

Women's Commission
Youth Development Blueprint

Purpose

This paper briefs Members on the key content of the Youth Development Blueprint (Blueprint).

Background

2. The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau released the Blueprint on 20 December 2022, outlining the overall vision and guiding principles for the Government's long-term youth development work in the future. At this initial stage, more than 160 concrete actions and measures supporting youth development are put forward. The Blueprint signifies that the Government will continuously promote long-term youth development and will strive to draw the community together to attach importance to the development of and care for young people.

Key Content of the Blueprint

3. Our vision is to nurture a new generation of young people with an affection for our country and Hong Kong and equipped with global perspective, an aspiring mind-set and positive thinking. In this regard, we are committed to providing young people with an enabling environment to cherish hope for the future and strive for continuous growth, so that they can unleash their full potential in society and contribute to Hong Kong, our country and the world.

4. With reference to the development stages of youths, the Blueprint includes the following four chapters which unveil the Government's direction under the specific theme and propose corresponding actions and measures –

- (a) “Exploration” – Encouraging exploration, preparing for the future
- (b) “Hope” – Instilling hope, fulfilling dreams

- (c) “Empowerment” – Resilience building and whole-person development
 - (d) “Contribution” – Youth engagement and contribution to society
5. Please refer to **Annex** for the key content of the Blueprint.

Advice Sought

6. Members are invited to note the information in this paper and offer comments.

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Annex



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Youth Development Blueprint

Inspire

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Support

(扶持)

Embrace

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- The Blueprint puts forward more than 160 specific actions and measures conducive to youth development.
- The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) will take on the role to co-ordinate and promote the collective implementation work across relevant policy bureaux.

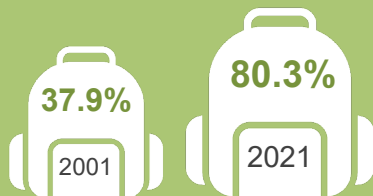
Hong Kong Youth

(“Youth”: Aged 12-39, 2.15 million as at end-2021)

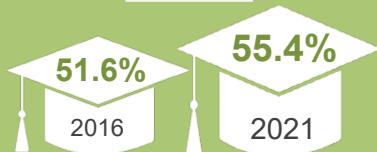


Education

Post-secondary education participation rate of youths aged 18 to 22



Youth with post-secondary education

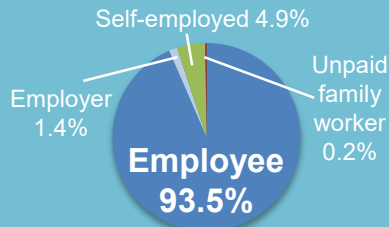


(Remark: figures reflect the proportion of youths aged 12 to 39 with post-secondary education as highest level attended in the year)

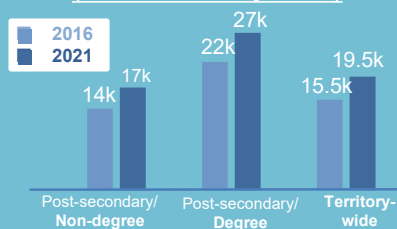


Employment

Working population of youth aged 15 to 39 by economic activity status (2021)

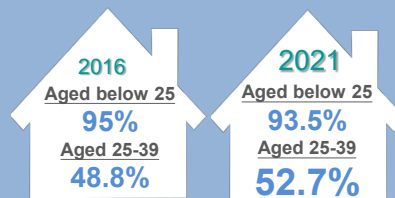


Median income of youth with post-secondary education (versus territory-wide)

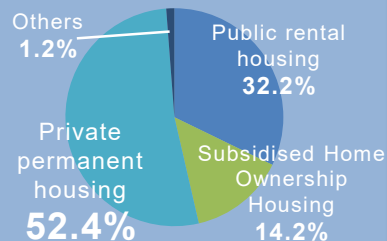


Housing

Proportion of youth living with parents

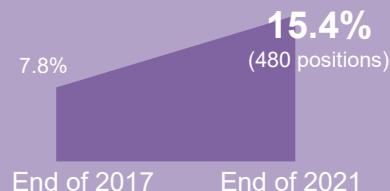


Youth in domestic household by type of housing in 2021

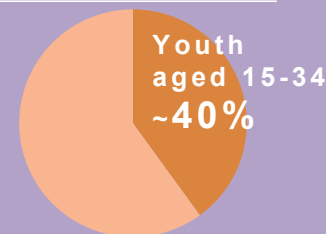


Community Service and Participation

Proportion of youth members aged below 35 in government advisory and statutory bodies



Youth registered at Agency for Volunteer Services



Environment, Challenges and Opportunities

Challenges faced by Young People

- National identity
- Global perspective and understanding of the overall development of our country
- Upward mobility
- Stress and mental well-being
- Participation in public affairs
- Needs of different groups of young people

Outstanding Hong Kong Youths

- Generally fluent in bi-literacy and tri-lingualism, with awareness in the rule of law
- Having the backing of the country and possessing global perspective
- Flexible and creative, having can-do spirit
- Adept at applying technology
- Creating new business opportunities by blending the best of Chinese and Western cultures
- Preserving and promoting traditional culture through innovative means

- National development strategies and social stability in Hong Kong have brought about unlimited opportunities.
- Given a **suitable ground** and **sufficient room for development** as well as **careful nurturing**, young people of Hong Kong will be able to realise their potential and aspirations, and become the architects of our society.



