



# YMCA REGIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

17 TO 22 JULY 2012

## INTRODUCTION

YMCA of Singapore seeks to nurture and empower youth to become servant leaders so that they can impact both local and international communities. To develop youth leadership and foster greater sense of social responsibility in them, University-YMCA (Uni-Y) clubs, comprising of youth from respective educational institutions, are formed in many YMCAs worldwide. The history of Uni-Ys worldwide dates back to over a century ago. Uni-Ys are crucial platforms in building a strong YMCA youth constituency for participation and leadership in youth-related issues in their local and global communities.

Following the success of the inaugural Asia & Pacific University YMCA (APUY) Regional Conference in 2008 (Theme: Poverty | Hong Kong), 2009 (Theme: Social Entrepreneurship | Singapore), and 2010 (Theme: LIVE, WORK, HELP | The Philippines), the YMCA of Singapore will be hosting for the YMCA Regional Youth Conference in Singapore this year.

## YMCA REGIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE 2012

“STEP-UP: Encourage, Educate, Engage” will be the chosen theme title for the YMCA Regional Youth Conference. The STEP-UP Conference will challenge you to STEP UP in discovering your TALENTS, to STEP UP in enriching yourself so that you can SERVE your community, and to STEP UP in fulfilling your social responsibilities to your COMMUNITY.

## CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES & OUTCOMES

1. Encourage
  - STEP-UP Conference will encourage delegates to attain greater confidence in their capabilities. Delegates will step out of their “comfort zone” to be equipped with a new skill, or step up to represent their local YMCA in their various projects.
2. Educate
  - STEP-UP Conference will educate delegates by enhancing their leadership and personal capabilities.
  - STEP-UP Conference will provide interactive platforms for delegates to develop a greater understanding and stronger network between various Uni-Ys. There will be creation of both formal and informal sharing and collaborative platforms between various Uni-Ys during and after the Conference.
3. Engage
  - STEP-UP Conference will inspire delegates to engage their local and international communities through service. Delegates recognise their talents, and are inspired to use their talents to serve their community by pledging to action on their learning.

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Tue, 17 July Day 1	Wed, 18 July Day 2	Thu, 19 July Day 3	Fri, 20 July Day 4	Sat, 21 July Day 5	Sun, 22 July Day 6
Arrival & Registration	Breakfast & Morning Devotion				Closing Ceremony
	Opening Ceremony	Keynote Address 2	Amazing Race	Discussion Forum	
	Keynote Address 1	Parallel Workshops 3		Community Visits & Volunteering	Departure
	More Than Just A Meal				
	Parallel Workshops 1	Parallel Workshops 4			
	Tea Break				
	Parallel Workshops 2	Experiential Learning			
Welcome Dinner	More Than Just A Meal	Cultural Night Celebration of Various Cultures	YMCA Youth Got Talent Night	Dine Out/ Recreational Time	
	Recreation Learning & Sharing				
Workshop Signup	Leaders/News Team Meeting				

## CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

STEP-UP Conference will develop responsive and socially-relevant youth by enabling them to showcase their various talents. It will equip them with skills and knowledge that value-add to themselves and their YMCA, to address the challenges that confront them and the community today in a globalized world. Lastly, STEP-UP Conference will challenge youth to action, in applying their talents to serve their communities.

STEP-UP Conference 2012 will consist of:

### KEYNOTE ADDRESSES & PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

Keynote addresses will set the theme for each day, and guest speakers will share their experiences and views through the various parallel workshops on topics relating to 7 pillars of society (Business, Education, Family, Religion, Media, Government, Arts & Entertainment), and how every youth can be that positive difference in each of these pillars of society.

## YMCA YOUTH GOT TALENT

Youth will be given the platform to inspire one another by showcasing their talents in singing, songwriting, dance & cheerleading, drama, video editing, photography etc.

## DISCUSSION FORUMS

Discussion forums filled with fun and enriching games will facilitate cross-cultural sharing between delegates across Asia & Pacific regions, and will broaden their perspectives on global youth-related issues.

## LEADERS' MEETINGS

Various youth groups will be represented by their leaders to share about their programmes and best practices and actively explore collaborative projects between various youth groups. Delegates will be challenged to find innovative solutions that practically address social issues and present their ideas at the end of the conference.

## AMAZING RACE

Youths will be able to apply their learning from the conference through a mini project to promote a youth movement or cause of their choice as they enter a unique race to various places of interest in Singapore.

## MORE THAN JUST A MEAL

In STEP-UP Conference, even having a meal will be filled with fun and experiential learning. Delegates will be educated in various social settings and grow conscious of being responsive to social needs.

## INSTITUTIONAL VISITS & COMMUNITY SERVICE INVOLVE-

Delegates will make institutional visits to various Volunteer & Welfare Organisations (VWOs) to learn about different community issues. Following which, they will have opportunities to interact with various groups of beneficiaries ranging from children to elderly, to persons with special needs.

## CONFERENCE DETAILS

Theme: STEP-UP Conference 2012 – Encourage, Educate, Engage

Date: Tue, 17 July 2012 to Sun, 22 July 2012

Conference & Accommodation: The NUS University Town (UTown), the first of its kind in Singapore's higher learning landscape, where some 2,400 undergraduate students, 1,700 graduate students and 1,000 researchers work, live, and learn in close proximity.

Delegate Profile: Students between 17-25 years old  
300 delegates (only 100 slots available for overseas delegates and only 200 slots available for local delegates)

Language: The entire conference will be conducted in English language – overseas delegates are advised to arrange for their own translation if necessary.

Flight Advisory: ARRIVAL – We have arranged for complimentary coach transfer services from airport to the accommodation venue on Tuesday, 17 July from 1200hrs to 1500hrs (Singapore time). You are advised to arrange for your flight to arrive within this duration in order to enjoy the complimentary airport transfer services.  
DEPARTURE – To enjoy the full experience of this conference, you are advised to schedule your departure flight from 4pm onwards on Sunday, 22 July.

Fee\* and payment Method:

Early Bird Package (Before 1 May 2012)		Non-Early Bird Package (From 1 May 2012 onward)	
Individual Registration	Group Registration (minimum 3 Persons)	Individual Registration	Group Registration (minimum 3 Persons)
SGD 270 per person	SGD 240 per person	SGD 300 per person	SGD 270 per person

The conference does not include the cost of flight ticket. Conference fees includes accomodation, meals (except dinner on 21 July), institutional visits, conference tee, transportation, conference workshops and materials.

**For Local Delegates**

Make payment at YMCA of Singapore, Level 3 office

**For Overseas Delegates**

Bank Name: Citibank Singapore Limited

Bank Address: 23 Church Street Capital Square #02-01 Singapore 049481

SWIFT Code: CITISGSG GCB

Account Name: YMCA of Singapore

Account No.: 0-666098-005

Currency: Singapore Dollar (SGD)

Please email your scanned remittance slip to [STEP-UPconference@ymca.org.sg](mailto:STEP-UPconference@ymca.org.sg)

Alternatively, you can liaise with your local YMCA coordinator for payment details as well as consolidation of payment to YMCA of Singapore

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