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✓ *UPCOMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2016*

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
9 August 2016	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	Melaka, Malaysia
15 August 2016	International Youth Day	Melaka, Malaysia
19 August 2016	World Humanitarian Day	Melaka, Malaysia
27 August 2016	International Youth Forum	Melaka, Malaysia
24 August 2016	WAY 67th Anniversary	Melaka, Malaysia



✓ BOTSWANA: WORKSHOP GIVES YOUTH BUSINESS SKILLS

Palapye, 6 July 2016 - A NUMBER of youth who attended the business skills workshop in Palapye have been urged to put into practice skills imparted to them.

Speaking during the award ceremony for the 90 youth, the Assistant Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry Advocate Sadique Kebonang encouraged them to be at the fore-front of the country's economic activities.

He said from the workshop, they have been equipped with life skills that will help

them navigate the economic terrain decisively and knowledgeably.

The four day workshop was sponsored by Botswana Accountancy College in conjunction with Centre for business and secretarial Training (CBST).

It is organised by Assistant Minister of Education and Skills Development and also area MP Mr Moiserale Goya.

Advocate Kebonang implored graduates and all those who will come after them to demonstrate

humility, modesty, dedication, and determination as they put to application, the skills they have learnt.

He appealed to stakeholders to continue harnessing and cultivating potential the youth have and to channel them towards self-actualisation and self-development.

He said people must strive to engage the enormous talents of the young generation that has shown great promise and demonstrated a willingness to initiate, instigate, propel,

or even support national development.

For his part, Mr Goya said the workshop marked an important milestone in the country's national agenda of developing Botswana into a knowledge based society.

He said acquiring knowledge was very important since the difference between rich and poor countries as well as the difference between rich and poor people was knowledge.

[Botswana Daily News]

✓ MALAWI: CHIKWAWA YOUTHS CALL FOR YOUTHS ENGAGEMENT, INCLUSION

Chikwawa, 1 July 2016 - YOUTHS in Chikwawa district have bemoaned lack of youth participation in various development projects and have since called on duty bearers to start engaging and including them in activities taking place in their areas.

The revelations came out on Wednesday when Tiyamike Youth Organization under village headman Kanthema in Traditional Authority Kasisi organized an interface meeting with the local leaders around the area as well as the duty bearers.

Executive Director for the organization, John Nkhwazi said the aim for organizing the interface meeting was to bring together the youths in the area, the local leaders as well as the duty bearers so that they could discuss on how best they would collaborate on issues of development.

Said Nkhwazi: "Previously there was a gap between us the youths and our leaders even the duty bearers. So, we thought it wise to meet them so that they should consider what we call youths engagement and inclusion in their daily operations in as far as development is concerned.

"That should also be considered among ourselves that whenever we have issues, we have to involve them just to make sure that we are collaborating in the best way possible.

Nkhwazi indicated that there were several problems affecting the youths in the area ranging from early marriages to school dropouts as well as other harmful cultural beliefs saying such issues needed collaborative efforts.

He said his organization aims to see to it that youths in the area were avoiding early marriages and that

they worked hard in school by also not tolerating harmful cultural beliefs.

"We feel it's high time the youths got involved in issues of national importance. We hear of the Village Development Committees (VDCs) as well as the Area Development Committees (ADCs) but you don't see many youths participating in these.

And we say it's time now that we want to see the youths taking part in these committees because that's where they will be able to raise issues of their concern," added Nkhwazi.

On his part, village headman Kanthema said it was important that the youths realized that working together on issues of development would help change things positively adding that indeed the youths in his area worked in isolation for some time while acknowledging that

most youths had dropped out of school and there were increased cases of early marriages.

[Malawi News Agency]



✓ NAMIBIA: NUDO BEMOANS HIGH YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

Windhoek, 8 July 2016 - THE National Unity Democratic Organisation's (Nudo) Youth League has expressed concern over the high rate of unemployment among Namibian youth.

"Unemployment among young people is a big threat in our country and leads to social evils or wrong behaviour such as crime and even uncontrollable misuse of alcohol and drugs, among others," the youth wing spokesperson Kanguana Muatjetjeja said at a press conference yesterday.

He said currently the youth unemployment rate stands at 64% and the figure demonstrates that there is a serious problem as far as Namibian youth is concerned.

"Our institutions of higher learning produce graduates every year but you find that these people end up doing

what they have not studied for," he said, adding that one would find someone who has successfully completed a degree in accounting working as a babysitter or a cattle herder because of a lack of job opportunities.

In spite of all these challenges, he said, government seems to be turning a blind eye to young people "it doesn't seem to feel their presence".

"When you roam around Windhoek you will find at least 20 young people sitting at the intersections of roads begging for jobs, food or financial support."

