





Core 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 35. The S.P.O.Ts comprise 17 Integrated Team Centres, two Children and Youth Centres, two Youth Centres and Youth S.P.O.T. 21.

The 22 Youth S.P.O.Ts provide a wide range of learning opportunities, services and challenging experiences, with special focus on: Social Exposure and Development, Strengthening Classroom Learning, Extending Educational Opportunities, and Connecting Young People. By the end of March 2019, the Youth S.P.O.Ts had a total of 395,287 members, with a total attendance standing at 3,538,432 and 19,582 programmes were organised.

The following are the highlights of the year:

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Social Exposure and Development

Social Exposure and Development helps young people widen their perspectives and horizons through training, presentations and community participation on a range of issues and over the last year, there was a total attendance of 541,884.

NEIGHBOURHOOD First: uKitchen

The NEIGHBOURHOOD First: uKitchen was co-organised with the Social Welfare Department to build up relationships through food. Some famous chefs trained young people, who could then go on to make meals for the elderly and the families in need. Over 100 youth were taught and they served 500 people. The chefs also shared their own life experiences with the participants.



NEIGHBOURHOOD First: "Dream can Help" App Design Training Contest

The "Dream can Help" App Design Training Contest prompted young people to design and implement innovative ideas to solve community problems, through service, all the while integrating technology to improve people's lives. Of the 200 participants, 24 were selected to present and pitch their ideas to the IT industry for potential investment and improvement.

NEIGHBOURHOOD First: Community Tour in Kowloon City

Over 80 youth from different NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams, along with 60 underprivileged children, learnt about the district of To Kwa Wan, with a walking tour. Serving over 300 people in the community, young volunteers also visited private elderly homes; taught ethnic minority children to play Chinese traditional games and gave presents to security guards in public estates.



Strengthening Classroom Learning

During the year, a series of learning support services were provided by the Youth S.P.O.Ts to help young people consolidate classroom learning and improve their ability and confidence. The total attendance to all services of Strengthening Classroom Learning was 263,272.

Scholarships for Happy English Learning

Sponsored by Freudenberg Household Products Limited, the Happy English Learning project was launched. The project included workshops on learning English independently, as well as with Apps. With the support of mentors, participants created mobile Apps to promote learning English. The most creative and outstanding teams were given scholarships to encourage further learning.

Shatin Festival - Shatin Reading Carnival

In collaboration with "Bring Me A Book (HK) Foundation", the 2019 Shatin Reading Carnival in Shatin Park was organised. More than 6,000 participants and 150 volunteers joined open reading areas, story-telling booths and snapshot flash activities.

Timed Out! Historical Tour

Through the "Timed Out! Historical Tour", participants visited different historical landmarks and took part in different activities. Volunteers dressed up as historical figures to re-enact the past, with a lecture about Hong Kong's modern history.

Extending Education Opportunities

“UP to learn • Learn to UP”. With progressive, adaptive, connective and extending learning, nearly 1,000 UP courses in languages, visual arts, performing arts, cookery and music were organised. Last year saw an attendance of 478,092.

LEAD Lab Creative Transportation Competition

The LEAD Lab Creative Transportation Competition was held for the first time. Participants had to design, build and control their own planes, boats and vehicle using coding. The two-day competition has attracted more than 100 participants and an audience of hundreds.



STEM LEADers Camp

Nearly a hundred primary students gathered at the Jockey Club Sai Kung Outdoor Training Camp in this summer's STEM LEADers Camp. They learnt to make their own boats which could carry them across a swimming pool; learnt how to code and how to control Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and make rockets. The participants also paid a visit to the Smart City at the Hong Kong Productivity Council.

UP - Youth Experiential Project

In the summer, the Youth Experiential Project provided comprehensive internship training for young people aged from 15 to 24, in service delivery and administrative work. More than 170 participants served at the Youth S.P.O.Ts.



Connecting Young People

Youth S.P.O.Ts engage young people through a combination of creative events and activities, including, sports, music and art. More than 663,342 people attended throughout the year.

uMarket and Creative Community

Apart from the monthly youth handicraft markets held in eight Youth S.P.O.Ts throughout the year, a signature programme, “香港地@uMarket” was held at Hong Kong Cultural Centre Piazza. There were around 50 stalls selling handmade products made by young people and around 15 busking performers.

HKFYG Cup Five-a-side Football Tournaments

The 6th HKFYG Cup Five-a-side Football Tournament attracted 40 teams, including teams from Youth S.P.O.Ts, district youth football teams and teams from primary and secondary schools, with a total number of 400 players. The event was supported by the Hong Kong Football Association, while Liverpool FC International Academy Hong Kong provided pre-match training for the participating teams. During the three-day competition, a total of 68 games were played. Five-a-side Football Tournaments have become an annual signature event among young football players.

Pop-ups @ uCafé

uCafés in Youth S.P.O.Ts are an anchor point connecting young people. This year a series of pop-up workshops were held including baking, latte art or hand making leather goods.

Other Significant Activities

Jockey Club Youth Create Series: HKFYG "Arts for Change" Project

Funded by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, Jockey Club Shaukiwan Youth S.P.O.T. used performing and visual arts to encourage young people to showcase their talents and be change makers. Those interested in visual arts learnt graffiti techniques and then painted murals on six shop shutters in their communities. The work was appreciated by Airport Authority Hong Kong, who invited the young artists to paint a set of six murals on iron shutters for display at the Airport. Each shutter depicted an iconic symbol or reference to Hong Kong.



NEIGHBOURHOOD First Food Sharing in the Community

Youth volunteers from Ping Shek Youth S.P.O.T. helped collect and sort surplus fresh vegetables and meat from neighbours. The surplus was used to make up lunch boxes and packets of soup, which were then delivered to underprivileged families and the elderly. This project was able to establish rapport among the neighbours by fostering care and promoting a better use of resources. Since March last year, more than 200 recipients were served by 100 volunteers in the Kwun Tong community.

Infinity e-Sport Competition 2018

An e-Sport competition was a new endeavour of the Jockey Club Tseung Kwan O Youth S.P.O.T. this year. It attracted more than one hundred young people, with the support of their parents and teachers as well. More than 1,000 people watched the competition on-line.



M21 Multimedia Services

Media 21 (M21) is a multimedia web (M21.hk) and a physical media hub achieving three core missions:



To incubate

Media Academy

The Media Academy runs regular courses which include training for campus TV, news reports, dubbing and micro-film production, among others. Career related experiential tours are provided, demonstrating the differences between traditional and new media. Participants are given the opportunity to experience the technical workings of newsrooms, radio stations and drama studios. Tailor-made courses are offered on campuses with media experts, news practitioners and movie directors.

Summer School 2018 - Skills for Tomorrow

M21 introduced the first Summer School programme to prepare youth for future challenges looking at how rapidly technology is changing and evolving. The intensive ten day course focused on problem-solving skills and technology application with hands-on tasks and assessments.

Screenwriting Mentoring Programme

With support from Create Hong Kong and the Film Development Fund, M21 continues to organise seminars and master classes for amateur screen writers with well-known industry professionals, who act as mentors and have included, Mr. Lau Tin-chi, Ms. Susan Chan and Mr. Lam Chiu-wing. Some screen writers were invited to participate in "The Republic", a TV programme of ViuTV, one of the local TV stations.

