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SERVICES

Youth S.P.O.Ts



The objective of the Federation's 22 Youth S.P.O.Ts (Spaces for Participation, Opportunities and Training) is to foster the holistic development of young people under the age of 24.

The Youth S.P.O.Ts provide a wide range of learning opportunities, services and challenging experiences. Owing to the ongoing pandemic, many face-to-face programmes and events were directly affected. However, services continued to be provided and as much as possible, many programmes went online. By the end of March 2022, the Youth S.P.O.Ts had organised 15,275 programmes, with a total attendance of 1,746,326.

The following are the focus areas of the Youth S.P.O.Ts and highlights of the year:

Social Exposure and Development

To help young people widen their perspectives and horizons, training, presentations and community participation on a range of issues were organised over the last year.

NEIGHBOURHOOD First – "Neighbour - Buy and Delivery"

"Neighbour - Buy and Delivery" Project 2.0 was launched by 15 Youth S.P.O.Ts, and with the support of the Chan Cheung Mun Chung Charitable Fund, over 600 youth volunteers participated to serve 2,000 elderly and other needy beneficiaries.

NEIGHBOURHOOD First – Fruits for Seniors

RFID General Chamber of Commerce Ltd., Hong Kong Retail Technology Industry Association and the Federation of Industries and Commerce in Kwai Tsing sponsored 200 households with ten weeks of fruits and groceries, which were delivered by volunteers and enabled the elderly in Yuen Long and Tuen Mun districts to feel a sense of companionship.

NEIGHBOURHOOD First – Caring to Call, Calling to Care

During the pandemic's fifth wave, 600 youths from 21 Youth S.P.O.Ts launched this campaign on the eve of Chinese New Year. They called 1,000 disadvantaged groups by telephone to give them emotional support and get to know their service needs that had arisen from the "vaccine pass" arrangement.





NEIGHBOURHOOD First – Empathetic Community

With support from the Chan Cheung Mun Chung Charitable Fund, 200 youth volunteers initiated ten service projects to promote a caring and harmonious neighbourhood. Some of the projects included, cooking green, aimed at reducing food waste; arts and sports training for SEN children; stress relief for youth and parents; caring for caregivers; and intergenerational exchanges with the elderly.

Strengthening Classroom Learning

During the year, a series of learning support services were provided to help improve abilities and confidence in learning.

STEM LEADer Science KOL Competition

A competition was organised, through YouTube, to encourage primary students to learn natural science and mechanical principles, while also improving their logical thinking and presentation skills through the two-minute video clip productions.

Happy Learning Project

Sponsored by Maxim's Group, this project engaged 2,000 underprivileged primary to junior secondary school students to be creative, to be more motivated and to build up their STEM capacities. It was carried out in ten Youth S.P.O.Ts.



Extending Education Opportunities

With progressive, adaptive, connective and extending learning, various courses including in languages, arts, STEM, cookery, music and sports were organised.

STEM LEADer Formula Air Car Race 2021

For the second year, the participants learned to design, build and test their own racing cars using Newton's Laws of Motion. Over 100 youth participants and 80 parent-child pairings competed to be crowned champion by finishing in the shortest possible time: a millisecond for a 10 metre race.

Digitalisation Learning

Six Youth S.P.O.Ts provided online courses on Non-Fungible Tokens (NFT), Artificial Intelligence (AI) and micro-bit coding for more than 150 participants.



Connecting Young People

The Youth S.P.O.Ts engaged young people through a combination of creative events and activities, as well as renovation of venues.

Run 21

On 4 December, 12 runners attempted to complete 124 km in 21 hours running through 21 Youth S.P.O.Ts. With Mr. Wong Ho-chung, one of Hong Kong's best trail runners, as their training consultant, the runners received 18 weeks of professional and systematic training. The challenging experience taught them perseverance and the value of teamwork. Though the event, 21 Youth S.P.O.Ts were united to spread positivity.



