye to organise youth business expositions to create opportunities for the youth.

Mr Makgalemele shared that the expo sought to bring together aspiring and current youth owned

businesses and entrepreneurs from all walks of life for networking as well as benchmarking on each other to better their lives.

He observed that business growth rests on exhibitions which are cost effective in terms of marketing entrepreneurs.

However, Mr Makgalemele shared that there were various programmes offered by government and therefore urged the youth to utilise such.

He also noted that

government further continued to support youth through affirmative action and youth exemptions, pointing out that youth procurement tender documents have a rebate of 50 per cent to accord them the opportunity to bid for a broader spectrum of goods and services.

He therefore implored the youth to come up with innovative ways of addressing the day to day challenges of running the business.

[Botswana Daily News]

✓ GAMBIA: GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION REQUIRED FOR YOUTH ADVANCEMENT

Banjul, 8 May 2018 - GAMBIA Government urgent intervention and support is needed to accelerate youth empowerment and development, which will allow young people to achieve their aspirations in life and contribute to nation building.

Young people play significant role in both national and global development and their efforts in national development cannot be over emphasized.

The government should strive to create more avenues for the youth in the country that would allow them to work and earn their living and also be involved actively in nation building.

But young people themselves must be ready to take up skills training and development and higher education.

Being the most active and energetic sector of the country, when young people are educated and acquire skills, our country will not rely on foreign experts to

construct our roads and other skilled works.

What is required on the government is to create the environment where young people can create incentives and effectively perform when needed.

Young people who form the active sector in the population are the driving force of the country's development and need urgent intervention and attention from government to contribute their quota national development.

The government needs to create job opportunities for the youth in order for them to actively engage in national development that will prevent them from crimes, drug abuse and other social vices. The government should try and involve youth in entrepreneurship in order to engage themselves in business for their own survival.

[The Point]

✓ MALAWI: MUTHARIKA'S PROMISE: 10,000 TREE PLANTING JOBS UP FOR GRAB

Lilongwe, 19 May 2018 - IN a move to lower youth unemployment, President Peter Mutharika's administration has disclosed plans to recruit 10,000 youths to be planting trees in the country.

This comes days after minister responsible for the

youth Francis Kasaila announced that government is to create 17,000 jobs for Malawian youths.

Speaking at the official opening of Milonga Community Technical College in Thyolo district, Kasaila said Mutharika's administration puts at heart

the livelihood of the youth.

Meanwhile, government through the ministry of finance has disclosed plans to recruit the youth in tree planting jobs across the country.

In his budget statement, minister responsible Goodall Gondwe told the

National Assembly that government has set aside funds to recruit the youths for tree planting jobs.



“Additionally, another K5.0 billion has been allocated for the tree planting and caring program, that will employ another 10,000 group of the youths,” said

Gondwe in the budget statement presentation.

He added that government is also to offer paid internship opportunities in

all ministries and government departments to the youths.

A total of 5000 youths are expected to benefit from the

internship opportunities offered by government.

[Malawi 24]

✓ NAMIBIA: ENTREPRENEURS’ TARGET 10% OF YOUTH

Windhoek, 2 May 2018 - THE Wadhvani Foundation will work with young entrepreneurs by supporting them in early-stage enterprises with mentoring, learning tools and investor connects, says Bafana Kubheka, executive vice-president and managing director of Wadhvani Southern Africa.

Just over 43% of Namibian youth aged 15-34 are unemployed, according to the Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA).

This translates into almost 65,000 graduates looking for a job, with tertiary institutions churning out another 10,000 every year.

“We want to target 10% of them and convince these young people to stop looking for a job and try the entrepreneurial route,” says Kubheka.

Several key players this

week joined hands to develop the Namibian entrepreneur space and facilitate access to funding and guidance.

At a pop-up breakfast event in the capital, the Financial Literacy Initiative (FLI) and the University of Namibia (Unam) teamed up with the Wadhvani Foundation to provide funding solutions for budding entrepreneurs.

The partners, organised under the umbrella ‘Namibia Entrepreneurs’ also launched a new portal: Namibiaentrepreneurs.com.

This website provides match-making services between entrepreneurs and other service providers and venture capitalists.

“There is a lot happening in the Namibian entrepreneur space, but efforts are fragmented and there is no entrepreneurial ecosystem,” says Unam’s Namibia Business School director

Professor Grafton Whyte.

“With this portal we want to bring together different stakeholders for the benefit of entrepreneurs and provide a toolbox for start-ups.”

The pop-up breakfast held at the Mareua Rooftop attracted many young entrepreneurs looking for guidance and funding.

Through a partnership with the Wadhvani Foundation, Namibia Entrepreneurs offers mentoring, training and funding to students who want to start a company.

Founded by Silicon Valley tycoon, Dr Rimesh Wadhvani, the foundation works with students who don’t have collateral to get a bank loan and need angel investors.

The Wadhvani Foundation combines learning with mentoring and funding.

“Namibia Entrepreneurs aims to bring together innovators, start-ups, funders and service providers to create a national movement on entrepreneurship,” adds FLI director Francois Brandt. FLI is one of the initiators of the Namibia Start-Up Festival, which will be held again on June 28 and 30.