To Apply

Production Platform

All the programmes at M21 are produced by the M21 Youth Production Team which currently comprises more than 700 young people, who make use of the one stop multimedia production platform with ten broadcasting channels, producing programmes on social affairs, campus life, environment and lifestyle.





Public Policy Online@M21

M21 held a series of Youth Sharing Sessions on public policy with Principal Officials from the Government. They included Mr. Patrick Nip Tak-kuen, JP, Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr. Edward Yau Tang-wah, GBS, JP, Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Dr. Law Chi-kwong, GBS, JP, Secretary for Labour and Welfare and Mr. Nicholas W. Yang, GBS, JP, Secretary for Innovation and Technology. Topics included the opportunities in Greater Bay Area and innovation and technology related current issues. Mr. Paul Chan Mo-po, GBM, GBS, MH, JP, Financial Secretary was also invited in March 2019 to talk about the Budget. The talks were broadcast live online, allowing the public to join the session.

To Broadcast

Broadcast Platform

M21 has an extensive broadcasting network, including M21.hk, and set-top boxes in 150 secondary and primary schools, as well as 21 Youth S.P.O.Ts. Students and the public can also watch programmes through social media platforms including Facebook and YouTube pages.

myTV SUPER

In collaboration with TVB, video programmes produced by M21 are broadcast on the "M21.hk" channel for greater exposure.

Media Contests and Events

M21 Open House and New Media Festival

M21 has held its first Open House in July 2019, with more than 1,000 visitors over two days. The event consisted of seminars on new media, STEM workshops and media related education booths. M21 invited Hong Kong Open TV to collaborate on recruiting those interested in production, as well as to create a reserve pool of talents.



Values+ Online Video Awards

To promote positive thinking and values education, M21 held the first Values+ Online Video Awards this summer. Out of hundreds of nominations, seven outstanding works were recognised by industry professionals, as well as through public votes.

Cherish Water Ambassador Scheme 2018-19

Organised by the Water Supplies Department and co-organised by M21, the purpose was to protect water resources and promote water conservation. There were 250 Cherish Water Ambassadors appointed this year to foster social responsibility, and more than 40 workshops held with more than 5,000 participants.





Contests for Healthy Internet Videos and Healthy Comic Strips

Both contests are co-organised and sponsored by the Office for Film, Newspaper and the Article Administration and to promote public understanding about the Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance. For the past ten years, both events have become annual events among the schools in Hong Kong.

Guided Reading 2019

Launched in 2019, and funded by the Standing Committee on Language Education and Research for two years, the programme is to train students to produce audio readers in order to cultivate reading habits. Renowned anchors and professionals were invited to host workshops and seminars to train students in proper pronunciation and how to read aloud with emotion. Over 100 students were encouraged to take up reading.



Employment Services

Since its establishment in 2003, the Youth Employment Network (YEN) has acted as a bridge for youth to smoothen the 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.

Over the past year, YEN cooperated with government departments, the private sector and other NGOs to offer various services.



Career Exploration and Life Planning

The **Life Banking Project** targeted senior secondary school students and focused on school to work transition. This past year, 35,890 students from 90 secondary schools participated in a series of activities, workshop and seminars. YEN also offered individual assessment and counselling to 75 secondary school students from three partnered schools this school year.

Working Reality 2.0, a programme supported by the Home Affairs Bureau, reached out to 2,000 senior secondary students from nine secondary schools to promote career planning concepts and offer basic skills acquisition.

YEN also partnered with Prudential Hong Kong Limited to operate **Hope for Success** with the theme of “Dream X Future Career”, where nearly 200 secondary students enrolled. 20 finalists, who showed the most enthusiasm and commitment to their plans for the future, received scholarships to further implement their dreams with the guidance of social workers.

YEN cooperated with Investor and Financial Education Council to organise different financial education activities, such as workshops and talks. **Savvy Planner** workshop was delivered to five schools, and introduced the new financial “edutainment” board game that combines financial education messages with entertainment to 600 students. Also, financial management knowledge and skills training for 750 young working adults from different organisations were provided. 111 tertiary students participated in Workplace Money Workshop with sharing by guests from various industries.

Project Bridge, provided one-stop support services for unemployed young people and secondary school students with special educational needs. So far, 146 students and 27 young people participated in the programme.





Employability Enhancement

YEN is one of the training bodies of the Labour Department's **Youth Employment Training Programme** at which 173 unemployed young people between the ages of 15 and 24 participated this year.

The **Employer Network**, formally launched in 2004, uses the Internet and email to bring notice of job vacancies to young people. Liaising with the business sector, over 200 job vacancies were created with related on-the-job training provided. Special employment projects included: the Airport Ambassador Programme, Project Setup and Working Holiday@Lantau.

Project Setup, supported by JPMorgan Chase Foundation and the Labour Department's Youth Employment and Training Programme, provides innovative six-month management training for Associate Degree or Higher Diploma holders, in order to enhance employability and job opportunities in startups. Last year, 155 young people participated in the pre-job training workshop and 33 of them were employed by startups.

Collaboration with the Airport Authority Hong Kong, YEN is a partner of the EXTRA MILE project, which is a community investment project of Hong Kong International Airport. **Working Holiday@Lantau**, one of its pilot programmes, is a one-year work placement programme for working youth. It also includes exploratory programmes and provides free accommodation and learning subsidies to help participants. So far, 18 young people have participated in the programme.

YEN cooperated with different corporates, including Hang Seng Bank to launch the **Hang Seng GPS Youth Employment Programme**. This is the first youth employment project in Hong Kong to make use of the "Gap Year" concept to give secondary school students time to think about their futures. Last year, 20 cases were served through the programme, with a cumulative total of 118 cases handled.



Comprehensive Career Information

YEN organised a large-scale Youth Career Expo. The expo served as “One-stop-shop” and 1,000 young people were able to access information and assistance. Also, the Jobtionary Website helped secondary school students, their parents and teachers get more information on over 200 types of job for students to plan for their futures.

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Incubating Young Entrepreneurs

The Social Innovation and Youth Business Unit incubates young entrepreneurs and social innovators through various incubation programmes and business support services. In the reporting year, the service unit served more than 800 guests and visitors, and organised more than 100 activities, including seminars, trainings, mentoring and networking events.



For over 14 years, the Ng Teng Fong Charitable Foundation has been supporting Youth Business Hong Kong (YBHK), which offers one-stop services, including interest-free business loans up to HK\$150,000. Since its launch, YBHK has received 1,976 business proposals applying for support, with 197 being approved, receiving loans amounting to HK\$13,154,570.

As a strategic partner of Entrepreneur Day (E Day), the Social Innovation and Youth Business Unit provided start-up information and related support services to more than 1,000 visitors in the event, which was organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council. The service unit benefited 16 incubatees by providing them with free exhibition booths in E Day. Moreover, two signature events were organised in E Day, the “Business Mentor Conference” and “Start-up Mixer”, over 50 professionals, experienced mentors and business leaders showed up and exchanged with more than 170 young entrepreneurs.





Enabling Young Entrepreneurs

The Hong Kong General Chamber of Young Entrepreneurs (HKGCYE) was founded by a group of enthusiastic and successful young entrepreneurs, who were supported by the Federation. HKGCYE has more than 250 members and has helped over 300 entrepreneurs set up over 150 businesses since 2015. The HKGCYE regularly organises seminars, networking events and visits to connect diverse industries and expand the network of young entrepreneurs.