Let's Recharge

On Father's Day, the Youth S.P.O.Ts were opened to offer the public with a variety of activities to recharge, energise and reconnect members of the community during the heavy days of the pandemic.

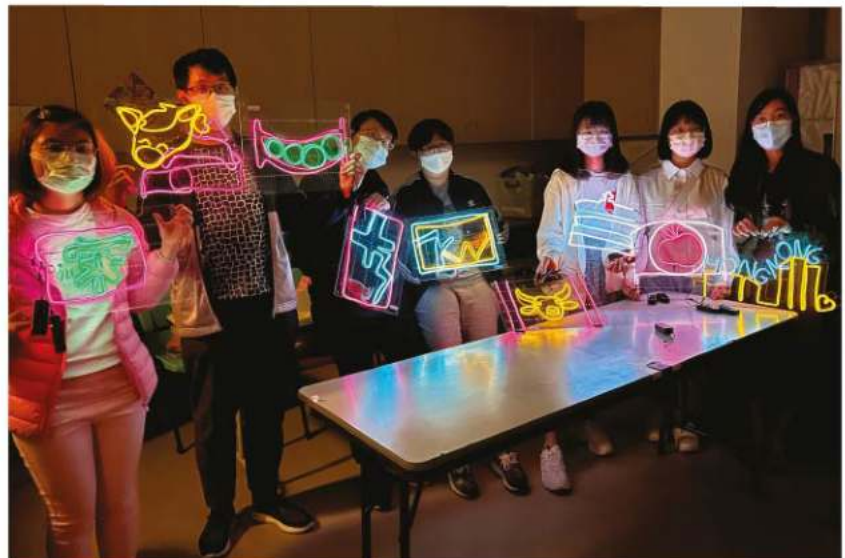
Other Significant Activities

Extraordinary Summer Youth Programme 2022

In March, the government reorganised the school 'summer' holidays as a result of the pandemic. The Youth S.P.O.Ts, therefore, provided a variety of online programmes, which included HKDSE candidates, those from low-income families and SEN students, so that they could still spend their time learning, making friends and having fun. This was all conducted under the banner, "Together We Fight the Virus, Have Fun at Home".

Smart S.P.O.T.

The focus for development has been on Smart S.P.O.Ts so that all young people will have equal access to learn and use new technology. With the support from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, six Youth S.P.O.Ts will be pilot centres in this "21st Century ICYSC Project" which will revamp Hong Kong youth services in partnership with 15 NGOs. The project will commence in October 2022.



M21 Multimedia Services

The HKFYG Jockey Club Media 21 (M21) is a multimedia hub that provides extensive media support and digital education experiences. It has three core missions:



To Nurture

Youth Resilience and Media Programme: Journalism Training and Internship Scheme

Supported by the Quality Education Fund, the programme provides comprehensive news production training to secondary school students, including copywriting, how to conduct interviews, shoot videos and editing skills. Throughout the project, students also learn about media literacy.

M21 Academy

The M21 Academy provides all-round training and runs holistic digital media courses. These include how to successfully run campus TV and how to report on the news, dub and produce microfilms. Career related experiences are shared to demonstrate the rapid development of the media industry. Participants can experience the technical workings of newsrooms, radio stations and drama studios. Customised trainings are also offered on campuses with media experts, news practitioners and movie directors.



With support from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust via The Chief Executive's Community Project List, M21 is modifying its service centre to set up the Digital Skills Transformation Centre. Other than the existing training programmes, the M21 Academy will extend its courses from media production to digital skills.



To Engage

The NEXT INFLUENCER Training Scheme

Supported by the Community Chest Social Innovation Fund, the purpose of the NEXT INFLUENCER Training Scheme is to nurture 300 passionate and outspoken influencers and content creators over three years.

Throughout the programme, participants will learn new media production skills, digital marketing and digital literacy. Young creators will be encouraged to produce videos on current issues, school life, the environment and lifestyle. Outstanding participants will be invited to participate in M21 productions, to intensify content creation skills.