This year the Start-up Festival will team up with the Namibia Business School to host a symposium on promoting entrepreneurship in Namibia.

This is in line with the Harambee Prosperity Plan that calls for creating an enabling environment for start-ups.

[New Era]

✓ UGANDA: MUYINGO CALLS FOR JOB-RELEVANT YOUTH TRAINING

Kampala, 15 May 2018 - STATE minister for Higher Education John Chrysostom Muyingo has said Uganda’s youth should be helped acquire proper skills to make them competitive on job market.

“We cannot overcome poverty in Uganda without empowering 80 per cent of the country’s population who are young people below 35 years.

All efforts and resources shall continue to be committed towards this cause and ensure that we also invite more partners to work with government,” he said.

Muyingo said this on May 9 during the launch of Computer Numerical Control (CNC) training project at Datamine Technical Business School in Kampala. The CNC aims at skilling the youth in computer technology.

The government through Private Sector Foundation donated Shs 769 million towards the building of the laboratory where the CNC machine will be stored, training of the trainers for the project and training of students.

The institute principal, Deo Nyanzi said the machine will be used in training students to accurately cut and shape all kind of metal, plastics and wood by using computer commands.

“It has a lot of safe measures since it uses computer commands. CNC machines are electro-mechanical devices that manipulate machine shop tools using computer programming inputs,” he said.

Muyingo said the government has set out a massive skilling programme for youth to help them acquire job skills and make them more productive in modern technology.



“As government, we are encouraged by the efforts towards turning Datamine technical business school into a CNC technicians and operators’ certifying centre. In order to make our youths marketable, they need to be certified to levels that make them compete at the global scale,” he said.

Gideon Badagawa, the executive director Private Sector Foundation Uganda, advised the students to respect their jobs and all people at work.

The chairman of the institute’s board, Michael Mwebe, said: “We appreciate the realisation of government and its local and international partners for engendering strategic partnerships in promotion of technical, business and vocational training in the country.

We shall use this partnership to enhance the relevance of ‘skilling Uganda’ as a key deliverable for youth in Uganda”.

He said every year they graduate over 500 youths who are well exposed and oriented to the requirements of the job market.

[The Observer]

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✓ BERMUDA: YOUTH TALK ON MANAGING MONEY

Hamilton, 11 May 2018 - THE importance of saving money will be the topic of discussion at a Generation Next town hall meeting on Wednesday.

Micha Davis, the general manager of the Bermuda Credit Union, will give a presentation on fiscal responsibility at the event, in the Bermuda Industrial Union's Dr EF Gordon Hall.

Mr Davis has worked in the

credit union movement in Bermuda and overseas for more than 30 years and has been appointed international credit union development educator by the World Council of Credit Unions in Madison, Wisconsin.

He has been general manager of the BIU Members Credit Union Co-op Society since 2008.

Generation Next member Aminah Simmons said: "Generation Next believes it

to be of paramount importance that all of Bermuda's young people are adequately prepared to make effective decisions with all their finances and resources.

"We are confident that through these efforts our young people will have a greater financial literacy and allow for a greater sense of financial independence.

"We are pleased to partner with the Bermuda Credit

Union to provide this youth town hall meeting focused on financial education among young people."

All young people in attendance will have the chance to open an account with the Bermuda Credit Union without any opening fees.

[Royal Gazette]

✓ CANADA: GOVERNMENT PROVIDES JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH LIVING IN RURAL

Windsor, 2 May 2018 - BUILDING a strong middle class means giving Canada's youth the tools they need to find and keep good jobs.

As part of this commitment, the Honourable Scott Brison, President of the Treasury Board and Member of Parliament for Kings Hants, Nova Scotia, on behalf of the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour, announced a new project today that will give youth in the communities of Colchester and West Hants job skills training and hands-on work experience.

The MetroWorks

Employment Association will once again organize employability skills workshops, safety training courses, guest speakers, job site tours, one-on-one support services and work placements for up to 48 local youth.

A special opportunity to gain one week of technical skills training at Carpenter Millwright College will also be offered to interested applicants.

All participants will obtain positions in hospitality, customer service, trades, construction or agricultural industries tied to organic farming.

One main goal is to provide opportunities for the youth to find good jobs in smaller communities in their home province.

The Government of Canada will provide approximately \$690,000 in funding for this project through the Skills Link program of the Government's Youth Employment Strategy.

Skills Link supports projects that help young people who face more barriers to employment than others develop basic employability skills and gain valuable job experience, which assists them in making a successful transition into the labour

market or returning to school.

These could include youth who have not completed high school, single parents, Indigenous youth, young people with disabilities, youth living in rural or remote areas and newcomers.

MetroWorks received funding for Skills Link projects over the past six years and has successfully helped disadvantaged individuals and those facing barriers to employment get a job or return to school.

[Markets Insider]

✓ DOMINICA: NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY UNDER REVIEW

Roseau, 27 May 2018 - THE Ministry of Youth and the Youth Development Division met Wednesday, August 17th to officially launch the Dominica National Youth Policy Review.