The Business Mentorship Scheme set up by the Social Innovation and Youth Business Unit, connects over 200 experienced business mentors and provides young entrepreneurs with professional business knowledge and support, especially invaluable business networks and life experiences.

To provide startup companies with practical and custom-made business guidance, the service unit organises a Business Clinic, a monthly event which aims to resolve the pain-points of startups through support from professionals and business leaders from various fields and industries. Over 50 startups have benefited from this programme this year.

The Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneur Hub (E Hub) is a collaborative project of the Authority of Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone, Shenzhen Youth Federation and the Federation. By the end of 2018, E Hub accumulatively recruited and incubated over 380 start-up companies of which 158 were from Hong Kong, Macao and overseas.



Social Innovation

The Jockey Club Social Innovation Centre (SIC) was established with support from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, providing young entrepreneurs and start-ups with well-rounded support since 2015.

The Social Innovation Conference was organised by the Social Innovation and Youth Business Unit and sponsored by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, to promote social innovation and advocate business transformation for social impact. The event took place in the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre and there were over 200 enrollments by youth startups and social innovators.

Social Enterprise Projects

Café 21

Located in the Headquarters of the Federation, Café 21, this social enterprise is managed and operated by young people. The aim is to give professional on-the-job training opportunity for young people interested in the food and beverage service industry. The Café is also available for rental and provides catering services to other tenants of the building.

PH3

PH3 occupies a place in a revitalised historic building in Wan Chai and is open as a party venue for private or corporate events, formal ceremonies, workshops or social gatherings. Learning about traditional marriage ceremonies and cultural heritage are also part of PH3's programme. This social enterprise gives young people the opportunity to train in event management.

Core Services



FAT CHOY

FAT CHOY restaurant brings the Farm-to-Table experience to its customers. Most of the produce is sourced from the HKFYG Organic Farm, as well as other local farms. Dishes are therefore seasonal, promoting a low-carbon, delicious culinary experience. FAT CHOY also provides employment and on-the-job training opportunities to young people.

YB21

YB21 located in Central, displays, promotes and sells products designed and produced by local young entrepreneurs and designers. In addition, YB21 provides employment and on-the-job training opportunities to youth who are interested in sales and marketing.



Organic Farm

Established in 2010, The HKFYG Organic Farm is nearly a decade old, and has been supplying fresh organic vegetables to the city, while also providing educational visits and developing school and corporate collaborations. Over 40,000 users enjoyed farm activities and 200 groups visited the Farm this year to experience the local environment and learn about organic farming, health and food sources.

After the devastation of the 2018 typhoon, the Farm continues to renew its facilities and services. By streamlining processes, diversifying its mix of products, extending educational elements and introducing new services, the Farm is committed to meet the various demands from schools, organisations, corporations and the public.



Hydroponic Farm

Established in 2019, The HKFYG Hydroponic Farm, with its automated and modern soilless cultivation system, is located in Tai Po. The 56,000 square feet hydroponic farm consistently produces dirt-free fresh crops with effective quality control, and without harmful chemicals, supplies healthier and cleaner vegetables. The Hydroponic Farm also provides a learning platform to promote the link between healthy living and the environment and encourages young people to have a hands-on experience in alternative farming methods.



Leadership Training



Opening of The HKFYG Leadership Institute

The HKFYG Leadership Institute builds on almost 20 years of leadership education and training experience, and is dedicated to creating a new generation of Hong Kong with both the competence and commitment to serve.

Located on the premises of the former Fanling Magistracy, the Institute, as part of the third batch of the Government's Revitalisation Scheme, held the Grand Opening Ceremony on 31 March 2019 and was officiated by the Honourable Mrs. Carrie Lam, GBM, GBS, the Chief Executive of the HKSAR. Thousands of distinguished guests, alumni and the public gathered to celebrate the milestone and to experience the facilities through over 20 programmes, including workshops hosted by local and overseas leaders, as well as to participate in a mixed reality team-building game.

Moot Court Summer Camp 2019

Utilising the judicial and historical value of the site, the Institute organised the first Moot Court Summer Camp to help 60 high school students understand Hong Kong's legal systems. In partnership with The Hong Kong Schools Mooting and Mock Trial Association, participants also took part in a mock trial.

Partnership with the National University of Singapore

The HKFYG Leadership Institute developed a strategic partnership with Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP) of the National University of Singapore to nurture Asia's next generation of public service leaders. The LKYSPP is offering two full scholarships for their Masters programmes for candidates nominated by the Institute, thus increasing the world view and experiences of Hong Kong's young people.

HSBC Future Skills Development Project

The HSBC Future Skills Development Project will enable young people to receive skills training from an early age to help them with future employability.

HSBC Financial Dialogue Series 2019

The HSBC Financial Dialogue Series 2019 is to assist future financial leaders develop a global vision and broaden their critical analyses. The sessions involved financial leaders and experts including, the Honourable Paul Chan Mo-po, GBM, GBS, MH, JP, Financial Secretary, and Mr. Peter Wong Tung-shun, JP, Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, who spoke to 300 participants. The participants then applied their knowledge to Financial Innovation Case Studies.



“Hong Kong 200” Leadership Project

“Hong Kong 200” Leadership Project selected 200 high school student leaders with leadership potential to reinforce their willingness to give back to the community. The new curriculum looked at innovation, global connectivity and communication, which formulated their work in their “Project for Hong Kong”.

HKFYG Jockey Club School of Global Leadership

To instill in youth a sense of global citizenship, the HKFYG Jockey Club School of Global Leadership organised a diversified range of programmes funded by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust. They included the following:

Global Seminar

Themed “Leadership for Inclusive Futures in Asia”, the Global Seminar brought together over 20 young professionals from around the world to explore the sustainable goals of the United Nations. This involved fieldwork in Osaka, Japan and special workshops on the Peace Boat, which was the host of the Seminar. Speakers included Mr. Kenro Oshidari, former Regional Director of the World Food Programme and Ms. Grazyna Pulawska, Senior Project Manager from the Asia-Europe Foundation.

Leaders to Leaders

“Leaders to Leaders” is a unique opportunity for upcoming young Hong Kong leaders to hear, learn from and be inspired by overseas young leaders, while further engaging with the community and co-creating social projects. Over ten Global Leaders have been invited to Hong Kong, that also included the first One Young World Caucus in Hong Kong.



Outstanding participants received sponsorship to join an overseas apprenticeship and follow the Global Leaders back to their homes, including Canada and Columbia, to execute their social projects and thus gain more hands-on experiences.

Summer School for Global Leadership 2019

About 70 high school students from 16 regions and countries took on the role as “Future Economists” during the Summer School for Global Leadership. By learning about the circular economy, the notion of how to treat resources in an efficient and socially responsible manner was emphasised. Students were also challenged to find specific solutions as social innovators for society’s problems. The Summer School was well supported, including by the Honourable James H. Lau, Jr., JP, the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Professor Eric Yim, Chairman of Hong Kong Design Centre and Mr. Alan Chow, Executive Director of D.H. Chen Foundation.



Cultural Ambassador Programme

Supported by American Express, the Cultural Ambassador Programme nurtures future leaders in heritage conservation. Ambassadors were able to lead heritage tours for the public to appreciate Grade 3 historic buildings and to understand Hong Kong’s legal system.