Hong Kong Reading Competition and Reading Channel 2021-2023

To help improve the interest of students in reading and develop good reading habits, the programme invites renowned professionals to host workshops and seminars to train the 100 participants proper pronunciation and how to read aloud with emotion. Demonstration videos were produced as teaching materials and were uploaded to social networks for publicity and education purpose. This programme was funded by the Standing Committee on Language Education and Research.



To Broadcast

M21 Contents

M21 continuously produced video content for the youth audience with positive values during the pandemic, encouraging listeners and viewers to stay strong. The unit also encouraged young people to keep on learning, by producing "Learning Spanish" and other interest related videos.

M21 Podcast – A new way to youth engagement

"Connect people to improve mutual understanding." "Discuss to dig deep into youth's minds." "No question will be left unanswered." "No problem will remain unsolved." Based on these solution stones, M21 Podcast invited guests from all walks of life for discussions on topics highly relevant to young people. The show provided an alternative platform for young people to air their views and opinions and the programme is now available on all major Podcast platforms.

Connection

M21 has made good connections with Government departments, local organisations, and the commercial sector. It has completed over 500 media-related and creative projects since its opening, giving young people a wide variety of opportunities to unleash their potential.

Employment Services

Promoting life and career planning goals and skills is something that the Federation believes is essential as young people look to enhance their employability, which could cover a range of opportunities including entrepreneurship or working in a social enterprise.



Employment Support

Since its establishment in 2003, the Youth Employment Network (YEN) has acted as a bridge for youth to smoothen their transition from school to work by improving their employability skills, while at the same time, exploring work opportunities and encouraging the business sector to employ young people.

Given the continued disruptions caused by the pandemic, young people had to face yet more challenges while job hunting and YEN used this time to provide support, including in upskilling and pre-employment preparation.



Support Services Amid the Pandemic

The rise in the youth unemployment rate resulted in YEN promptly launching and implementing several employment support services. They include:

Community Social Service Teams, which hired over 50 youth to help deliver emergency and anti-epidemic supplies to more than 1,700 households in need during the fifth wave of the pandemic.

Hope for Success Ready Get Set Go, sponsored by Prudential Hong Kong Ltd., provided 24 college talks about skills and confidence for job interviews at which 830 university graduates participated and over 350 attended the online workshops and registered for the career expo.

Digital SAY, supported by the Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Fund, gave 50 unemployed young people the opportunity to teach 400 elderly people to use digital devices. This transitional programme for youth also had the added benefit of improving the quality of life for the elderly.

Employability Enhancement

Project Careerpillar focused on tertiary graduates needing support in enhancing employability. YEN partnered with Simon K. Y. Lee Karen's Fund to provide individual consultations and interactive activities to 80 working youth.

HSBC GBA Skills Learning Programme, one-year training workshops, webinars, mentorships, career coaching and internships were offered for winners of the HSBC GBA Scholarship, enabling them to accumulate experience and get equipped for pursuing careers in the Greater Bay Area.

Slash Point supported by JP Morgan, gave YEN the opportunity to launch an online platform providing young people engaged in the slash economy with relevant legal and financial information and alerted them to the common pitfalls they might encounter. The programmes



also allowed them to showcase their profiles and seek work. At the first-ever “Slash Expo ONLINE”, nearly 30 slash youth met with over 70 employer representatives to explore cooperation opportunities.

Project Bridge provided one-stop support services for nearly 200 unemployed youth and secondary school students with special educational needs.

Career Exploration and Life Planning

The **Life Banking Project** continued to focus on school-to-work transition for secondary school students, while the **Dream Seeding Project** helped primary school pupils acquire life planning skills and explore different occupations. Altogether, more than 18,000 students from nearly 100 schools benefited.

Guide of Dream, sponsored by the Youth Development Commission, assisted 100 high school students to set goals and pursue personal plans, while helping the parents to appreciate their children and walk with them.

Future GO!, in collaboration with GO! GingerOnion of Hang Seng Bank, attracted 120 high school students to attend 25 workshops. 20 finalists were shortlisted after a pitching session for job shadowing opportunities.