At the launch, Youth Officer Gregory Riviere explained, "In April 2004,

the current Youth Policy was tabled in Parliament. Twelve years later, many of the people in the policy world would argue that that much of the content was outdated and required fresh ideas that would truly represent the youth of 2016 and beyond," Riviere said.

He continued, "Besides, we need a policy that can fall in line with the line with the sustainable development goals as articulated by the United Nations. We need a policy that will be ready to inform a CARICOM Youth Development Action Plan 2017-2022.

"Most of all, we need a policy that is youth-driven; one that will allow the young people of this country to reach their full potential so that they may contribute profoundly to the development of this lovely island."

Review notes that this



Chief Youth Development Officer, John Roach gave some background on the policy.

He explained that the policy came from a recommendation that youth work in Dominica should supplement the efforts of schools and formal trainings to prepare young people for their lives as adults.

The policy originated to cater for all young people including those out of school, the unemployed and underemployed, young women, urban and rural youth, youth with disabilities and uneducated youth.

Roach added that, "The aim of the National Youth Policy Review is to develop a new National Youth

Policy that is evidence-based and fit for purpose in 2016 and beyond.

The process will also include a review of the Youth Ministry's capacity, identification of gaps and recommendations for the establishment of necessary frameworks, systems and processes which will improve the administration, coordination and delivery of youth development services in Dominica."

Stakeholders at the launch included youth officers, youth organizations and Government officials.

President of the National Youth Council, Senator Jahisiah Benoit wants the new youth policy to be both effective and current.

He said, "Dominica can feel proud that we have implemented the major provisions of our existing youth policy. From this review, we want to see an upgrade in our approach to effective policy implementation."

He says a successful process will not just depend on Cabinet but the youth groups across the country who will "breathe life into this policy and make sure that it is something relevant to our young persons."

Hon. Minister for Youth, Justina Charles was represented by the Minister for Information, Science, Telecommunications and Technology, Hon. Kelver Darroux.

He said, "Any review of

any policy has to be practical. We can come up with nice terms and surveys but at the end of the day, the practicality of the policy, I believe, is most important."

Henry Charles is Consultant on the six month project, he highlighted the main aspects of the policy to stakeholders.

"UNESCO in 2014 described a youth policy as an overarching vision for youth programming and they say it is a multi-faceted instrument. It covers issues of education, economics, youth participation, culture, well-being, innovation..." he listed.

[GIS Dominica]

✓ GUYANA: YOUTH IN NATURAL RESOURCES MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME LAUNCHED

Georgetown, 14 MAY 2018 - THE Ministry of Natural Resources on Monday launched its three-week Youth in Natural Resources Mentorship Programme which aims to introduce young people to the natural resources sector through the work of the Ministry and its agencies and corporate partners.

"In doing so the youth are expected to come to an understanding that working in the natural resources sector can be fulfilling and rewarding, and when done correctly, can sustain the environment and rich biodiversity." the ministry said in a statement.

Immediately following the launch in the Minister's boardroom, the participants, aged 15 to 18, embarked on a familiarization tour of the

Ministry, the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission, the Guyana Gold Board and the Guyana Forestry Commission.

Speaking to the participants, Minister Trotman said that they must grow to fall in love with their country by exploring it and the rich diversity, and to always remember that in the thrust to conserve and protect, the people in the hinterland communities also must always be considered foremost.

The Minister remarked that despite the perception that natural resources extraction is negative because of its potential for environmental degradation, the Ministry is working to bring a healthy balance between the extractive industries and the environment.

He said that the programme

is to demonstrate that there is virtue in the extractive industries.

He noted that mining, along with other extractive activities, is a wholesome endeavour which brings foreign exchange to the country, provides jobs and incomes to thousands and allows young people to become chemists and engineers, among other fulfilling professions.

"I hope that when you go out to these different places...like me you will fall in love with the country. Wherever we go try to see the beauty of your country," Minister Trotman urged. He told the participants that the programme, which will come to an end on August 28, 2017, will involve some community work such as tree-planting. Referring to the young people as pioneers for being

the first batch, the Minister expressed the hope that some of them could be around next year to assist with the second batch of youth participants.

[Stabroek News]



✓ JAMAICA: PRIME MINISTER TO LAUNCH YOUTH SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME

Kingston, 10 May 2018 - PRIME Minister Andrew Holiness will officially launch the National Youth Summer Employment Programme on Thursday August 10, 2017 at the Jamaica College Auditorium.

The programme is spearheaded by the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development and will be implemented through the Municipal Corporations/Municipality which will see to its effective running.

This initiative is specially designed to meet one of the Government's key priorities, which is to facilitate the empowerment of Jamaican youths by creating opportunities for them through employment.

Over 2,300 young people from various communities across Jamaica will be employed by the programme.

They will undertake a number of functions which will include the auditing of street lights and identifying vulnerable persons within communities who may require assistance during periods of natural disasters and other forms of emergency.

The Minister of Local Government and Community Development, Desmond McKenzie is very optimistic about the programme and the results it will yield.

"At the end of this programme both the participants and the Municipal Corporations are

expected to reap tremendous benefits.

These young people would have further developed their Knowledge base and skill set and the Municipal Corporations will have improved records on street lights and vulnerable persons," said Minister McKenzie.