He said that when one looks at the unemployment rate among the youth for the past three years one will notice the figures have increased each year – 46 percent in 2013, 53 percent in 2014 and 64 percent in

2015.

According to him these figures will continue rising if government continues to ignore its responsibility towards the youth.

"What is the government doing to remedy this situation? What are the current mechanisms that the government has put in place to reduce the youth unemployment rate to a reasonable percentage?" he asked.

Muatjetjeja says it is the responsibility of government to ensure all young people have, and are able to create, jobs for themselves.

"Young people are not supposed to be on the streets. They need to work.

The government should carry this blame as it is part of its responsibility to create

employment opportunities or self-sustaining mechanisms for young able-bodied Namibians," he said.

He said the youth ministry has done very little to curb unemployment. "Let's fire Jerry Ekandjo because he is doing nothing to address the issue of unemployment among young people."

He said the party youth wing plans to have an enormous youth conference where they will look at different ways to create employment among young people in Namibia, with or without money.

[New Era]

✓ NIGERIA: BUHARI WANTS YOUTHS' INVOLVEMENT IN SDGS

Abuja, 9 July 2016 - PRESIDENT Muhammadu Buhari on Saturday said for the country to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), youths must be involved in creation of programmes and services that served their interest.

Buhari, represented by the Minister of Youths and Sports, Mr Solomon Dalung, stated this during the 18th anniversary of ceremonial parade of Peace Corp of Nigeria (PCN) in Abuja, said that services and programmes for youths were underway.

"The change agenda of the present administration has situated the Nigerian youth

as its focal points by making empowerment of young people one of its priorities.

"It is the reason why the government has voted N500 billion for social intervention in the 2016 budget," he said, adding that the money would extend to youths, women, displaced persons and for related problems.

He called for synergy among ministries, department and agencies involved in youth development to accelerate the monitoring and assessment of achievement levels in youth programmes.

"Our effectiveness as development actors to open a small window for the youths to see the sky depends on our capacity to understand the complexity of youths in the broader context of their society.

"We see the people as source of problem, yet their multiple roles in the society and their potential to act as agent of change towards peace and development is vitally important.

"PCN has just proven this fact in its 18 years of existence; its success as a volunteer programme is one story we must help change the narrative about the Nigerian Youth," Buhari said.

He appealed to Nigerians to support the corps and that other security agencies should see the organisation as partner to improve the security challenges in the country, especially in the rural areas.

Earlier, PCN Commandant, Mr Dickson Akoh, said that if the youths were given adequate opportunities, they would excel in their endeavours.



“Government should do more to help in addressing the unemployment challenges among the youths; they should support youth organisations so that it can be a platform of preparing youths for leadership challenges.

“The PCN can be a springboard for the armed forces and other security

agencies to engage them in the future,” he said.

Akoh also said that the organisation could serve as a signal to other security conventional agencies, noting that security was important for any meaningful development.

[Nigerian Observer]

✓ ZAMBIA: GOVT EMBRACES YOUTHS

Lusaka, 7 July 2016 - CHIEF Government spokesperson Chishimba Kambwili says government attaches great importance to the welfare of youths across the country.

Mr Majuru said many families will benefit from the youth empowerment project.

[Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation]

Dr Kambwili who is also Information and Broadcasting Services Minister says President Edgar Lungu recognises entrepreneurship as a way to empower youths in the country so that they can also be employers.

He says entrepreneurship is the way to go for Zambia to develop because world over, developed countries do not depend on white collar jobs.

Dr Kambwili said this when he handed over five Higar buses to the Public and Private Drivers Association of Zambia under the youth empowerment program of the Ministry of Youth and Sports in Ndola.

And Public and Private Driver Association president Josiah Majuru said the empowerment project is important because it recognises the association as a tool to up lift the living standards of youths across the country.

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✓ **BARBADOS: HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG BAHAMIAN YOUTH**

Nassau, 26 July 2016 - A SURVEY has found that the number of young people who are unemployed in the Bahamas continues “to be considerably higher than any other age group” in the country.

The Department of Statistics while it gave no figure for the number of unemployed young people, said nonetheless “there was a noticeable decline in the rate from 30 per cent recorded in November 2015 to 25.8 per cent” this year.

It said that the Labour Force and Household Income Survey, which provides

information on the labour force as it existed during the period of April 25 last year to May 1, 2016, notes that since November 2015 the labour force grew by 1.7 per cent.

“However, between May 2015 and May 2016 there was a significant increase of 3.3 per cent in the labour force. The labour force now totals 215,880 persons,” the Department said, adding that among the employed labour force, there were more men than women.

The Department of Statistics said unemployment among

youths (15 to 24 years) continued to be considerably higher than any other age group “which is common to most countries.

“Discouraged workers (a person of legal employment age who is not actively seeking employment or who does not find employment after long-term unemployment) in the country declined by 10 per cent over, the Department said, adding that since November 2015, there was a seven per cent increase of self-employed workers.

