

Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs

FORUM ON AGEING

27 September to 1st October 2009, YMCA Penang, Malaysia

Introduction : The Ageing world is fast expanding. The increase in the number and percentage of older persons has raised a number of social issues. Ageing today has gone beyond the realm of welfare concern to a developmental challenge. The change in population structure has huge implications on the global economy, society, social and development policy.

The skills, knowledge and experiences of the older people can't be ignored or excluded. Researchers in this field say that combination of lifestyle, social network, financial security and positive outlook enhance the quality of life of the older persons . Hence positive utilization of the human resources of older population and ensuring quality of life at the later years has become the challenge that needs to be addressed.

The second Leaders Quadrannual Roundtable of the APAY had identified Ageing Population as one of the focus group for YMCAs to work with . A Task Force on Ageing has been set-up with the mandate to develop proactive actions to increase the responses on Ageing issue.

To stimulate discussions on this issue the APAY is facilitating a FORUM ON AGEING in Malaysia. The forum will be concerned on developing a framework for actions on ageing with a development approach towards positive ageing . It will also search for strategic actions by YMCAs as Global Citizens towards the emergence of a “society of all ages”¹.

Objectives

- To stimulate discussions on Ageing issues and increase YMCAs involvements on Positive ageing .
- To conceptualize positive ageing and develop framework for action responses
- To develop Strategies for integrating ageing concerns in youth/children programmes
- To assist YMCAs to develop project plans, partnerships and networks for furthering responses on ageing

Programme : FORUM ON AGEING

Date : 27 September – 1st October 2009

Venue/Host : YMCA PENANG, MALAYSIA

Programme Content /Methodology

The forum on ageing will gather together a cross-section of society concerned on ageing issues including experts from academic circle, NGO's / Civil Society and YMCA lay / Professionals and Young volunteers. There will be theoretical inputs by the experts for facilitating conceptualization of the Positive Ageing. This will move towards developing strategies and framework for action responses by the YMCAs. There will be case presentation by the YMCAs / NGOs / CBOs on good practices focusing on positive ageing.

The exposures to the sustainable action responses on Ageing in Penang will help the participants to think about various possibilities. Participatory workgroups will be used for sharing and learning. There will be space for discussions that will lead to the development of projects by the YMCAs and build inter movement partnerships and networks to further responses.

Participants: 30

- Lay and Professional leaders from National/ Local YMCAs
- Leaders from other YMCA regions in the World
- Youth and women leaders

Registration and Participation Fees

Registration Fee payable by all participants will be US\$ 100 and a Participation Fee of US\$ 150 which covers full board and lodging for 4 nights/4 days in a twin-share standard room. For single Room Participation fee will be US \$200.

Resources

- Thematic experts from International Organizations
- Sharing of good practices from YMCAs/ NGOs /CBOs
- Background documents/ process guide

Expected Outcome

- Conceptual framework on Positive Ageing
- Strategies and framework for YMCAs action on Ageing
- Recommendations to YMCA Movements for furthering responses

Registration

Registration forms, duly endorsed by the National Council are expected to reach the APAY Secretariat before **5 September 2009**.

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