The programme will start the third week in August and run throughout the remainder of the month into September.

[Loop Jamaica]

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✓ PHILIPPINES: YOUTH TAKE PART IN PROMOTING PEACE IN MARAWI

Manila, 11 May 2018 - At least 25 student leaders and school advisers from four schools in Marawi City gathered for the Empowering Children as Peacebuilders (ECAP) training of trainers, led by World Vision in coordination with the Department of Education, Education cluster and the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace Process (OPAPP).

"This initiative is in response to the adolescent and youth education forum which showed that the top three needs of the youth are

education, livelihood and peacebuilding initiatives.

"We have integrated these three sectors in our response programming in Marawi City," shared World Vision national director Rommel Fuerte.

"I would like to re-affirm World Vision's commitment to furthering the advocacy on peace-building among children and youth."

From the past forum initiated by the Education cluster, it was discussed that based on the latest learners'

tracking data, the number of out-of-school youths had surged and increased by 579% in school year 2017-18.

Young people would likely become more prone to the recruitment of groups which promote extremism and violence.

A separate child protection rapid assessment conducted by the Joint Regional Child Protection and Gender-Based Violence Working Group last October 2017 also showed that 24% of the assessed sites reported that girls have

allegedly joined armed groups.

18-year old Alex, one of the student leaders who participated in the ECAP training, recalled an alarming fact at the height of the Marawi fighting.

"We were running for our lives during the exchange of gunfires. I saw that several of the armed group members were youth. If the concept of peace can be inculcated in us at an early age, that incident can be avoided."

[ReliefWeb]

✓ SINGAPORE: YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT MAJOR CONCERNS

Singapore, 2 May 2018 - IN a forum organised by Transitioning.org, the alternative labour movement platform, eight speakers joined Mr Gilbert Goh in raising labour issues in Singapore.

The speakers called for greater accountability and stricter measures for errant employers who default on salary and CPF contribution.

Mr Tan Kin Lian called for the abolishment of GST, which he reckons is the root cause of economic problems in Singapore.

Opposition member Mr Lim Tean said that the rent seeking economy has extracted too much wealth from Singaporeans, leaving some segments, especially the lower end extremely impoverished.

Speaking at the forum, I brought up the issue of the ill-conceived nature of

tripartite arrangement between the union-employers-government as an appropriation of workers' rights in Singapore.

Responding to one of the question raised by the audience on why CPF members can't withdraw their funds, I told them that the lassie faire nature of our CPF system where only the members and employers contribute to our retirement fund needs to be revised to keep up with the times.

I also called for a greater accountability and transparency of our national reserves.

We need to create a level-playing field for our local labour force, a point that was highlighted by Mr Tan Kin Lian and myself. Mr Tan further explained that Employment Pass holders do not pay levy or do National Service and hence they are the preferred

choice by employers in Singapore.

I further added to Mr. Tan's point that the recent appointment of former general Neo Kian Hong as the chief of SMRT begs the question of how our elite are given a preferential treatment in Singapore.

Mid-Career PMETs who turn to Grab when employment opportunities are limited do not have any safety net to fall on. I highlighted a case where a Grab drive made zero dollars after compensating his passenger who suffered a whiplash which riding in his car.

As more and more PMETs turn to the gig economy, we need to build more safeguards for our citizens.

The forum ended with a call to review CPF policies and to have more safeguards for our local workforce.

[The Independent]



✓ SRI LANKA: YOUTH AND PEACEBUILDING THROUGH PROVINCIAL SYMPOSIUMS

Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte, 12 May 2018 - THE United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)'s Youth4Youth programme enables and empowers youth from Northern, Eastern, and Southern & Central provinces to interact with one another on social issues, propose and implement community projects to these issues while also learning from one another.

During these sessions, youngsters will have the opportunity to engage with mentors from the government, private sector, academia and civil society to receive guidance in formulating sustainable solutions for community projects.

Sri Lanka's youth population is estimated at 4.4 million, which amounts to 25 % of the total population.

In recognizing the need to mobilise youth, the UNFPA in Sri Lanka, which gave effect to a Security Council Resolution on Youth, Peace & Security (UNSCR 2250) strives to incorporate young people as integral stake holders in peacebuilding and the decision making process.

A Youth4Youth Southern Province symposium was held recently.

"I am really excited about meeting and interacting with young people of the same age, who are from a totally different region in the country," Suhail (23), from Mullativu said.

He first engaged with UNFPA through the first Youth4Youth regional symposium for youth from the Northern Province, held in November 2017.

Over 100 youth from 5

districts of the Northern Province came together to actively discuss and implement solutions within their communities during the 4- day regional symposium.

Suhail, as a member of the youth- led organizing committee of Youth4Youth travelled to Batticaloa to be part of the second Youth4Youth regional symposium for youth in the Eastern Province.

This symposium held in February over 4 days brought together over 80 young people representing various communities from both urban and rural settings of the Eastern Province.

The symposium also included students from Vaalvosai School for Deaf Children in Batticaloa.

Elaborating the importance

Youth4Youth programme is Ritsu Nacken, UNFPA Representative in Sri Lanka said, "Young people are a strong force of creativity, innovation and change.