The Department noted that

24 per cent of the Labour Force was made up of persons between the ages of 25 to 34 years and 21 per cent of unemployed persons were between the ages of 20 to 24.

The Department said that the “Community, Social and Personal Service” industry, which includes the civil, police and domestic services, continued to be the country’s largest employer in 2016 and accounted for 36 per cent of the workforce.

[Nation News]

✓ **BOLIVIA : GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS NATIONAL YOUTH PROGRAMME**

Sofia, 10 July 2016 - THE Bolivian government approved at its regular meeting on Wednesday a national youth programme encompassing the period between 2016 to 2020.

The programme will serve as an instrument for fulfilling the goals of the country’s youth policy and funding youth projects realised by NGOs.

The funding will be provided under two main sub-programmes, namely the development of the

network of youth information-consultative centres and national youth initiatives and campaigns.

The programme is expected to contribute in achieving strategic goals of the national youth strategy through fulfilling eight operational goals and fifteen activities directed towards encouraging personal development and youth economic activity.

It is also aimed at: improving access to information and quality

services; encouraging healthy lifestyle; preventing social exclusion and increasing civic activity among youth.

Among the expected result is achieving territorial coverage through the functioning of at least thirty youth information consultative centres providing quality and effective services.

Other expected results are raising youth awareness, developing their knowledge, skills and attitudes as well

as encouraging them to participate in the process on deciding important social issues and youth problems.

The programme will also inform youth of the benefits of healthy lifestyle, youth volunteering, and opportunities for youth entrepreneurship in Bolivia and mobilising youth in the implementation of European policies.

[Marlborough Express]

✓ **DOMINICA: JUVENILE PROJECT DONATES TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

Santo Domingo, 19 July 2016 - THE Organization of the Eastern Caribbean States and the United States Agency For International Development (OECS/ USAID) Juvenile Justice Reform Project have donated six new computers and a printer to the Youth Development Division.

The project was launched in Dominica in 2012 to reform and strengthen the existing juvenile justice system.

At the handing over ceremony on Monday, July 18th Hon Minister for Social Services, Catherine Daniel, gave some details about the project.

“A very important component of the project is the equipping of youth centres and requests were made by the Youth Development Division for Equipment for the Dublanc Resource Centre. I’m very happy for that aspect. The Hon Minister thanked the OECS/USAID Juvenile Justice Reform Project for

the gesture.

Youth Development Officer, Gregory Riviere believes this donation will assist the youth to become well-rounded individuals.



“We are very grateful to the Juvenile Justice Reform Project for accommodating us and ensuring that we have this equipment. At the

division, we try to use new and creative ways to engage our youth.

Other institutions which

have benefited from the OECS/USAID Juvenile Justice Reform Project are the Operation Youth Quake, the Welfare Division,

C.H.A.N.C.E.S., the ICT Unit and the Social Centre among others.

[GIS Dominica]

✓ JAMAICA: YOUTH URGED TO HELP INFLUENCE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT POLICIES

Kingston, 2 July 2016 - YOUNG people are being urged to participate in the Youth Environmental Advocacy Programme (YEAP) in order to help influence national environmental policies, plans and programmes.

Minister without Portfolio in the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation, Hon. Daryl Vaz, made the call during the launch of the initiative at the Holy Childhood High School, St. Andrew, on June 30.

YEAP, a programme of the Ministry, aims to raise awareness and understanding among Jamaica’s youth about the importance of the environment.

It also seeks to promote their commitment to the

principles of environmental conservation and protection.

The programme’s launch is in keeping with the Rio+20 Declaration, which highlights the need for the youth to be more involved in creating the future they desire.

The initiative is targeted at high-school students, ages 11 to 19, as the Ministry feels this age cohort will be the next generation to influence change.

Mr. Vaz said that YEAP will allow for discussion between public-sector officers and the youth on environmental matters that are of concern to all Jamaicans.

He said it is the direct interaction with public-sector officers in ministries,

departments and agencies who work on national policies related to the environment that makes YEAP different from other environmental programmes.

Mr. Vaz commended the various non-governmental organisations, including the Jamaica Environment Trust (JET), with its School Environment Programme, for the continued efforts to raise the consciousness of the youth on environmental matters.

Meanwhile, Senior Education Officer in the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, Paul Ashley, hailed the launch of YEAP.

Mr. Ashley, who was representing Portfolio Minister, Senator the Hon. Ruel Reid, said it is a good

idea to target the youth and to make them advocates of the environment.

“Protection and care of the environment is everybody’s business,” he said.

Director of the Environment Management and Conservation Division at the National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA), Anthony McKenzie, also welcomed the initiative, noting that young people have a critical role to play in the protection of the environment.