The “Heritage Vogue · Hollywood Road” street carnival, spearheaded by the Commissioner for Heritage’s Office of the Development Bureau, also attracted a lot of visitors to experience the rich history of the revitalised building which houses the Leadership Institute.

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 16,039 new volunteer registrations, resulting in a total of 230,925 volunteers. This year, VNET registered volunteers contributed 922,366 service hours, and 1,584 volunteer training programmes were offered with 52,545 participants.



“I am a Volunteer” Campaign

VNET launched various events under the “I am a Volunteer” Campaign. In support of International Volunteer Day, over 1,200 volunteers expressed community care by visiting 2,365 needy households and singleton elderly in December 2018. To echo the Global Youth Service Day (GYSD), over 100 volunteer service ideas and stories were collected online through various promotional campaigns. Selected ideas and stories were shared across different platforms to further influence people to volunteer.

Heart to Heart Project

For 14 years, the Federation has been carrying out the “Heart to Heart Project”. Including new joiners, there are now 93 companies in the Project, with 20 new schools, resulting in a total of 183 Heart to Heart schools. Among the participating schools, 89 organised a total of 105 service projects and certificates were issued to over 12,000 students.

NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams

To promote a caring community, the Federation continues to carry out the “NEIGHBOURHOOD First” Campaign, which engaged over 1,700 youth volunteers to join the NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams in all 18 districts. Total attendance of service recipients amounted to 75,000.

Youth-led Service Projects

Together with Youth Service America and Hong Kong Disneyland, VNET launched the “Disney Friends for Change Youth Grant” under the NEIGHBOURHOOD First Scheme. Through this, Hong Kong youth aged 12 to 25 were given grants to plan and execute a service project to promote a caring and harmonious neighbourhood. In 2018, 38 projects were selected and ten among them were given double funds to carry out more impactful projects. With the support of The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, VNET also established the Youth Service Fund, whereby youth groups were selected to implement new service ideas in their communities. A total of 58 groups benefited and 1,100 volunteers were recruited, contributing 8,819 service hours, helping nearly 8,200 people.





Volunteer Exchange and Training

A youth exchange tour for 18 volunteers was arranged to show appreciation for their efforts. They visited Sanxiang Town in Zhongshan, Guangdong. Four “Volunteer Weekends” in Hong Kong were also organised, where 500 volunteers participated and shared their experiences with each other. In addition, a summer volunteer training called “V Studio”, successfully nurtured over 40 volunteer leaders.

Youth Volunteering Survey

Collaborating with the HKFYG Youth Service Advisory Committee, a youth volunteering survey for over 650 respondents aged 6 to 35 was conducted by the Membership and Volunteer Unit. The survey revealed that 85% of respondents were influenced by the nature of volunteer service, as well as the reputation of the service provider and the logistics associated with the provision of the service. Up to 50% of respondents said that a lack of time was the key constraint to volunteering. In addition, sufficient briefing and training before volunteering was seen positively, both to continue volunteering, as well as to encourage others to join.

Easy Volunteer Upgraded

Easyvolunteer.hk, the online volunteer matching platform, established in 2014, has successfully been upgraded with a new interface, simplified application workflow, enhanced user-centric features, such as e-certification, and an instant messaging tool. Together with 394 Service Opportunity Providers from non-profit organisations, charities and schools, a total of 625 new service opportunities were offered via the platform. The number of newly registered users reached 11,499. Regular Easy Volunteer workshops, regarding effective volunteer recruitment and management, were provided to over 80 schools and organisations.

Awards

Volunteer Recognition

Three of the Federation’s nominees, Ms. Lau Sin-man, Ms. Suen Yin-lok and Mr. Chau Yin-wai, were given the “Hong Kong Outstanding Youth Volunteers Award 2018-19”. The VNET volunteer team led by the Federation’s school social worker at Buddhist Wong Wan Tin College also won “The Best Volunteering Project (Secondary School Division)” on the same occasion.

Public Recognition

With the contribution of over 210,000 volunteers in 2017, the Federation was ranked fourth in the territory-wide “Top 10 Highest Service Hours Award (Public Organisations)”. This was presented by the Steering Committee on the Promotion of Volunteer Service of the Social Welfare Department.



Youth at Risk Services

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 remain youth crime and deviance, sex-related issues and drug abuse. There were 5,425 cases dealt with, and 900 programmes organised over the past year with a total attendance of 189,484.



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Prevention Education

There were 443,039 visits to the YCPC Youthlaw's online platforms (website, YouTube, Apps and Facebook), with 623 new downloads of the Youthlaw Apps. Over 80 preventive educational messages and 20 preventive educational videos were posted on YCPC Youthlaw's online platforms, covering topics such as, youth crime, cybercrime, risky sexual behaviour, drug abuse and trafficking, and gambling, as well as youth mental health issues.

Topics covered in the 346 Education Workshops and Programmes for youth, parents, teachers, social workers and police included, law abiding values, cybercrime, awareness on self-protection and the consequences of risky sexual behaviour, as well as hidden drug abuse and drug trafficking. Up-to-date trends on cybercrime, youth crime and deviant behaviour, gambling, binge drinking, strengthening family communication and management, as well as risk identification and professional counselling skills, were also covered.

Crisis Intervention and Professional Assessments

Hotline services, with crisis intervention, dealing with crime, sex or drug related issues, was available at **Hotline 81009669**. **Project R** and **Project Right Path** keep assisting arrested youth and victims, as well as their parents, by providing rapid intervention. Over 140 youth were served under the service.

Two new professional assessment tools were developed this year. "Rapid Identification Tool of Cyber Risk for Youth" was developed with City University of Hong Kong. Under "Be Smart Youth", a drinking education scheme supported by the General Chinese Charities Fund, a risk assessment tool was developed for better understanding the risks of drinking.

Counselling and Treatment

Professional counsellors handled 3,995 cases that dealt with young people displaying criminal and deviant behaviour, including cybercrime, fraud, illegal jobs, drug trafficking, theft, sexual crime, violence, and triad and gang membership. They also helped 411 young people with sex-related issues, along with 746 cases with drug related problems. Counselling for parents of juveniles and victims of crime was also provided.

With funding support from The Keswick Foundation, **Project iSmarter** provided risk assessment and counselling services to juvenile delinquents and victims. 230 cases were served in the past year. A "**Cyber Detective**" **Counselling Card Game** was developed to provide interactive education for the public and youth enhancing their awareness and prevent them falling into the cyber traps. The card game uses the elements of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy to assist the participants in grasping the 11 types of automatic thoughts about cybercrime and learning five coping skills to handle risks.

E.Positive, an education and counselling service, funded by The D. H. Chen Foundation, provides online mental health education, identification and assessment services, low intensity psycho education, cognitive therapy and mindfulness treatments for youth to deal with mental health related, criminal or deviant issues. There were 14 short videos produced to promote positive mental health and crime prevention messages.

In collaboration with the Correctional Services Department, the **Emotion Management Training Scheme** for youth on remand was launched to help them avoid self-harm behaviour and enhance their emotional management skills by using cognitive behavioural therapy, creative arts and family function training.

Project Coaching, a youth empowerment project was carried out with the collaboration of ChickenSoup Foundation, The Rotary Club of Dragon Hong Kong and Police volunteers. Mentors and life coaches from the different parties assisted the young offenders and delinquent youth to identify their life directions and dreams.