We are proud to enable youth to connect with their brothers and sisters from the North, East, South and Central Provinces and to provide them a platform to continuously engage with one another towards building lasting peace."

The Youth4Youth programme is coordinated by UNFPA in partnership with UN volunteers (UNV) and supported by the UN Peacebuilding Fund.

[The Sunday Times Sri Lanka]

✓ OMAN: BABCOCK INVESTS IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

Muscat, 14 May 2018 - AS part of its long-term commitment to Oman, Babcock has recently announced a partnership with educational training provider Outward Bound Oman.

The partnership will see up to 72 young Omani's undertake challenging four-day courses designed to develop their self-awareness, confidence, resilience, leadership and team work skills.

First established in the UK in 1941, Outward Bound now operates in 33 countries around the world. Oman is the first Arabic

speaking nation to set up an Outward-Bound operation to develop and challenge its human resource.

Since being established in Oman in 2009, Outward Bound Oman has delivered training for more than 10,000 individuals. In 2014 it was further established by Ministerial Decision, and recently the first of three National Training Centres was opened in the Sharqiya Sands. Construction of the second training centre, to be located in Muscat, will commence in April 2018.

General Manager Mark Evans commented that 'we are extremely grateful that Babcock are choosing to invest the development of young people in Oman through supporting Outward Bound. Many Babcock apprentice engineers undergo soft skills training with Outward Bound in the UK each year.

Outward Bound started in the UK in 1941 as a sea school, to train young sailors how to cope with difficult circumstances, and the maritime focus of Babcock fits well with our own maritime background'. Alastair Stangroom, Managing Director of

Babcock in Oman said that 'Outward Bound is an organisation that Babcock knows very well in the UK and who we use to foster a greater sense of 'the team' in our young apprentices.

That we continue to do so is indicative of the value that we see Outward Bound providing in the broader development of our next generation employees as they embark upon their chosen career.

[Muscat Daily]



✓ QATAR: QF & QFFD TEAM UP TO PROVIDE GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

Doha, 16 May 2018 - H E Sheikha Hind bint Hamad Al Thani, Vice-Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer of Qatar Foundation (QF), and Khalifa Al Kuwari, Director-General of Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD), yesterday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance cooperation in the fields of education, scientific research, and international development.

Commenting on the agreement, Sheikha Hind said, “We are pleased to be partnering with the Qatar Fund for Development.

Together, we will strive to provide greater learning opportunities to young people, creating global citizens who are equipped to deliver sustainable impact in Qatar and beyond.

At Qatar Foundation, we believe that today’s youth will be tomorrow’s leaders, therefore, investing in their development is the single most important investment for our future.”

Al Kuwari, said, “This agreement is in line with QFFD’s commitment to building close relations with different government and non-governmental institutions in Qatar, to benefit from their expertise in the field of international development, and to enhance the external aid provided by the state and create sustainable impact.”

As part of the agreement, QFFD will also participate in international events, including workshops and conferences that focus on humanitarian aid.

In particular, those in the field of education, such as the World Innovation Summit for Education and the World Innovation Summit for Health, both of which are global initiatives of QF.

[The Peninsula Qatar]

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✓ AMERNIA: ONLY 35.4% OF ARMENIAN YOUTH PURSUE PROFESSION

Yerevan, 12 May 2018 - GENERATION of Independence: Research Among Young People” found out that Armenia’s youth today is “vulnerable and incomplete”.

The study was carried out by the Armenian branch of Friedrich Ebert Foundation in cooperation with Faculty of Sociology of YSU.

They surveyed 1200 people aged 14-29 from Yerevan and 10 marzes of Armenia.

According to the research, young Armenians have uncertainty in public life, and social activity is more characteristic for the males.

The youth don’t trust state agencies and display minimal political involvement.

“We initiated the research to understand young people in Armenia, as they are the sector of society that starts changes, moves forward and succeeds.

Our goal was to stress the importance of young people’s role in the society and political decision making,” Director of the FES South Caucasus Office Julia Blazius told the press today.

She noted that the research outlined main problems and

stressed certain points in education and employment.

The research discovered that one of serious problems is lack of financial resources for acquiring professional education. 24.3% of young people in Armenia don’t want to continue their education for that reason exactly.

On the other hand, professional knowledge doesn’t guarantee a job, and only 35.4% of the youth pursue their respective profession.

Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Armenia Karine

Harutyunyan attached importance to such researches.

“They raise awareness in the ministry about young people’s problems, help us plan the efforts and make targeted decisions,” Deputy Minister said.

According to her, those problems aren’t new, and the research contains important issues and stresses, such as lack of state funding for higher education and resulting low quality of education, etc.

[Armenian Weekly]

✓ ALBANIA: RYCO SUPPORTS FIRST PROJECTS IN ALBANIA

Tirana, 22 May 2018 - REGIONAL Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO) signed contracts on Tuesday in its Head Office in Tirana with five civil society organizations from Albania that got the support to organize the first youth exchange programs within the RYCO Open Call for Project Proposals.