The **Workplace Money Workshop Programme** was conducted with the support and co-organisation of the HKEX Foundation and the Investor and Financial Education Council (IFEC) whereby tertiary students were provided with essential financial management skills.

Savvy Planner Workshops, in cooperation with the IFEC, provided financial education for primary and secondary students.

Youth Business

The Social Innovation and Youth Business Unit (SIC) incubates young entrepreneurs and social innovators through various incubation programmes and business support services. In the reporting year, the service unit organised more than 190 activities, including seminars, trainings, mentoring and networking events, and served more than 8,600 service users, guests and visitors.

Incubation

Since 2005, **Youth Business Hong Kong (YBHK)** has been supported by donors and foundations to offer one-stop services, including interest-free business loans up to HK\$150,000. Since its launch, YBHK has received nearly 2,205 business proposals and 230 were approved, receiving loans amounting to HK\$16,724,570.

Located near the Wong Chuk Hang MTR station, the HKFYG Jockey Club Social Innovation Centre occupies nearly 5,000 square feet of co-working space and business suites, as well as workrooms for capacity building and incubation programmes. This year, over 80 tenants were stationed in the Centre and received incubation support.



The Supportive Scheme for Young Startup Pioneers in Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area was launched with support from the Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area under the Youth Development Fund of the Home Affairs Bureau and the Youth Development Commission. There were 307 applications for this programme, which provides up to HK\$600,000, along with other support, to the successful applicants. Visits to different GBA start-up hubs will also be arranged to enhance connection with these cities.

Dare to Dream – Young Startup Support Scheme, sponsored by King's Flair Development Ltd. and the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged, offered 147 underprivileged young people entrepreneurial training and funding to increase their practical entrepreneurial knowledge, enhance their business skills and boost their self-confidence. The business community was lined up to mentor and support beneficiaries, assisting them in actualising their entrepreneurial plans and helping them solve early stage problems. The project also provided entrepreneurship training for students from 12 secondary schools who needed special assistance, enabling them to make different career choices.

The Digital Transformation and Entrepreneurship Project was sponsored by the Greater Bay Area Homeland Youth Community Foundation. This project offered, for one year, the opportunity for 33 young entrepreneurs to

enhance their business potential by gaining insight into digital marketing, advertising and sales. They also had the chance to visit the GBA, acquire business support and mentoring.

The Young Techpreneur Project encourages those interested in technology to turn their enthusiasm into business ideas. Sponsored by the Lo Kwee Seong Foundation, 24 teams of Techpreneurs underwent training in software development, social platform operations and writing proposals, among other skills. They then had to make a presentation before a panel of their project ideas and six of the best were given up to HK\$100,000 as a grant to start their businesses. They were also equipped with free office space for a year and other start-up support.

Interconnection

SIC organises various activities and events such as Young Entrepreneurship Trainings, Business Clinics and Networking events that bring talents and professionals together to develop strong business networks, provides media exposure and connects them with different professional leaders and experts.

The Hong Kong General Chamber of Young Entrepreneurs (HKGCYE) was founded by a group of enthusiastic and successful young entrepreneurs, supported by the Federation. The HKGCYE regularly organises seminars, networking events and visits to connect diverse industries and expand the network of young entrepreneurs.





Social Enterprises

Café 21

Café 21, situated at the Federation's headquarters building, is managed and run by young people and provides quality food and beverages. It aims at promoting a healthy lifestyle and sustainable living as well as facilitating different levels of youth engagement. The Café is available for seminars, training and private parties. It also provides catering services to the venue users of the building.



PH3

PH3 is located on the third floor of a revitalised Grade III historic building on Lee Tung Street, Wan Chai. With three combined units and a terrace of 89 square metres, it is an ideal venue for private or corporate events, dining and celebrations, cultural and artistic exchanges, wedding ceremonies, small concerts or workshops. During the pandemic, PH3 launched a youth entrepreneurship project. Youth and start-ups were recruited and trained to organise workshops and courses at the venue, ranging from wellness, handcrafts and art to music.