He said NEPA is fully committed to supporting the programme.

[Government of Jamaica, Jamaica Information Service]

✓ TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: WHYFARM TACKLES FOOD SECURITY THROUGH YOUTHS

Port of Spain, 15 July 2016 - THERE's a push to achieve a sustainable agricultural sector in Trinidad and Tobago with a focus on the realisation of food security, which has proven to be a moving target for all stakeholders.

And WHYFARM has created a unique concept, centred on the nation's youth, in making this goal a reality.

WHYFARM, a dynamic, not-for-profit youth organisation, was founded by 29-year-old Alpha Sennon and is the acronym

for “We Help Youth Farm.” Its main objective is promoting agriculture among children by increasing their awareness of the world's food problems and in so doing; grow the future feeders of 2050 and beyond.

According to Sennon, the objective can be achieved by transforming the negative perception associated with agriculture among communities, to children in particular, into a sector which is worthwhile through agri-edutainment (agricultural education and entertainment) to counter

the challenges related to food security in our communities and worldwide.

“This includes the promotion of an AGRIMAN a tangible, on the ground engagement campaign which features a Superhero that teaches children the importance of agriculture and targets them to become part of the process.”

Sennon said a comic book as well as a motion comic animation were produced in support of WHYFARM's endeavour while other

AGRIMAN gadgets, such as the AGRIMAN Fan Club Member Card, are available.

He said that it will be great for other youths out there to see what youths like him are positively doing to affect change.

“At WHYFARM we are 'Growing Future Feeders From The Ground Up.’”

[Trinidad & Tobago Express]



✓ AZERBAIJAN: AZERBAIJAIN LEADS CIS IN SOLVING ISSUES WITH YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Baku, 16 July 2016 - AZERBAIJAN is the leader among the CIS countries on addressing youth employment issues, Minister for Labour and Social Protection of Population of Azerbaijan Salim Muslimov said.

He made the remarks June 16 at a conference in Baku dedicated to the preparation of decent work program for

2016-2020. "Azerbaijan is the only CIS country included by the International Labour Organization (ILO) in ten leading countries on addressing youth employment issues," he said.

"Employment strategy approved by Azerbaijani president in 2005, as well as other state programs, is

highly appreciated on many international forums."

The minister also emphasized the importance of the ILO's activities to solve the issues with the youth employment in Azerbaijan.

"It should be noted that the ILO carried out a lot of work in Azerbaijan within the Partnership for youth employment in the CIS

project," Muslimov said.

"Azerbaijan also took the first place in the competition held by the ILO for the best practical approach to the youth employment in the CIS, and was awarded a special diploma of the organization."

[Trend News Agency]

✓ BANGLADESH: YSSE: THINKS FOR YOUTH, WORKS FOR YOUTH AND GOES WITH YOUTH

Dhaka, 11 July 2016 - IN Bangladesh, how many of us know the term of "social entrepreneur"? This term has become more popular in western countries for making social changes.

Moreover, our neighbour country, India is trying hard to build an impression over the fact of a social entrepreneur or entrepreneurship.

In line with those initiative, a youth- led, growing social institution in Bangladesh named Youth School for Social Entrepreneur (YSSE), has come up with positive intention to work for the society that was formed as a non-profit social institution in February 1, 2015, for promoting social entrepreneurship and fostering youth as social entrepreneurs to create positive social and environmental changes through their innovative ideas and actions.

YSSE is headquartered in Bangladesh and it has flourished its network in 21 countries within one year.

YSSE believes today's youth can bring significant change in the society.

It is a platform that assists invigorating youths to turn their ideas into realities.

It aims at developing powerful youth-led entrepreneurship that will work towards resolving social and environmental problem all around the world as well as bridging the economic and gender inequality gaps in the society.

From the birth of Bangladesh youth are remained a crucial factor in every positive initiative.

The vision of the country lies in the hands of our youths.

They are filled with tremendous and towering ambitions.

It will be a great wastage of human resources if these youths are not given an opportunity to exercise their talent.

Our new generations are so determined to do some notable work for their own society.

To keep that in mind, YSSE has developed some learning mechanisms that can be very useful to bring out social entrepreneurs and give emphasize on various social issue towards youth people.

YSSE organized its first workshop program under the supervision of hunger project Bangladesh in 28th march, 2015 titled "who wants to be entrepreneurs?"

Youth from different universities, potential youth entrepreneurs and young professionals participated the workshop.

Subsequently, it organized a number of workshop and seminars, i.e. "Self Development" the slogan of the workshop was "Give the power to empower" and "Youth career and leadership development".

The aims of this workshop and seminar were to support participants so that they can be motivated to be the successful social entrepreneur.

YSSE is not only confined itself in arranging workshops.

It also organized open discussion forum with youth and seminars based on business techniques "How to design a business plan for social entrepreneurship?"