The event was attended by the representatives of the partner organizations as well as the international community in Tirana. The representatives of the five organizations were addressed by RYCO Secretary General Mr Đuro Blanuša, RYCO Deputy Secretary General Mr Fatos Mustafa, Albanian Youth Representative in the RYCO Governing Board Ms Dafina Peci and RYCO Local Branch Officer in Albania Mr Kreshnik Loka.

Mr Loka shortly welcomed

the guest and the representatives of the organizations by presenting the activities done since RYCO became operational and lessons learned from these activities.

He pointed out that the interest shown by civil society organizations and high schools from the Western Balkans is a clear sign that the region wants to incent the youth with critical thinking, open-mindedness and equip them with skills to openly accept the other regardless the story behind. He concluded by saying that the first projects are just the beginning of a permanent work that RYCO plans in the region.

Ms Peci express her hopes that there will be more applicants from Albania for the next RYCO open call for project proposals and underlined the need to engage more schools into

the reconciliation processes in the region through a bigger support by RYCO to them.

She also thanked the RYCO Secretariat for its work and efforts put in the first Open Call for Project Proposals.

RYCO Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General, Mr Blanuša and Mr Mustafa, thanked the representatives of the granted civil society organizations as well as their partners for taking part in the first RYCO Open Call for Project Proposals, and wished them a good implementation phase of their projects.

They both underlined the need for youth exchange programs in the region that should serve as the opportunities for youth of the Western Balkans to create a better region. RYCO believes that the exchange of experiences

between young people from the region will help to form new ideas for the future of the region, contribute to the better understanding of human rights, initiate intraregional exchange and cooperation, and help foster trust building between youth from different ethnic groups.

Throughout the first call for project proposals, RYCO aimed to provide necessary regional perspective and support a regional approach to continuous sector development in WB6.

RYCO believes that only this is possible path to sustainable and peaceful development of the region.

[Euractiv]



✓ GERMANY: YOUTH BETWEEN MARGINALIZATION AND CONTRIBUTION

Berlin, 18 May 2018 - THE Don Bosco Forum in Bonn provided a platform for more than 400 guests to discuss social marginalization of youngsters.

“It is our goal as Don Bosco to get youngsters out of isolation” emphasized the managing directors of Don Bosco Mondo (Christian Osterhaus) and of Don Bosco Mission Bonn (Nelson Penedo).

Hundreds of young and long-term members of Don Bosco institutions worldwide, interested parties and representatives from politics and society attended the meeting at the University of Bonn. At the end of the Don Bosco Forum the participants of the prior scheduled International Youth Conference presented the results on the topic “Marginalization”. 40 teenagers from Europe

and the Middle East were searching for ways out of radicalization.

They presented the Forum with a video pleading for more tolerance and peace. In addition, their dancing performance served as an impressive testimonial of the meaning of marginalization.

The teenagers experienced the encounter with participants from diverse countries as enrichment. One female attendee concluded: “the more we know about each other, the more tolerant we become.”

Father Thomas Koshy (SDB), Director of the Don Bosco National Forum for the Young at Risk (YAR) with headquarters in New Delhi, is aware of the meaning of marginalization of the young.

Roughly ten million children live in the streets in his home country India.

For decades he has been promoting the welfare of

street children.

Education is an important key to success.

The caste system constitutes a major problem in India demanding a strict separation of social classes. Accordingly, the so-called “untouchables” are excluded from society being forced into doing menial work such as toilet cleaning and trash disposal. Fr Koshy laments a culture of exclusion preventing progress.

There are also many youngsters in Germany who are marginalized encountering rejection.

“There is one form of emotional marginalization which leaves young people heavily scarred”, Simon Härting (SDB) stated, the educational director of the Don Bosco Youth Aid Center in Sannerz close by Fulda.

“We had one boy with us who was rejected by his parents, grandparents, by

his entire family. Nobody wanted to be in contact with him.

As a protective measure, he built armor, also physically. We did not manage to establish a relationship with him for a year, this being the most important factor we must build up a relationship with the youngster.”

“Sometimes we reach our physical limits when the youngsters become aggressive or offensive which can hit us also physically.

It is important to be well protected and to keep the focus on what is doable and what not. Regardless, Don Bosco always facilitates a fresh start over.

We adhere by our familiar quotation, “In case of a doubt, we grant a tenth chance.”

[The Guardian]

✓ MACEDONIA: MACEDONIAN HIGH OFFICIALS AND YOUTH DISCUSS EUROPEAN FUTURE

Struga, 21 May 2018 - PRIME Minister of Macedonia Mr Zoram Zaev, Vice Prime Minister for European Affairs Mr Bujar Osmani and Vice Prime Minister for Economic Affairs Mr Koco Andjusev, discussed the European future of Macedonia together with its youth in Struga on Friday.

The event entitled “Youth MK-EU, Possibilities without Borders” was organized by RYCO, Struga Municipality Community Center and Akva Association, in cooperation with the Macedonian Government.

“We are here to share our first impressions of our participation at the EU-Western Balkans Summit in Sofia.

Let’s talk about opportunities without borders together.

We came first in Struga, a city that is a symbol of multi-ethnicity and European perspectives”, Mr Zaev pointed out.

Mr Osmani underlined that, among others, RYCO is a mechanism that helps the European integration of Macedonia and the Western Balkans.