Organic Farm

The Organic Farm was established in 2010 to provide a constant supply of fresh organic vegetables. It also serves as an educational hub for the entire community. During the year, the **Farm to Community Project** was launched in collaboration with different partners. By setting up urban farms around Hong Kong and organising promotional side activities, the purpose is to integrate concepts of a healthy lifestyle, green eating habits, sustainability and organic farming.



Hydroponic Farm

The Hydroponic Farm also serves as both a farm and education centre, focusing on producing salad vegetables, Chinese vegetables, herbs, edible flowers and ornamental plants. The **Organic Farming Experience Scheme** allowed participants to rent a portion of the Farm for hands-on experiences in farming, promoting a sustainable lifestyle, supporting local agriculture and raising awareness on each individual's carbon footprint.



Leadership Training

The disruptions caused by the pandemic even more reflected the need for youth leadership development with a commitment to serve the community. The HKFYG Leadership Institute focused on five strategic themes including, Resilience Leadership; Respectful Leadership; Sustainability Leadership; Servant Leadership; and Communication and Collaboration. The work of the Institute was recognised by the following awards: Own My Path Skills Transformation Training Programme received the Future Skills Award of HSBC Hong Kong Community Partnership Programme 2021 and i-Leader Training Series received the HKFYG Innovation Award.



HSBC Future Skills Development Project

This three-year project trained secondary school students to working youth and had almost 90,000 attendances. City University of Hong Kong conducted an impact assessment which showed positive results.

Some of the programmes are listed below:

Belt and Road Youth Forum 2021

Under the theme of "Sustainability on the Move", this online forum engaged university students and working youth with government officials and industry experts to build a more sustainable future under the backdrop of the Belt and Road Initiative. Guests and speakers included Mr. Wang Qi, Director-General of the International Department, The Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Hong Kong and the Hon. Christopher Hui, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury.

"Hong Kong 200" Leadership Project

The Project engaged 200 high school student leaders on social issues and needed future skills. Alumni to the programme, which has been running since 2006, were also connected through the Urban Lab: Yau Mong Urban Renewal to present suggestions on renewal projects to guests like Ir Wai Chi-sing, GBS, JP, Managing Director of the Urban Renewal Authority. Scholarships were also provided to alumni to further build their leadership competence through online training provided by renowned institutes, like Chicago Booth.

Chamber Debate Club

In collaboration with the British Council's SPARK Festival 2021, the Institute organised an online showcase to honour the art of debate. Mr. Ricky Chu Man-kin, I.D.S., Chairperson, Equal Opportunities Commission, was invited to be the Guest of Honour to encourage participants from Hong Kong and Britain.

FinTech Challenge

Over 85 university students promoted fintech with customer-centric solutions. They impressed judges including Ir Eric Chan, Chief Public Mission Officer of Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Ltd., Ms. Kathy Lee, Managing Director of Google Cloud North Asia at Google, and Mr. Kenneth Shih, fintech expert.





The HKFYG Jockey Club School of Global Leadership

The four-year project recorded over 19,460 attendances in over 40,000 training hours to instil a sense of global citizenship through a leadership pipeline.

Leaders to Leaders 2021

This year, the sub theme was "Ding Ding Dialogue - Travelling Towards a Sustainable Community" and the conversations took place on Hong Kong's iconic trams, which are also the world's largest fleet of double-decker trams still in service. Ten distinguished speakers explored the critical issue of sustainability.

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Seven staff members from the UNDP shared global issues with participants ranging from quality education to climate change.

Youth-led Sustainability Development

Pre-university Pilot Programme

Supported by CUHK and HKUST, the programme helped secondary students to broaden their knowledge about how to achieve the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals on issues including globalisation and green finance.

Global Speaker Online Programme

The programme engaged Nobel Prize winning organisation, World Food Programme, and other institutes, to inspire participants on how to take a lead in peacebuilding.