Then it clarified the term of the social entrepreneur through a seminar titled "Youth and social entrepreneurship".

YSSE has a vision for youth participation in social events and that's why it had been participated Social entrepreneurship fair, Active citizen achiever summit-2015, Camp cool session-3 (a youth based training program).

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Youth School for Social Entrepreneurs (YSSE) celebrated its one year of tremendous success in developing Young Social

Entrepreneurs in home and abroad on 1st February 2016.

The vision of YSSE is to ensure employment and equity for youth through social entrepreneurship and capacity building while its mission is to create large scale job opportunities through social entrepreneurship by conducting training, counselling, monitoring etc.

A vibrant team consisting 30 Youth is actively working to promote the concept of social entrepreneurship and encourage the young community from all around the world.

YSSE has now 100 online and off-line volunteers. It has trained up to 50 Youth Ambassadors who are at present trying to peruse in

establishing a social entrepreneurship venture. To nurture a group of enthusiastic young community, YSSE has a dedicated Advisors Panel which is working restlessly to make the dream of YSSE successful.

[Dhaka Tribune]

✓ OMAN: SHAPING YOUTH FOR THE GOOD OF OMAN

Muscat, 9 July 2016 - BELIEVING that young people are the future of any nation, Global Shapers Muscat are working to promote young people’s opinions to explore how they can change their communities for the greater good.

Global Shapers Muscat is taking part in a global survey to determine how young people understand the world and can change it.

Since it is a group that commits to demonstrating leadership on issues of importance to the community, the promotion of youth should be taken seriously, they say.

Giving her opinion about changing Oman, Fathiya Al Rasadi, one of the 13 members of Global Shapers Muscat, said a change in the education system in Oman could help young people become more self-educated, rather than their being only

guided by educational institutions.

“I believe there must be changes in the education system and ways of teaching to make student more independent in seeking knowledge so that they could more easily manage their college studies,” said Al Rasadi.

“In order for the country to be developed and cope with changes, education and health care has to be better and able to adapt to changes,” added Al Rasadi.

Another member of Global Shapers Muscat, who asked to remain anonymous, noted that some laws need to be changed, such as the two year ban for working expats.

“Laws that lead to brain drain in the country (need to be changed) as we need these people to stay in Oman because we can definitely benefit from

them,” she said.

Fatima Makki, also a Global Shapers member, hopes to see change in Oman, including “the approach to managing systems in Oman that is objective and value-based, rather than an approach based on an abstract set of principles with little relevance to their practical applications.”

Makki noted, “These changes are already happening, and I think we, as Global Shapers, can become a catalyst.”

“I believe in being global shapers, that is one of our goals, and to show people in Oman how easy it is to impact positively on the life of others by providing a positive atmosphere, while leading the way,” said Ahmed Samara, another member.

Mehreen Shaikh added, “I would urge youngsters to look at more than just

gaining employment as their career or goals.

Instead, pay attention to society, the environment and any issue they feel plagues the nation at any given point.

“Considering how much potential the local youth has, it would be a foundation of great ideas and most impactful for the nation if they made tackling impending issues their own mission,” she added.

So far, 148 countries have responded to the survey.

Global Shapers Muscat is hoping to register 200 young people to become involved.

[Times of Oman]

✓ PAKISTAN: PROMOTING RADICALISATION AMONG YOUTH VIA SOCIAL MEDIA

Islamabad, 20 July 2016 - THIS year, Pakistan has formulated a new strategy to promote radicalisation among youths through vested groups and social media to give it the shape of

a civil resistance in Jammu and Kashmir, Rajya Sabha.

[The Indian Express]



✓ QATAR: THE YOUTH COMPANY CELEBRATES #7ASANAT VOLUNTEERS

Doha, 18 July 2016 - THE Youth Company (TYC) held the dinner finale to celebrate its third annual Ramadan initiative, “7asanat Olympics” at the Hilton Doha. It recognised over 200 volunteers for hard work and dedication during Ramadan.

The winners were selected in four categories — Best Team Leader/Farid Award; Best Two Volunteers based on the number of hours they put forward; Best Female and Male Social Media; and the Most Dedicated Volunteer.

The winners received gifts from Volunteer Appreciation Partners Salam Stores, Banana Island, Anantara Resort, InterContinental Hotel Doha, Queen Medical, GM & A, and Coca-Cola.

Aya Abu Issa, CEO, TYC International, said: “It is important that we show how grateful we are to our volunteers and sponsors and that is why we hold this dinner at the end of the programme to celebrate the success of the initiative and show how significant their support is. We could not have done it without them.”

The initiative aims to encourage volunteers to give back to the community in Qatar. Over 250 volunteers took part in the initiative and distributed 3,000 Iftar boxes at traffic signals before and after Iftar.

