

Workshop 5: Youth ImpACT Award Official Launch

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Youth ImpACT Award (YIAA) is a project co-presented by the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong and The D. H. Chen Foundation. We believe that young people are a powerful force – they can bring innovative solutions to social problems and promote social progress through action.

Speaker: Mr. LAU Ming-Wai Chairman, Commission on Youth

Title: Youth as a Co-Creator of Social Betterment

Abstract:

Youth development contains many aspects, but essentially it boils down to recognising the positive attributes of young people and giving them time, space and opportunities to explore their interests and fulfill their potential. When young people can apply their skills and capabilities and fully participate in the community, they will be able to set their future paths and exercise influence over their surroundings, and in turn, make meaningful contributions to the society. Supporting youth in their transition to adulthood is therefore valuable not only from the perspective of enhancing individual wellbeing, but also for social betterment.

In Hong Kong, there are a lot of policies and measures, as well as formal programmes and informal activities, for young people. Some of these programmes are educational in nature, while others aim at providing opportunities and experiences outside the classroom. Some are sponsored by the Government, whereas others are private or civil sector initiatives. These efforts have been instrumental in supporting young people in their personal and career developments, and in moulding them to be happy, healthy and resilient young adults.

Youth represent a valuable resource for societal advancement, and it is for this reason that we should constantly be seeking improvement in youth work. Hong Kong does not have a youth policy, yet examples of youth policies overseas (including United Kingdom, Sweden, Australia, and New Zealand) show that there are advantages to having a clear vision for youth development. Formulating a youth policy entails engaging young people to understand their aspirations and needs in overcoming challenges of the time and meeting the expectations that society sets for them.

Young people are co-creators in making our society a better place, so can we do better for our youth with a youth policy?

Speaker: Mr. Francis NGAI Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Social Ventures Hong Kong

Title: Social Innovation and Social Betterment

Abstract:

Young generation grown up with good values' education, however, when they are entering the business-oriented or money-minded society, they felt a big contrast with what is in their dream. Social Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship attracted many young new minds' attention, and it can be a movement to drive for positive evolution of society. But how? In the session, SVhk will illustrate the movement with solid local social innovation, and their new game plan for good -- "Business2.0" -- a new strategy in further getting business cross over social.