Effectual Communication

Gen-Z Communication Studio

Funded by the Language Fund and supported by Standing Committee on Language Education and Research, this Studio focused on improving speaking in English.

Moot Court

Maximising the premises of the Institute by utilising the old court setting, students participating in moot court competitions not only improved communication skills, but also sharpened critical thinking and expanded their knowledge of the Rule of Law. The former Chief Justice of Hong Kong, the Hon. Geoffrey Ma, GBM, attended the Moot Court Competition to support participants.

Heritage Tourism

The Cultural Ambassador Programme

Funded by American Express, this programme promotes the public's awareness of heritage tourism through the "Unveiling Fanling" thematic exhibition, while celebrating the 60th anniversary of the former Fanling Magistracy. It all began with a kick-off ceremony at which the Officiating Guest was Mr. Ivanhoe Chang, Commissioner for Heritage's Office.

Short-term Accommodation for HKDSE Students

Supported by Sino Group and its philanthropic arm, the Ng Teng Fong Charitable Foundation Ltd., the Institute provided short-term accommodation for around 20 HKDSE candidates. These students, who normally live in subdivided units, were given this possibility as a support to their academic and emotional needs under the fifth wave of pandemic.

Others

The Institute partnered with organisations, like the Independent Commission Against Corruption. It also collaborated with the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, to offer scholarships to the Institute's alumni to undertake graduate studies. The Institute's Lodge, which is on the list of the Education Bureau's Outdoor Education Camps, also provides unique overnight programmes to nurture all-rounded leaders.

Volunteer Services ↘

The Youth Volunteer Network (VNET) was established in 1998, with the aim of promoting youth volunteerism in Hong Kong. VNET makes every endeavour to instil the spirit of service in every generation, empowering youth volunteers to make a positive, innovative and sustainable impact. Over the past year, VNET received 16,156 new volunteer registrations, resulting in a total of 251,637 volunteers. In spite of the COVID-19 pandemic, these youth volunteers contributed 542,375 service hours in total.



Promoting Youth Volunteerism easyvolunteer.hk

easyvolunteer.hk, the online volunteer matching platform, established in 2014, provides a free portal for organisations to source volunteers and manage their service records. Together with over 500 non-profit organisations, charities and schools as Service Opportunity Providers, a total of 267 new service opportunities were offered. With social distancing, less traditional service opportunities were given, but it was noticeable that the pandemic helped boost the variety of services, especially online. The number of users who signed up reached 10,505 in the year. Regular Easy Volunteer workshops on effective volunteer recruitment and management were provided to schools and organisations.

Heart to Heart Project

The "Heart to Heart Project" links companies and schools and has been running since 2005. With new participants, there are now 83 companies and 137 schools. The pandemic and the suspension of schools seriously affected extracurricular activities, but the Federation managed to organise 26 service projects which were completed by schools and youth teams. In addition, to promote a culture of caring neighbourhoods, over 2,300 students from 26 schools joined the project "Warm Christmas", providing surgical masks to those in need. The number of beneficiaries reached 2,472.

NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams

To promote a caring community, the Federation continues to carry out the "NEIGHBOURHOOD First" Campaign, which engaged over 1,200 youth volunteers to join the NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams in all 18 districts. Total attendance of service recipients amounted to 52,000.



Easy Volunteer, Easy Tutoring

"Easy Volunteer, Easy Tutoring" was seen as something valuable in the time of intermittent school suspensions as a result of the pandemic. Youth volunteers provided free real-time online academic support to students. Over 5,000 academic enquiries were dealt with, with the support of more than 600 accumulated tutors. For 100 HKDSE candidates, ten "HKDSE Paper Drilling" classes were offered.



Volunteer Training Diversified Training Programmes

Apart from offering 1,444 volunteer training programmes to 27,960 volunteers, VNET nurtured 20 volunteer leaders in collaboration with Open Up, an online emotional support platform, through a 3 day and 2 night summer training camp. They then served as "Open Up Interns" throughout the year to provide emotional help to users and organise wellness related programmes to engage their fellows.