The 7sanat team also collaborated with Qatar Charity for “#Yestahloon” initiative to provide clothes for blue-collar workers in

Qatar by collecting clothes and donations from residential compounds.

Volunteers also visited HMC facilities and elderly homes.

Jaidah Automotive-Chevrolet played a key role in this year’s initiative as title sponsor. It offered its showroom to become the #7asanat16 headquarters to allow volunteers to prepare and launch all activities. Jaidah Automotive also provided vehicles to help the 7asanat team deliver Iftar meals and collect donations from across the country.

The initiative enjoys support of sponsors, including title sponsor Jaidah Automotive; platinum sponsor Vodafone Falla Club, logistics partner GWC; food partner Hilton Doha; water partner Coca-Cola Qatar; charity partner QC; marketing partner Forbes Associates; and event partner 9Series Events.

TYC is a grassroots organisation and operates as a social enterprise to create social values by empowering youth in an efficient, effective and sustainable manner.

[The Peninsula]

NEWS



✓ CROATIA: CROATIA RECEIVE MORE FUNDS TO CREATE JOBS FOR YOUTH

Zagreb, 15 July 2016 - CROATIA will receive more funds from the European Commission (EC) to create jobs for its young people.

The move came after an EC decision to invest an additional 1.1 billion U.S. dollars into measures to tackle the large number of unemployed youth below 25 years old in member states of the European Union.

Croatia will receive a down payment of 21.7 million

dollars for youth employment measures, compared with 754,000 dollars in the original schedule.

The enlargement of the down payment was due to Croatia's inability to pre-finance the measures until the full payment from the EC is received.

In total, Croatia will receive 75.4 million dollars from 2014 to 2020.

With the financial support, the Croatian government

can finance youth employment measures for people up to 30 years old. Measures can only be applied to young people who are not studying nor undergoing any training.

Such measures include helping young people to gain working experience, obtain internships, and have access to further education and training, supporting start-up companies operated by young people and giving subsidies.

Croatia's operative program for using European funds, the down payment will be paid automatically. Croatia will pre-finance its youth employment programs and receive the fund from the EU budget.

According to Eurostat, 44.8 percent of working-age Croatians aged below 26 years are unemployed in December 2014.

[GlobalPost]

✓ LITHUANIA: LITHUANIA'S UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE FELL

Vilnius, 5 July 2016 - ACCORDING to 1 January data of the Lithuanian Labour Exchange, Lithuania's unemployment in 2014 among young people from 16 to 29 years old fell from 7.8% to 5.6%.

It would seem that unemployment in Lithuania will soon be eradicated entirely; yet, young people keep on leaving Lithuania for foreign countries, reports LETA/ELTA, referring to Vakaro ziniuos.

Statistics Lithuania reports that in 2014 a total of

38,500 residents emigrated. So far it has not been estimated what was the proportion of young people among those.

However, based on data from previous years, it is particularly young people (20-29 years old), who decide to leave Lithuania most often. Rimantas Rudzkis, professor at Vilnius University, explains that unemployment data is made look better by emigration.

"It is obvious because the main share of emigrants is the youth who considerably contribute to the fall of

youth unemployment by leaving the country," he said.

The professor, however, admitted that there have been other reasons too for the unemployment level to go down: "the economy has grown indeed so the number of those employed increased as well".

"In fact, our unemployment would have been ever higher during the economic crisis if not for emigration.

By leaving our citizens avoided unemployment in

Lithuania," said Arunas Pocius, senior researcher at the

Lithuanian Labour Market Research Institute.

However, he adds that in terms of methodology the unemployment level is calculated correctly: the percentage is estimated according to the labour force which remained in the country, while emigrants are eliminated from statistics.

[The Baltic Course]

✓ ROMANIA: ROMANIA PROFITS FROM DEVELOPING ITS YOUTH'S POTENTIAL

Bucharest, 10 July 2016 - BUSINESSES can face short-term challenges in the form of skill shortages due also to high youth unemployment, but this can also have a long-term impact in the form of lower productivity and less innovation.

It is vital for businesses that they adapt their organizations to attract and retain new, young talent.

One way to do that is by investing more in apprenticeships and professional training of younger workers, according to PwC Romania.

"Romania could also benefit immensely from increasing young workers' participation on the labour market.

As we already know, almost a quarter out of

Romania's young workers under 24 years old are not in education, employment, or training.

These young people hold a huge reservoir of creativity and productivity which should be capitalized by us, as a nation," said Ionut Simion, country managing partner PwC Romania.

"In order to improve this situation, more coherent

educational policies are needed, along with raising investments in this area, aligning the school curricula to the labour market needs, and involving the private sector in the educational and professional training systems," Simion added.