Core Services

Different training programmes continued to support at risk youth by strengthening their positive thinking, resilience and enhancing positive life styles. Programmes included **The Wind**, Thai boxing training with emotional management, funded by K&K Charity Foundation; **Positive Life Positive Run**, running training, and professional makeup training, **Project LOVE all about you**, funded by Clarins Hong Kong and Macau.

Project LOVE SIM, supported by the Tin Ka Ping Foundation, provided professional risk assessment, preventive education and counselling on risky behaviour especially related to the sex trade. This programme featured narrative therapy treatments, expressive art activities, interactive educational movies and card games. A localised risk assessment tool will also be developed.

Supported by the Beat Drugs Fund, **Project RADAR** successfully developed a multi-disciplined referral mechanism with eight hospitals, Hong Kong Customs, the Social Welfare Department, police, lawyers and schools. Over 300 young people with hidden drug problems and drug related criminal offences, as well as their family members, were served. A new localised risk assessment tool and counselling manual related to drug trafficking and consumption were developed.

Because of the service demand and effectiveness, the Beat Drugs Fund will continue to support the extended service, **Project RADAR II** until 2021. **Project EVER** developed different activity-based exercises this year with intervention methods for at risk youths with drug problems, including a VR educational game, "CHOICE", and an interactive board and card game called "Drug reader". **Project Begin from Family** used the Strengthening Families Programme (SFP) to enhance family functioning and prevent young people from taking drugs. This year, the project developed a full training resource kit for parents, children and teens.

Project SEToff is an anti-drug education and treatment programme for working youth and hidden drug abusers available through online media platforms and in the work place. There were four new KOL anti-drug videos created, which had over 100,000 views in the past year.

Advocacy and Service Development

Two books, **Turning Point III** and **Youth and the Law**, were published. The fifth **Turning Point – Youth Improvement Award** was launched on 23 June 2018.

YCPC colleagues shared their professional practise on different counselling and education services at two international conferences. These were the **Asian Criminological Society Annual Conference** held in Malaysia and the **31st Annual Australia and New Zealand Society of Criminology Conference** which was held in Australia.

A sharing session on professional counselling for youth drug problems was held. Guest speakers included Professor Dennis Wong (City University of Hong Kong), Professor Daniel Wong (The University of Hong Kong) and Dr. Johnny Choi, who shared treatments and analyses of drug problems from different angles. Over 100 social workers, medical professionals and teachers participated.

WL Residence (WLR)

The WLR provided short term residential services, including life coaching, life planning guidance and career skills training, for young adults aged between 18 and 24. 63 youth were served in the past year.

The Way Forward

The main focus of YCPC in the coming year will be to develop and provide education and counselling services on such issues including cybercrime, illegal jobs, hidden drug abuse and drug trafficking, working youth with drug abuse problems, mental health issues and sexual deviant behaviours. New counselling protocols and assessment tools will be developed. Big data analytics will be a new trial in understanding and planning the youth drug services.



Counselling Services

The Wellness Mind Centre was set up to consolidate the work of the School Social Work Unit, the Student Guidance Team, the Media Counselling Centre and the Youth Wellness Centre. Under one umbrella, the Centre is now able to provide services addressing different emotional health issues cross the units and via different platforms.



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School Stationing Service

Over the last year, 25 primary schools and three kindergartens were served through the Student Guidance Team. A total of 1,563 developmental and prevention activities were organised for students, parents and teachers, with a total of 474 cases and 26,762 consultations, mostly related to emotions, family, behaviour and study issues, were handled.

School Stationing Services were provided for 35 secondary schools, of which 21 were served by 12 Youth S.P.O.Ts and the other 14 by the School Social Work Unit. A total of 3,253 cases were handled, while 16,076 consultations and 3,687 programmes and group sessions took place in 2018-19.



Youth Emotional Health

The following services were offered under different categories:

Emotional Wellness Project

Project STEP, supported by HSBC 150th Anniversary Charity Programme, was initiated to promote emotional wellness and provide support to youth in need. The mobile truck, HKFYG Moving Wellness, visited over 200 spots citywide including schools and communities, serving as a sitting out area where participants could take a break. An interactive educational theatre was performed in 100 primary schools teaching younger students how to handle their emotions. Wellness Buddies were recruited and equipped with mental health knowledge to promote the message in the community. Under the Psychiatric Service Scheme, subsidies were made for around 100 eligible youth to receive necessary psychiatric consultations and/or treatments.

Joyful@School Campaign

Young people face and cope with continuous and changing challenges and stresses of daily life, which can easily cause emotional imbalances. In order to enhance students' awareness on mental health issues, Wellness for Youth school-based programmes were conducted in 24 secondary schools under the Joyful@School Campaign. A series of talks, group sessions and workshops for students, teachers and parents were organised, 1,721 sessions in total.

Special Educational Needs (SEN)

Project COACH provided SEN School Stationing Services which enabled group and individual training for SEN students and parents, particularly those with dyslexia, autism or hyperactive disorders. Apart from enhancing learning motivation, acquiring effective learning skills and improving emotional and behavioural problems, the service also emphasised school and family collaborations. In total, 22 primary and secondary schools were served and 1,504 training sessions were offered.

Love Education

Since 2013, the Love and Sex Education Project has been sponsored by the Quality Education Fund. This year, over 346 programme sessions were organised for 5,321 students, teachers and parents from over 20 schools and units. A survey was conducted in February of 3,068 students from secondary schools and tertiary institutions about their romantic relationships. The results revealed young people's values and resulted in the suggestion that sex education should become a part of the regular curriculum with a focus on cultivating positive values within interpersonal relationships.

Resilience Building

The following were offered:

- The Understanding Adolescent Project (Primary) which provided a wide range of programmes for Primary 4 to 6 students in 48 primary schools.
- School-based After-School Learning and Support Programme that enabled extra opportunities to underprivileged students through 297 programme sessions in seven schools.
- Healthy School Programme which held 346 sessions in four secondary schools and was supported by the Beat Drugs Fund.

Further Schooling

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School leavers and DSE candidates were provided with one-stop services, including access to an education expo, talks, hotline and online counselling services, as well as practical tips to ease examination stress and plan ahead. A total of 12 sessions were held where 14,990 students and parents participated. Intensive support services through the hotline and online platforms were available, especially when examination results were due.

Life Planning Services for School Students

PLUS – Experiential Learning Series is a learning package for school students that focuses on life planning and value education. Over the past year, a total of 586 programme sessions were organised for 14,237 students.

Media Counselling

Hotline Services

Youthline 27778899 offers a convenient and easily accessible channel to seek help. A total of 263,581 incoming calls were registered and 49,744 cases were handled. Emotional problems, schooling and mental health issues were the top three concerns of young people.

Online Counselling

The Social Welfare Department regularised the uTouch Cyber Youth Outreach Service which targets at-risk youth aged 6 to 24 who may not prefer conventional mainstream services. uTouch adopts a proactive approach to identify and engage at-risk youth and provide them online and offline intervention including counselling and supportive services. Over this year, 4,836 at-risk youth were engaged and 1,020 cases were served. Partnerships with other community stakeholders and organisations were also formed to foster cross-sectoral collaboration to address the needs of at-risk youth.