Easy Volunteer, Easy Learning

Launched in 2020, this Volunteer Self-learning Online Programme provides videos and exercises for volunteers to self-learn serving skills. It worked especially well with secondary school students who were unable to have face-to-face service training. Last year, more than 1,700 new volunteers signed on and 295 completed more than nine exercises. More exercises will be uploaded and presented in greater diversity.

Jockey Club Volunteering Promotion Project - School-based Programme

Supported by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, and co-organised with the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong and Caritas Hong Kong, this five-year programme will begin in the 2022-23 academic year. The purpose is to provide well-designed and structured volunteer training, while also developing students' positive values and attitudes, strengthening their knowledge towards social issues, as well as their commitment to service.

Awards

Volunteer Recognition

A new HKFYG "Easy Volunteer" Volunteer Service Award was launched this year to recognise the efforts of volunteers. 351 registered volunteers received the Gold Award for Volunteer Service (Individual); 790 received the Silver Award and 2,201 received the Bronze Award in appreciation of their contributions of more than 200, 100 and 50 hours of volunteer service in 2021. The Award also commended more than 50 local organisations including schools, companies, and NGOs for their outstanding support of volunteerism.

Public Recognition

With the contribution of over 254,000 volunteers in 2020, the Federation was awarded the Highest Service Hours Award (Public Organisations) - Honour Award. This was presented by the Steering Committee on the Promotion of Volunteer Service of the Social Welfare Department.



Youth at Risk Services

Through two Outreaching Social Work Teams, Extended Service for Young Night Drifters, the Youth Support Scheme, and the Anti-drug Service team, the HKFYG Youth Crime Prevention Centre (YCPC) provided five categories of service, including prevention education; crisis intervention and professional assessments; counselling and treatment; multi-disciplinary collaboration, and advocacy. The focus areas included youth crime and deviance, sex-related issues and drug abuse. There were 5,147 cases dealt with, and 687 programmes organised over the past year with a total attendance of 171,816.



Prevention Education

The YCPC **YouthLaw** website and App provide information on youth deviance and delinquency and ways to seek help. In the past year, there were 158,219 visits to the YouthLaw's online platforms (website, YouTube, App and Facebook), with 148 new downloads of the YouthLaw App.

Jointly organised by the YCPC and The Law Society of Hong Kong, a legal forum, under the theme of "Be an Upright Citizen", was successfully held on 9 July 2021. With the aim to explain the right legal concepts and promote the importance of abiding by the law, with a focus on the Rule of Law and internet-related crimes, the forum attracted participation by over 350 secondary school and university students.



The "**Anti-Drug on The Go**" mobile exhibition vehicle, operated by the YCPC and engaged by the Narcotics Division of the Security Bureau, began its 12-month service in November 2021. Featuring various anti-drug games and virtual reality anti-drug experience games, the vehicle will travel across the city and visit schools to disseminate anti-drug messages.

Begin from Family II developed a Strengthening Families Programme Training manual, and professional trainings on anti-drug were provided for social workers and professionals.

The new **Project AMP+** employed a Meaning-Centred Approach to promote "hope", "faith" and "positive drive" to young people, to help them build resilience and turn away from negative influences when faced with challenges. Through meaning-based activities and diversified training activities, focus was placed on finding a positive focus and learning coping skills in times of adversity.

Project iSmarter - Cybercrime Prevention Service in Schools, funded by the Quality Education Fund, helps primary and secondary students develop healthy and good values and attitudes when using the internet.

Crisis Intervention and Professional Assessments

Hotline services, with crisis intervention, dealing with crime, sex or drug-related issues, were available at **Hotline 81009669**. The YCPC assisted arrested youth and victims, as well as their parents, by providing rapid intervention, professional counselling and outreaching services in police stations, hospitals and courts.