On the other hand, Mr Andjusev said that young people should fight for their position in the Macedonian society and those they, as the Government, are obliged to ensure that position for them.

[Rycowborg]



✓ UK: NEW SUFFRAGETTES: YOUNG WOMEN AND GIRLS EMPOWERED TO LEAD CHANGE

London, 17 May 2018 - TO mark the centenary of women's suffrage, we've launched a new programme to empower young women and girls to use their voices for positive change just as their predecessors did 100 years ago.

The new programme, EmpowHER, will help young women and girls lead change in their communities, increase their self-esteem and build wellbeing by providing inclusive and meaningful social action opportunities. EmpowHER is delivered by UK Youth, in partnership with the British Red Cross and Young Women's Trust, with funding from Spirit of 2012 and the #iwill Fund.

Young women and girls in some of the country's most deprived and disadvantaged areas will be empowered to lead change through EmpowHER, a new social action programme delivered by UK Youth, in partnership with the British Red Cross and Young Women's Trust.

EmpowHER will address the worryingly low levels of wellbeing amongst young women and girls in the UK and support them to have a voice, be heard and give back to their local communities.

Patrick Shaw-Brown, Director of National Programmes said: "Young women and girls are vulnerable to feeling low self-worth and self-esteem. Body image, social media, lack of positive roles models, reinforced gender biases and poor mental health were reported as the

biggest barriers to building self-esteem for young women and girls in our network.

EmpowHER will support young women and girls to overcome these barriers by unlocking new opportunities, providing aspirational and relatable role models, and offering crucial support systems."

Through EmpowHER, we will deliver face-to-face activity sessions with young women and girls through our network of youth organisations.

The sessions will focus on themes of individuals' rights, empowerment and resilience, as well as activities exploring inspirational women in history.

The young women and girls will then be supported to give back to their community through inclusive and meaningful social action opportunities, provided by the British Red Cross.

Patrick Shaw-Brown added: "Many young women and girls are passionate about giving back to their local community but need support to access inclusive and relevant opportunities. Projects that encourage community integration, tackle loneliness and isolation and campaign for change seem to really resonate with them.

That's why we're excited to work with the British Red Cross and Young Women's Trust to offer inspiring and inclusive opportunities for all young women and girls;

learn what empowers them to lead change and share our insight with the rest of the sector."

Michael Adamson, CEO at British Red Cross: "We are delighted to support girls and young women taking their first steps into social action, enabling them to make a difference in their communities and help develop their skills, confidence and have new life-enhancing experiences.

"The British Red Cross has 20,000 volunteers across the UK, a fifth of whom are young people. We want to be there so that anyone who is keen to show their kindness through volunteering can do so, no matter what skills, experience or free time they have."

As part of EmpowHER, the Young Women's Trust will be delivering specialised leadership training and confidence coaching workshops to develop new young women leaders of the future.

Chief Executive Dr Carole Easton OBE said: "Young women are more likely to be on low or no pay, have insecure jobs and face discrimination and sexual harassment.

A hundred years on from gaining the vote, they remain under-represented in decision-making and often their voices go unheard.

We are excited to have the opportunity to help more young women become leaders in their communities, so they can make their views heard, lead change and move us

closer to achieving equality for women."

Over two years, EmpowHER will support almost 1,500 young women and girls in our network.

[www.ukyouth.org]





✓ AUSTRALIA: YOUNG PEOPLE URGED TO GET INVOLVED

Canberra, 4 May 2018 - PASSIONATE and progressive young people have the opportunity to make a difference by becoming a member of the City of Bunbury Youth Advisory Council. The YAC plays a pivotal role in organising youth events and being a formal committee of the council which advises the Mayor and councillors on plans, strategies and proposals

affecting the region's youth. Successful applicants, aged between 12 to 25, have the opportunity to work on exciting projects that benefit young people in Bunbury such as Youth Connections, SHIFT Festival, the City of Bunbury Australia Day Celebrations and TEDx Youth Bunbury.

It is also a great place to learn leadership skills and support a variety of youth

initiatives.

Bunbury Youth Mayor Sean Smith urged interested young people to be proactive and get involved.

"If you are passionate about Bunbury and an innovative thinker, or you have an interest in local government, then YAC is the perfect place for you," Mr Smith said.

Application forms can be downloaded from the City of Bunbury website www.bunbury.wa.gov.au by searching under Youth under the Community tab, or by visiting Customer Service at the City of Bunbury Administration Building.

[The West Australian]

✓ FIJI: FIJI REPRESENTED AT YOUTH PARTICIPATION PARKOUR

Suva, 18 May 2018 - THE youth Participation Parkour aims to develop advocacy capacities of youth organisations and young people towards civil society in general.

This was highlighted by Pacific Youth Council member Tarusila Bradburgh in an interview with this newspaper today.

Ms Bradburgh said the program was supported by the Erasmus+ program of the European Union and coordinated by the Centre of Intercultural Dialogue.

She said the Youth

Participation Parkour had two representatives from Fiji attending the seminar in Johannesburg, South Africa.

"This is a first for the Pacific Youth Council who is partnering with its Fiji-based member, the National Youth Council of Fiji," Ms Bradburgh said.