Media Education

Sponsored by the Quality Education Fund, Project NET develops an advanced media literacy curriculum for both secondary and primary school students. As of March 2019, 20 secondary and 35 primary schools were enrolled in the project, taking part in classes and workshops for students and teachers. Made up of teachers, 25 teams participated in the New Media Literacy Education Competition which encouraged the integration of media literacy education in a multiplicity of subjects.



Education Services

The Federation continues to provide quality education through two non-profit making kindergartens cum nurseries, one non-profit making kindergarten, one aided primary school, one direct subsidy scheme secondary school and The Continuous Learning Centre, which seeks to encourage young people to pursue lifelong learning through less formal platforms.



Encouraging Parent-child Reading

Making good use of high quality picture books helps children gain knowledge and helps them understand difficult concepts including emotions and death. By consolidating experience in using picture books in teaching, the kindergartens published *Storypicks*, a book that explains the benefit of reading to children and demonstrates activities that deepen children's understanding of the message in the story. It is hoped that this book will provide an easy-to-follow channel to parents to start reading with their children.

Pre-primary Education

Joint-kindergarten Professional Exchange Tour

A joint-kindergarten teachers' exchange tour was organised to Taipei. This professional development programme focused on Picture Book Approach to learning and was arranged during the Easter holidays. Teachers had the opportunities to visit well-established Picture Book Libraries, attend lectures, have discussions and learn more about the linkage between picture books and real life.

Learning Through Play

Responding to the new EDB kindergarten curriculum guide focusing on learning through play, the kindergartens increased the proportion of play in the curriculum. More lesson time was assigned for child-led play and exploration. Homework consisted of small tasks using given educational tools, all to enhance the children's corporation skills, logical thinking and creativity.





Primary Education

Innovative Curriculum

The innovative curriculum of the HKFYG Lee Shau Kee Primary School aims at nurturing self-directed learners. In class, students learn basic subjects and develop generic skills, as well as positive attitudes by means of enjoyable and effective learning activities and tasks. After school, students spend their spare time reading, self-directed learning and doing physical exercise.

Life Education

The School incorporated life education elements into the curriculum and activities to help students achieve balance in physical, psychological, intellectual, social and moral development. Morning and weekly assemblies, class and school activities with specific themes constitute the school-based life education curriculum.

LEAD Lab and School-based STEAM Curriculum

A school-based STEAM curriculum was designed for primary four to six students. It was composed of three areas: CAME, coding and micro-computer processing. CAME was designed by Professor Gao Yunfeng of Tsinghua University. Students were given the opportunity to design products using their mathematical and science knowledge and create products using a laser cutter.

Interdisciplinary Activities

To consolidate knowledge and learned skills, interdisciplinary activities were organised for all students after the Easter holidays, which included local field trips for lower primary students and overseas exchange trips to Seoul, Perth, Bangkok, Singapore, Macau, Shandong, Sichuan and Beijing for upper primary students. Activities required students to enquire, read, investigate as well as apply subject knowledge and general skills.





Secondary Education

Learning and Teaching

The HKFYG Lee Shau Kee College (HLC) has made great efforts in designing a school-based curriculum, reflecting recent trends in education which focus on development goals, students' talents and learning needs. The overall aim is to nurture leaders of tomorrow to serve the community by embodying what is called '3S': Self-directed Learning, Self-discipline and Self-efficacy.

To cater for learning diversities and empower learning capacities, self-directed learning was incorporated into daily classroom activities to demonstrate pre-learning before attending class and displaying outcomes during lessons. As the sole partner with The University of Hong Kong in MOOC (Mass Open Online Courses), students were encouraged to pursue courses from worldwide universities at their own pace.

Students continued to excel in English debate, speech and drama and one participant was the second runner-up at the HKFYG English Public Speaking Contest 2019. Performances in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) were equally outstanding, with one student receiving the top score and medal in the ICAS Secondary 3 English. Strengthening language abilities, along with the sciences and mathematics, students also extended their creativity and innovation to STEM related projects. A growing number of students gained distinctions in secondary school mathematics and science competitions.

Student Development

To promote students' mental well-being, the "Wisdom in Action Programme" incorporated positive psychology and a core value of "integrity" into subject curriculum. HLC also arranged many talks and workshops to enhance overall well-being amongst students. The College promoted the "Thematic Network on Developing Students' Positive Attitudes and Values" launched by the Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention of The University of Hong Kong, along with the Joyful@School Campaign. Another initiative to enhance students' mental well-being was through the provision of a good range of sporting, extra curricular and cultural activities. To nurture leaders of tomorrow, HLC worked collaboratively with The HKFYG Leadership Institute. Several S3 students participated in the Overseas Ambassador Programme 2019 and were crowned Champions.



Continuous Education

The Continuous Learning Centre (CLC) provides professional education to the community. This year, CLC brought together a series of courses in eSports management, unmanned aircraft system operations, buildings inspection, playgroup tutoring and mediation and counselling. Five programmes were accredited by the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications. Mediation Training, Playgroup Tutor Training and Music Tutor Training were included in the list of reimbursable courses under the Continuing Education Fund (CEF) scheme. Speech and Language Training was successfully accredited by Training Qualifications UK this year.



The HKFYG Life Learning Academy (LLA) coordinates promotional activities for courses offered by Youth S.P.O.Ts and different professional units. Promotions, which included LLA online course platforms and an LLA publication, *Learning Magazine*, were all to encourage learning for fun. The first publication of *Learning Magazine* was issued this year with feature stories, professional columns, trends and the latest in learning alternatives.

CLC also organised study tours and participated in exhibitions and large-scale events, such as the Education and Careers Expo. It also published *5 Lessons for Psychotherapists* in the education book series. CLC, Renmin University of China and Xu Beihong Arts Committee continued to collaborate in offering a Diploma in Visual Arts Education.

Education programmes provided by CLC continue to be sought after by various government departments, organisations and local schools. Participation in the industry-wide seminars and public talks exceeded over 10,000 attendees.



Parenting Services

The Parent Support Network (PSN) and the Family Life Education Units (FLE) provided both internet and community based services, which included Mediation Services, Educational Talks, Workshops, Self-learning Groups and Family Activities for parents and children, as well as continuous learning and mutual support.



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Service Highlights

Parental and Family Education Programmes

The new and systemic Parental Education Curriculum was developed this year, consisting of the following: Nurturing Children, Strengthening Parent-child Relationship and Handling Parent-child Conflicts. The Unit organised over 390 Parental and Family Life Education Programmes, with a total of 45,202 service attendance.

Website for Parent Support Network (Psn.hkfyg.hk)

Professionals were invited to share their expertise and experience on parenting and issues of parents' interests online. Useful information, videos and articles were uploaded daily on the website, as well as social and public media platforms. Parents were also encouraged to participate in online groups or via messages. From April 2018 to March 2019, PSN had a record of 34,329 page views.

Parent-child Mediation Service

Both online and district based mediation and related case services were provided to help handle parent-child conflicts for a total of 1,947 service attendance.

Parent Self-learning Groups

More than 50 Parent Self-learning Groups were formed to encourage mutual support. Some of the groups shared similar needs and concerns, while others supported the physical and psychological health of parents, with interests ranging from running, hiking, yoga, cooking to playing board games.