[Daily News]



✓ SERBIA: 45 PERCENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE UNEMPLOYED

Belgrade, 10 July 2016 - FORTY-five percent of Serbia's young people are unemployed, their inactivity being one of the key reasons for this, a conference on career management and counselling was told Monday. Assistant Minister of Youth

and Sport Snezana Klasnja said that Serbia's main problem is inactivity and unemployment of young people and a lack of career promotion opportunities for them. Career management and counselling is "like a tool

and a mechanism for preventing these problems," she said. Seventy five percent of young people have no] engagement and] cooperation of the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Youth is significant for

career management and counselling, she said. It is a pre-requisite for adequate and continued professional development of any individual, said] Assistant Labour Minister Ljiljana Dzuver.

[InSerbia News]

✓ SWEDEN: LIGHT ON THE HORIZON FOR SWEDEN'S UNEMPLOYED YOUTH

Stockholm, 12 July 2016 - YOUTH unemployment is falling in Sweden, according to figures released on Thursday.

But the jobless rate is still rising steadily among foreign-born citizens.

The number of young people registered as unemployed in Sweden has fallen to 61,000 from 70,000 last year, Sweden's job centre Arbetsförmedlingen noted as it released its monthly figures. "We're seeing that the labour market continues to grow in a positive direction.

This is reflected by rising employment and declining unemployment, particularly among young people," said chief analyst Mats Wadman in a statement.

Here's a number-crunching interlude for readers who enjoy their statistics:

Overall unemployment fell to 7.5 percent in April (down by 0.2 percentage points in a year), while the rate among young people aged 18-24 was down to 11.6 percent.

Young women in the same age bracket, of whom 9.2 percent were out of a job,

performed the best, compared to their male peers at 13.8 percent.

But the situation for foreign-born citizens remains bleak.

In just one year the number of unemployed born outside of Europe has risen by 16,000 people, many of whom have been without a job for a year or more, said Arbetsförmedlingen.

"It shows that society as a whole has to continue the work to help newcomers in Sweden get faster access to the job market.

The country also offers free Swedish for Immigrants classes for newcomers.

[The Local.se]

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✓ AUSTRALIA: YOUTH SURVEY REMAINS OPEN

Canberra, 27 July 2016 - MISSION Australia is calling on Port Augusta's youth to express their concerns and hopes for the future by taking part in the largest annual nationwide poll of young Australians, the Mission Australia 2016 Youth Survey.

Leading community organisation, Mission Australia opened its 15th annual Youth Survey during National Youth Week (April 8-17) providing a platform for 15-19 year-olds to have their say.

Mission Australia's CEO Catherine Yeomans says it's a great opportunity for the youth of Port Augusta. "With nearly 19,000

participants last year and a goal to surpass 20,000 respondents this year, our annual survey is the largest of its kind," Ms Yeomans said.

"It enables us to understand life from the perspective of a young Australian in 2016 and engages them in voicing their thoughts to influence their future."

In 2015, the top three issues identified by young people as most important in Australia today were alcohol and drugs (27%), equity and discrimination (25%) and the economy and financial matters (18.9%).

At the Port Augusta site, Mission Australia runs a

range of programs to support community members, especially young people.

Those looking to expand their education can do so through the Skills for Education and Employment Program, that provides practical skills in speaking, listening, maths, reading and writing as well as the Learning Unlimited Program offering Flexible Learning Options.

The Personal Helpers and Mentors Program supports people aged 16 years and over, whose lives are affected by mental illness. The Stronger Families Program that provides support to children and

young people, as well as their families, who are impacted by or at risk of developing mental illness.

For those at risk of disengaging, the Youth Offending Prevention Program provides a flexible person-centred support for young people aged 10-15 years who are at risk of disengaging and who have come into contact with the youth justice system.

[The Transcontinental]

✓ FIJI: CARNIVAL TO ENCOURAGE YOUTH GROWTH

Suva, 12 July 2016 - THE Miss Youth North carnival will help youths to become better citizens of the nation.

Carnival Chairman, Josiah Loloma said the carnival enabled youths of all races

to unite.

"These carnivals not only look at how youths can give back to their community and society through their individual projects but it also allows them to become

more responsible adults in the future.

"After this carnival, majority of these youths will be able to stand up and voice their opinion after gaining the confidence

through this four-day carnival," he said.

The carnival will be held on August 3-6, at Subrail Park in Labasa.

[The Fiji Times]

✓ GUAM: BECOME A MENTOR, HELP YOUTHS REACH POTENTIAL

Hagåtña, 2 July 2016 - THE island community joins Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam in recognizing and thanking the local volunteers who help make a difference in the lives of youth through mentoring.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam kicked off June as "Guam Mentoring Awareness Month."