The two reps from Fiji are Vilimaina Tamata representing the Pacific Youth Council and Rita Narayan representing the National Youth Council of Fiji.

Miss Tamata said the

seminar had allowed her to look at youth participation from a broader angle.

"Increasing youth participation has always been something I'm passionate about because it is a definite need in our communities, figuring out how to get the collective youth voice and for engagement to be less online and more in the community," she said.

She added it had also given them the chance to design a model to better engage youths.

"This seminar has given Ms Narayan and I tools to

design a model that will hopefully engage more youths who aren't necessarily in the "CSO bubble" and empower young people to take pro-active steps in being social and economic contributors in their communities," she said.

"The youth exchange will last for nine working days and will engage young people to speak up about what motivates them to participate and what is an obstacle for them to participate," she said.

[Fiji Times]

✓ PAPUA GUINEA: YOUTH WAVE WALK A SUCCESS

Port Moresby, 15 May 2018 - OVER hundreds of youths in the National Capital District (NCD) joined the InterYouth Wave (IYW) Walk on Saturday, which started at 6am from Bethel Centre, Waigani and ended around 8am at Tabari place, Boroko.

IYW Event Manager Judah Memafu stated that the occasion was anything but what they had anticipated.

"The turnout definitely exceeded our expectations with a border of about seven hundred to nine hundred people who participated in the walk itself," said Mr Memafu.

"The number went up more than that when we came down to Tabari for the actual outreach program."

At Tabari place, the youths performed song and dance

items in front of a massive crowd, as well as sharing of the Word.

"The aim of the wave walk was basically to reach out to people and show them God's love which we achieved, and more," said Mr Memafu.

He added that the event was the first evangelical one of its kind in Papua New Guinea (PNG) for this year

and that IYW were looking forward to bringing the wave walk rally back for next year, 2019.

The youths also thanked all the media organizations for broadcasting the event as well as other companies who made the rally a successful and meaningful one.

[One Papua New Guinea]



✓ SAMOA: SAMOA CALLS ON OLDER GENERATION TO LISTEN TO YOUTH VOICE

Apia, 16 May 2018 - SAMOA's deputy prime minister has called on the older generation to listen to the voices of the youth and support their initiatives as they will be the leaders of tomorrow.

Speaking at the opening of

Youth Week in Apia, Fiamē Naomi Mata'afa acknowledged many young people's achievements and contributions to Samoa's development.

Youth make up 64-percent of Samoa's population.

She also encouraged the youth to utilize their talents and skills to develop their families, villages and the country and acknowledged those who have excelled in sports on the world stage.

Fiamē made particular reference to Samoa's recent

gold medal won at last month's Commonwealth Youth Games rugby sevens tournament.

[Radio New Zealand]

✓ SOLOMON ISLAND: YOUTHS END TRAINING

Honiara, 11 May 2018 - MORE than 30 youths around Honiara have successfully completed a youth innovation workshop on Wednesday.

The Solomon Islands Youth Innovation Training and Planning Workshop was funded and organised by United Nations Peace-building Fund (UNPBF) project.

The workshop introduced participants to the concept of innovation to help them understand entrepreneurship, social innovation and peace-building whilst sharing best practices of working with young in Solomon Islands and in the Pacific.

I am happy to be here in Honiara to train these youths, a€• facilitator Ms Kelin Linka told Solomon Star in an interview.

Mr Linka is from the UNDP Youth Economic Empowerment Unit from the Bangkok Asia-Pacific Hub Office.

She said youths are a powerful age group in any nation and she was only here to train them to be innovative.

Mr Linka said during the training she noticed that innovation is not something new in Solomon Islands.

“Solomon Islands is a country with a high youth population and increasing youth entrepreneurship.

People here are innovative and by being innovative people can address problems and try out new concepts. Innovation is not all about technology. • She said the training was held in preparation for a National Innovation Summit in October 2017.

It aims to help strengthen the capacities of young leaders to design and implement ideas and business models for social impact in their communities.

UNPBF is supporting national stakeholders to sustain peace by creating an inclusive space for dialogues, supporting implementation of Solomon Islands national peace policies and engaging women and youth in peace activities implemented jointly by UNDP and UN Women Solomon Islands, in close collaboration with the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of National Unity, Reconciliation & Peace, and

Ministry of Women, Youth, Children & Family Affairs.

Two of the workshop participants, Danny Kakadi and Manna Levo said they were happy with the training.

We learned a lot during the training. We looked at innovative ideas and how we could utilise them to help ourselves without relying on other organisations and the government to support us.

We the youths of our country have many innovative ideas but have not utilised them and hopefully those of us who attend the workshop will materialise our ideas to earn a living.

[Solomon Star]



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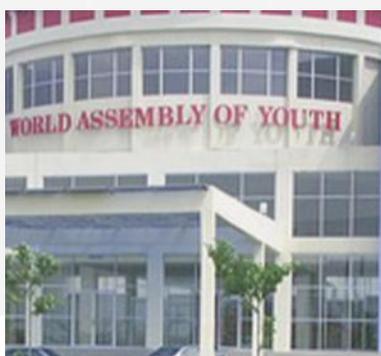
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