Collaborative Programmes

Parental Education Talks Series

For the 16th consecutive year, the Federation co-organised territory-wide parental educational talks with the Vocational Training Council (VTC). Three talks on "The strategies in facing the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examinations with teenagers", "Closer relationships through communication" and "The prospect of future careers" were held with the VTC and attracted over 1,200 participants.

It was also the first year the Hong Kong Institute of Construction (HKIC) joined as co-organiser. The talk "Support children to build the future" was held with the HKIC. The renowned Mr. Francis Mak, BBS, MH shared his parenting experience with over 100 parents at the talk.

Global Family Activity - "Read and Rice"

The Unit co-organised the "Read and Rice" Project with WGI Worldwide, Inc. and Foodlink Foundation Limited. The project focused on ending illiteracy and helping those in need. Apart from handing out food, foreign volunteers participated as teachers and helped needy families read and write English. The "Read and Rice" Project was held five times in Tsuen Wan, Ping Shek and Shau Kei Wan, with over 200 participants and 60 foreign volunteers involved.

Publication

Nurture your kids – 12 ideas saw three leaders, Mr. Tsang Yok-sing, GBM, GBS, JP, Mr. Chu Tsz-wing and Ms. Gammy Kwok, share their reflections on parenting and child rearing, as well as providing tips to enhance the skills of parenting.



Creativity Education and Youth Exchange



STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Technology) Education

The HKFYG Centre for Creative Science and Technology (CCST) was established to provide hands-on exploratory science education for students and teachers. With the support of the Innovation and Technology Commission and the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, over 442 programmes were organised for more than 50,000 participants.

Tailor-made programmes were organised for different categories of students, including the Seed Project targeting gifted primary school students; the 1+1 Tip-top Talent Training Scheme and the Innovation and Technology Scholarship Award Scheme for elite university students. All these programmes aimed to not only promote academic interests, but possibly professional careers in the fields of Innovation and Technology as well.

STEM Competitions

The Federation also organised the following:

The **Hong Kong Student Science Project Competition (SSPC)** attracted almost 1,000 students from 81 secondary schools in 11 different countries and regions, forming 294 teams to compete for various science-related awards. The SSPC is jointly organised by the Federation, the Education Bureau and the Hong Kong Science Museum, with sponsorship from the Innovation and Technology Commission and the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation.

This year, around 529 participants from 43 primary and secondary schools designed and built robots to compete in 15 missions at the **Hong Kong FLL Robotics Tournament (FLL)**. The two-day tournament also attracted over 1,700 visitors.

More than 360 students and teachers from 63 schools participated in the **GreenMech Contest**. Teams applied green energy concepts, as well as knowledge of physics, chemistry and mechanics, to create models showcasing the power of a chain reaction.

The Federation provided winning teams with further training, and led the young winners to participate in international competitions, to compete and network with their peers from all around the world. One of the FLL winning teams won the Mechanical Design Award at the FLL World Festival. Twelve GreenMech winning teams took part in the 2019 **World GreenMech Contest**, where two teams won Gold Medals in their respective divisions.



Greater Bay Area and One Belt One Road Tour

With support from the Youth Development Commission of the Home Affairs Bureau and the Sham Shui Po District Office of the Home Affairs Department, nearly 170 youth visited cities in the Greater Bay Area including Shenzhen, Dongguan, Zhongshan, Zhuhai and Jiangmen, to learn about technological developments and food culture.

Twenty players from Ho Yu College joined the Foshan-Hong Kong-Macau Soccer Competition in Foshan, and 40 students from Munsang College underwent leadership training in Zhongshan. At the same time, 36 students from ten secondary schools and nine post-secondary colleges visited Shenyang of Liaoning Province to experience local life.

Under the Funding Scheme of International Youth Exchange, 30 young people from ten post-secondary colleges were also sent to Czech Republic to explore the Belt and Road opportunities there.

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Exposure and Service Learning Series

60 students from eight secondary schools visited Okinawa to experience local culture while 40 Airport Ambassadors were sent to Korea to learn tourism hospitality. 112 students went to Qingyuan to provide social services to underprivileged groups.

Sponsored by the Youth Development Commission, the Hong Kong-Taiwan Economic and Cultural Cooperation and Promotion Council and the Sir Robert Black Trust Fund, nearly 80 youth visited Wudang, Taiwan and Adelaide, Australia to learn martial arts, sports culture and leadership training.



Hong Kong Young Ambassador Scheme (HKYAS)

The HKYAS, jointly organised by the Tourism Commission and the Federation, with the Hong Kong Association for Customer Service Excellence as co-organiser, aims to nurture young people as ambassadors to showcase the city's unique blend of Eastern and Western cultures for visitors, and establish Hong Kong's reputation as a hospitable destination. In this 18th year, the Scheme appointed 292 new ambassadors after having gone through a series of core skills training. Their duties over the year included: stationing service at 14 local tourist attractions, participation in 22 tourism promotional events and the organising of over 15 activities to promote Hong Kong's tourism and service excellence culture.

The Scheme also recruited 53 secondary school students to join a Buddy Programme to promote the Pearl of the Orient together with the ambassadors this year.

Leisure, Cultural and Sports Services

The Hong Kong Melody Makers, the Hong Kong Youth Dance, the Hong Kong Youth Band and the Hong Kong Youth Percussion continue to serve as the exclusive platforms of the HKFYG to engage young people and nurture their artistic talents.



a cappella

The Cultural Services Unit offered *a cappella* training to schools, Youth S.P.O.Ts and organisations, reaching 6,000 people. Supported by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council, the Hong Kong International *a cappella* Contest established close partnerships with associations from Australia, Japan, Mainland China, Philippines and Taiwan.

The 2019 Hong Kong International *a cappella* Festival celebrated its 10th Anniversary with a variety of events, including concerts, community shows and school tours. The Hong Kong Melody Makers continue to entertain the local and international community with their outstanding performances. They were guest-performers at the 1st China International Import Expo in Shanghai, the FIVB Volleyball Nations League and the Transport Department's 50th Anniversary Celebration, among other events.

Dance Upon A Time

Sponsored by The Chinese Temples Fund, therapeutic dance tours and workshops were conducted in schools for 3,171 students under "Dance Upon A Time" from December 2018 to July 2019. The project was a great success and raised concerns about teenage health and wellness.

Uth Live Saturdays

To enhance youth engagement, the Federation joined hands with the MTR Corporation to launch "Uth Live Saturdays" from June 2018. This saw youth performers from tertiary institutions showcasing their artistic talents at the "Living Art Stage" platform at MTR Hong Kong Station every Saturday afternoon. Performances included singing, bands, dance and even a *cappella*.

My Stage - Youth Creative Arts Festival 2018

Hosted by the Federation and sponsored by the Large Scale Youth Programme Funding Scheme 2018 of the Home Affairs Bureau and Youth Development Commission, "My Stage - Youth Creative Arts Festival" was held from November 2018 to May 2019. This provided a platform for youth to show off their artistic talents through dance, percussion, band sound and *a cappella*. The Festival also hosted large scale outdoor and indoor music shows, competitions, dance and fashion shows, as well as an art fair and an *a cappella* school tour.





Shenzhen Fringe Festival – Shine on Stage

Invited by the Shenzhen Fringe Festival, six groups from The Hong Kong Youth Band held a three-hour “Shine On Stage” music show at Shenzhen in December 2018. The performances were based on original songs created by themselves and helped promote ties between the Mainland and Hong Kong.