During a proclamation signing at Adelup, the nonprofit paid special recognition to two outstanding local volunteers and a local high school for

its efforts to help Big Brothers Big Sisters. Carlos Mesa, a school based mentor and Personal Finance Center employee is the 2016 Big Brother of the Year; Ameka Mmoh, a community-based mentor and Air Force airman, is the 2016 Big Sister of the Year; and Father Duenas Memorial School, a school partner whose students have been mentoring with the organization for over 10 years, is the 2016 Community Partner of the Year.

We commend the two mentors and Father Duenas students for being positive influences in the lives of our youths.

Our youths need a solid foundation to nurture them as they learn and grow to become productive and caring Guam citizens.

That's why it's so important for our young people to have mentors.

Mentoring provides youths with a consistent and reliable relationship with adults.

The support and guidance mentors provide can help youths build self-esteem and confidence so that they may reach their full potential.

The nonprofit will host a series of events and activities to promote the positive effects of mentoring and to recognize individuals and community partners who support the program through their time, talent and resources.

[Pacific Daily News]



✓ NEW ZEALAND: AT-RISK YOUTH TO BENEFIT FROM NEW MENTORING INITIATIVE

Wellington, 11 July 2016 - AT-risk teenagers excluded from mainstream education are set to benefit from an innovative youth mentoring scheme.

Next July, around 25 young people in West Auckland will receive 48 hours of mentoring over a 12-week period from student mentors, counsellors and social workers at the University of Auckland's Faculty of Education and Social Work in Epsom.

Each young person will then be supported to move into other social services, educational or employment opportunities.

Called Campus Connections

Aotearoa, the scheme has recently received \$455,000 from the Ministry for Social Development, the Vodafone New Zealand Foundation and the Fletcher Trust.

Drs Pat Bullen and Kelsey Deane, who specialise in youth development and mentoring will lead the scheme.

Spread over three years, the funding will allow them to set up a therapeutic programme involving third-year social work students mentoring teenagers who have fallen out of the system for a variety of reasons.

The scheme uniquely combines intensive one

to-one mentoring with group-based activities and on-site therapy.

Bullen says, "Youth mentoring if done well, can be life-changing. Campus Connections Aotearoa will provide a wrap-around service that simultaneously addresses the social, emotional, and educational needs of vulnerable young people, in a safe, well-supported and welcoming environment."

Dr Bullen says the NZ Youth Mentoring Network has identified a significant service provision gap for high-risk youth, particularly those involved in alternative education, and the new scheme will help to fill this

gap. Drs Bullen and Deane are delighted with the continued support from the Vodafone NZ Foundation (\$220,000), Fletcher Trust (\$20,000) and \$215,000 from Youth Minister Nikki Kaye, announced on Friday.

She says the money will allow her team to create a comprehensive programme adapted to the New Zealand context.

It will also provide real opportunities for University of Auckland students studying counselling, social and youth work to experience authentic youth.

[Māori Television]

✓ SOLOMON ISLAND: YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS GET HELP

Honiara, 25 July 2016 - FOUR of the Youth Work Young Entrepreneurs have received materials to help them get their businesses off the ground last week after having gone through a series of basic business trainings.

"These young men are very positive and enthusiastic about their business ideas and plans," says Daniel, the Y@W officer responsible for Youth Entrepreneurs.

All of them are happy to have received their materials and are keen to start their businesses right away.

An enthusiastic 22 year old Leonard said, he sees a need in his community. "People in my community have always gone to places far from where they live to pay for Top Up credits for their

phones.

I decided to be a Top Up agent, in that way I can earn money and help them at the same time."

Another recipient, Hendry Oge, says he is keen to sell freshly cut up fruits. "I see that in my community there are a lot of children and I think during hot days it would be good for them to come and buy fruits at my stall.

Besides I feel comfortable doing this and I am happy that the SPC Youth Work has made a way for me to start up my business."

Along with the items the youth received, they were also given forms to help them keep their records and also for monitoring purposes.

There will be visits made to see how the young

entrepreneurs are doing so they can be assisted to ensure that they are on track.

Youth Work Coordinator, Ms Martin, says there will be further trainings organised for the youth such as book-keeping and also mentoring sessions from local business owners.

Youth Work would also like to acknowledge the assistance of the staff from the Industries and Business Development Divisions of the Ministry of Commerce, Industries, Labour and Immigration, Mr. Martin Hoasihere and Lionald Tarairamo for supporting the youth with their business plans. Youth Work is facilitated by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, in partnership and supported by funding from the Queens

Young Leaders Programme (UK), the Australian Government Aid Programme, the Pacific Leadership Programme and Plan International.

Implementation is done in partnership with the Solomon Islands Ministry of National Unity, Peace and Reconciliation, the Ministry of Commerce, Industries, Labour and Immigration, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, and the Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs.

Youth Work is an initiative to tackle youth unemployment in Solomon Islands and to help youth of the Solomon find pathways to employment and entrepreneurship.

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