New initiatives were launched with The Hong Kong Police Force. With the growing threat of teenagers being able to access premises selling liquor without a licence and illegal party rooms in industrial buildings, the YCPC and the Police's Kwai Tsing District launched **Project Shield** together. While the police undertook enforcement action in these unlicensed venues, the YCPC provided instant onsite support and follow-up services to the at-risk youths. The YCPC and the Police's Tseung Kwan O

District also launched the **Youth Service User Referral Scheme**, providing services for arrested youths, victims and their family members.

With support from The D.H. Chen Foundation, **Project E. Positive** provided services to over 4,400 young people aged 10-24, who were involved in suspected deviant behaviours and potential mental health issues. The Project employs a stepped-care model in service delivery, under which youths are matched to the appropriate psychotherapy intensity. A protocol was also developed to share the practical experience with the industry. The project was awarded the Outstanding Social Service Awards and Service Delivery Award (Evidence-based Practice) at The Hong Kong Council of Social Service 2021 Best Practice Awards in Social Welfare.





Counselling and Treatment

Professional counsellors handled 4,116 cases that dealt with young people displaying criminal and deviant behaviour. They also provided services for 566 young people with sex-related issues, along with 1,293 cases with drug-related problems. Counselling for parents of juveniles and victims of crime was also provided.

Partnering with the Rotary Club of Dragon Hong Kong, **Project SPARKLE** helped young people on the margin to be positive, and strengthen their problem-solving skills and interpersonal communication skills through mentorships.

Other programmes included **The Wind** which provided Thai boxing, football and basketball training with sponsorship from K&K Charity Ltd. **Cycloid** focused on cycling training for at-risk youth.

Advocacy and Service Development

The YCPC has long adopted a cross-professional collaboration and evidence-based approach in providing prevention education, drug treatment and rehabilitation services for young people to stay away from drugs. Press conferences on the service impacts of **Project Radar II** and **Project Choice II** were also conducted.

Jointly organised by the YCPC and the Department of Applied Social Science of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, a research on **Youth and E-cigarettes Behaviour** was conducted in 2021, in order to disseminate information about the negative impact of electronic cigarette use among youth.

In addition, radio interviews, seminars and press conferences were organised with different professionals on topics that included, drugs, cybercrime, fraud and youth mental health.



Counselling Services

The Counselling Services Unit consolidates the work of school-based counselling as well as media counselling. The School Social Work Unit, the Student Guidance Team, the Wellness Mind Centre and Wellness PLUS all serve to support the schools and students' developmental and remedial needs, while the Media Counselling Centre and uTouch address various emotional problems via different media platforms.



School Stationing Services

Over the last year, 24 primary schools and 19 kindergartens were served through the Student Guidance Team. We also provided case supervision, crisis support and professional training to thirteen school social workers from nine primary schools which employed individual school social workers on their own.

School Stationing Services were provided to 35 secondary schools, of which 21 were served by 13 Youth S.P.O.Ts and the other 14 by the School Social Work Unit. A total of 6,197 cases were handled, while 37,294 consultations and 9,240 programmes and group sessions took place.

Youth Emotional Health

Community Youth Wellness

Wellness PLUS is an all-round platform offering professional services with learning, healing and experiential elements for youth to build wellness into lives and connect with the community. Last year, 266 healing and educational learning programme sessions were held and the total attendance was 3,573. The School Clinical Psychological Services were also rolled out by our clinical psychologists to provide case consultations, psychological assessments and direct intervention to students facing emotional distress.

Project STEP accomplished its mission in 2021. The popular "Moving Wellness" mobile truck toured 24 schools and 148 spots in the community, with over 44,000 students and public participants having been served. There were 1,000 emotional wellness buddies and practitioners trained to promote public's awareness and understanding on emotional wellness.

The "HKFYG Wellness Exhibition" provided a wellness journey on self-healing to a total of 326 visitors. Under the **Psychiatric Service Scheme**, immediate psychological assessments, psychiatric consultations and medications were provided for 208 youth through 854 sessions.