Jockey Club Sai Kung Outdoor Training Camp

Over the past year, the Camp welcomed 160,000 campers and 2,298 groups who took part in nearly 40 different activities, for leisure, team building exercises, physical and skills training, as well as various certification programmes. New catering services made an effort in providing more variety as well, focusing on healthy and vegetarian options. The Camp also upgraded its air-conditioning system in the gymnasium, with higher efficiency and less carbon emissions.

Lamma Youth Camp

Taking advantage of its natural surroundings, rich variety of resources and biodiversity, the Camp designed a series of wilderness adventure packages and outdoor challenges, as well as environmental education programmes. A sum of over HK\$0.6 million was granted by the Environment Conservation Fund for running the “Love our Romer’s Tree Frog: Biodiversity Conversation and Ecology Education Programme” which saw more than 4,217 participants joining in.

There was also a number of Open Days organised in December, which offered existing wilderness adventurous programmes and outdoor challenges, along with a variety of new programmes such as Chinese traditional sports game, Chinese traditional archery and ‘downshifting’, traditional martial arts and Chinese warrior games.



Core Services

Tai Mei Tuk Outdoor Activities Centre

Located near the main dam of Plover Cove where the surrounding sea is relatively calm and geographically protected by surrounding mountains, the Tai Mei Tuk Outdoor Activities Centre is an ideal venue for water sports training and activities. The annual attendance has increased to 8,759 which was a remarkable utilisation for a centre of 45-person capacity.

After the extension of the concrete platform, not only were there more water sports training courses, including windsurfing, canoeing and stand-up paddling, but also an increased number of competitions and events. A total of 13 competitions and events for windsurfing, SUP, open water swimming, sailing were launched by local and overseas national sports associations in the past year. One of the most significant events was the Optimist Open and National Championship which attracted more than seven countries and over 100 junior sailors.

Apart from skill training, the Centre also offered community water sports training and adventure-based activities to strengthen young people's physical fitness, self-confidence and team spirit.

Stanley Outdoor Activities Centre

With a HK\$145 million grant by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, the Centre is now redeveloping into a holiday camp with construction works ongoing. The foundation works and substructure began in June 2018 and is expected to be completed by 2020. The focus will continue to be on aquatic activities for young people, as well as an introduction on green living and environmental conservation upon the reopening of the Centre.



Research and Publications

Research enables a clear, up-to-date and relevant understanding of the issues and concerns that are affecting young people. Over the past 26 years, The HKFYG Youth Research Centre (YRC) also ensures evidence and helps to develop strong analytical capabilities to address their needs.



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Youth I.D.E.A.S

The Federation's think tank, Youth I.D.E.A.S (Ideals, Dedication, Engagement, Aspirations and Service) was established in April 2015 and provides a unique platform for young people to engage in the exchange of ideas on topical issues, which results in suggested policy alternatives for the sustainable development of Hong Kong.

There are currently 80 young professions, entrepreneurs and post-secondary students, along with eight academics and professionals who serve as advisers. During their tenure (2017-2019), they will focus on the following areas: Employment and Economic Development; Governance and Constitutional Development; Education and Innovation; and Society and Livelihood.



Last year, the following research was undertaken:

Publication Date	Serial Number	Topic
August 2018	YI033	Nurturing Talent for Governance
September 2018	YI034	Living with Innovative Technologies and Building a Smart City
October 2018	YI035	Improving Incentives for Women's Employment
November 2018	YI036	Enhancing Career Opportunities for Higher Educated Youth with SEN or Disabilities
December 2018	YI037	Involving the Community in Public Finance Management
January 2019	YI038	Improving the Effectiveness of Career and Life Planning Education
February 2019	YI039	Overcoming Career Challenges of Hong Kong Young People in the Greater Bay Area
March 2019	YI040	Stepping up Efforts in Reducing and Recycling Waste in Hong Kong
April 2019	YI041	Advancing the Honours and Awards System of the HKSAR
May 2019	YI042	Increasing the Efficacy of ICT Education at Junior Secondary Level
June 2019	YI043	Attracting Diverse Young Talents to Hong Kong

Core Services

Journal of Youth Studies

The *Journal of Youth Studies* provides a forum for professional discussion in order to advocate for better legislation and policy enactment for youth services. The Journal is circulated to government departments, policy-makers, educational institutes, social service organisations, youth academics and experts, as well as university libraries in Hong Kong, Mainland China, Taiwan, Macao, Singapore and other countries. The Journal is also indexed in international databases, including the PsycINFO and EBSCOhost.

Publication Date	Serial Number	Features
January 2018	41	Development of Youth's Whole Person Wellness



Youth Trends in Hong Kong

Youth Trends in Hong Kong is a publication series which provides an integrated view on the different features of Hong Kong young people by collating the most recent research findings and statistics. The publication includes the latest survey results on youth values and gives suggestions for future youth development. This series serves as useful resources for people who are interested in having a comprehensive picture of Hong Kong youth today.

Publication Date	Title
July 2019	Youth Trends in Hong Kong 2018



Professional Publications

The Federation publishes professional and leisure books for young people, to promote reading, share interests and pass on knowledge about youth work. Eleven books were published in 2018:

1. *Turning Point III*
2. *Youth and the Law - Case Analysed by Lawyers and Social Workers*
3. *Five Lessons for Physiotherapists*
4. *Nurture Your Kid - 12 Ideas*
5. *Emotionary*
6. *Hong Kong Postcards*
7. *Young Voices from Hong Kong Sports*
8. *Cooking for You*
9. *Jobtionary (Hong Kong Airport)*
10. *49 + 1 Life Codes*
11. *Moment of Memories*

The Federation also participated in the Hong Kong Book Fair 2018 and launched an online book shop in late 2018: books.hkfyg.org.hk.

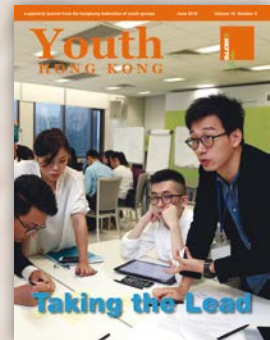
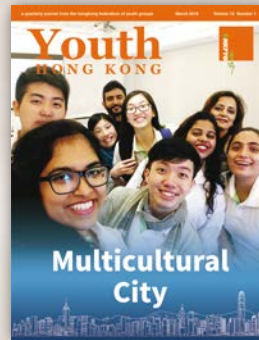
To train young people in writing and creating, the production team of the *Youth S.P.O.T.* magazine offers opportunities for more than 20 tertiary students each year. This year, a summer youth programme for secondary schools, on "magazine production training", was organised.



Core Services

Youth Hong Kong

Youth Hong Kong is an English quarterly magazine with Chinese summaries of major articles. Each issue explores different topics facing young people in Hong Kong and includes analytical articles, interviews, statistics and discussions. Youth writers are encouraged to contribute. With a circulation of around 11,000 copies, the magazine is distributed to government officials, partners, educators, social workers and professionals, both locally and overseas. The online version is accessible at: youthhongkong.hkfyg.org.hk.



Youth S.P.O.T.

The Chinese bi-monthly **Youth S.P.O.T.** magazine has a circulation of 35,000. Topics covered are of interest to young people and explore their life-styles and thoughts, often through their own writings. The online version is available at: youthspot.hkfyg.org.hk.