Vision

To nurture a new generation of young people with an affection for our country and Hong Kong and equipped with global perspective, an aspiring mind-set and positive thinking.

To provide an enabling environment for young people to cherish hope for the future and strive for continuous growth, unleash their full potential in society and contribute to Hong Kong, our country and the world.



Guiding Principles

1. Leading from the top and building strength

- To enhance central governance and co-ordination

2. Passing on the spirit of loving our country and Hong Kong and strengthening sense of national identity

- To strengthen national identity and understanding of the overall development of our country

3. Addressing diversified development needs

- To assist young people in overcoming the hurdles in education, employment, entrepreneurship and home ownership for upward mobility and to care for the needs of different groups of young people

4. Promoting whole-person development

- To foster physical and mental well-being of young people

5. Adopting a positive attitude towards young people and enhancing youth engagement

- To strengthen the sense of responsibility and ownership of young people

6. Progressing with the times

- To respond to the needs of our young people in a timely manner

Actions and Measures

In line with the various development stages of young people, we have organised over 160 actions and measures into four chapters:

- **Exploration:**
Encouraging Exploration, Preparing for the Future
- **Hope:**
Instilling Hope, Fulfilling Dreams
- **Empowerment:**
Resilience Building and Whole-person Development
- **Contribution:**
Youth Engagement and Contribution to Society

(1) Exploration

- Encouraging Exploration, Preparing for the Future

Examples of major measures

- ✓ **National education, national security education and national pride:** Promote national education both inside and outside the classroom, and create a social atmosphere of affection for our country and Hong Kong.
- ✓ **Awareness in the rule of law:** Instil in young people the proper concept of the rule of law and promote the spirit of the Constitution and the Basic Law.
- ✓ **Cultural resources:** Make good use of libraries and museums to promote young people's appreciation of the Chinese culture.

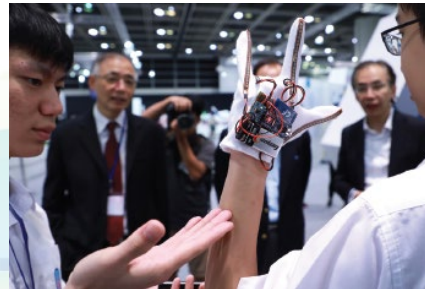


(1) Exploration

- Encouraging Exploration, Preparing for the Future

Examples of major measures

- ✓ **Life planning:** Strengthen co-ordination, consolidation and enhancement of life planning activities of different sectors, provide more experiential activities.
- ✓ **Vocational and professional education and training (VPET):** Promote VPET to provide diversified learning and employment opportunities.
- ✓ **Exchange and internship outside Hong Kong:** Further promote exchange and internship for Hong Kong youth in the Mainland and overseas and enhance with depth and breadth of the programmes.



(2) Hope

- Instilling Hope, Fulfilling Dreams

Examples of major measures

- ✓ Integration into the overall development of our country and enhancing dissemination of information: Adopt multi-pronged approach to facilitate young people's integration into the overall development of our country and broaden the development opportunities for them in the Greater Bay Area (GBA).



(2) Hope

- Instilling Hope, Fulfilling Dreams

Examples of major measures

- ✓ **Capitalising on the positioning of Hong Kong for career development:** Provide more relevant internship, employment and entrepreneurship opportunities to align with Hong Kong's positioning of developing into the "eight centres".
- ✓ **Diversified career development:** Provide relevant employment and development opportunities.
- ✓ **Innovation and entrepreneurship:** Provide comprehensive and appropriate support to young people who aspire to start their own business as well as start-ups.
- ✓ **Enhancing employability:** Employees Retraining Board provides full-time placement-tied courses that target unengaged youths.
- ✓ **Higher education:** Build a strong talent pool to support future development.
- ✓ **Continuing education:** Consider further enhancing the Continuing Education Fund.

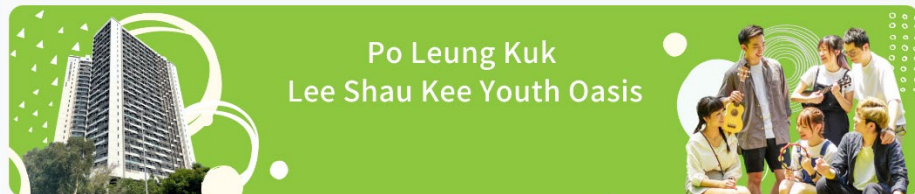
(2) Hope

- Instilling Hope, Fulfilling Dreams

Examples of major measures

✓ Housing needs of young people:

- Continue to identify land for housing development
- Increasing the supply of youth hostels
 - (a) Continue to implement the Youth Hostel Scheme (YHS)
 - (b) Launch the “YHS – Subsidy Scheme for Using Hotels and Guesthouses as Youth Hostels”
 - (c) Support the YHS through land sale sites
 - Re-launch the Starter Homes Project for Hong Kong Residents



(3) Empowerment

- Resilience Building and Whole-person Development

Examples of major measures

- ✓ **Enhancing youth welfare services:** Review the youth welfare services funded by the Social Welfare Department.
- ✓ **Promoting positive thinking:** Launch a funding scheme on promotion of youth's positive thinking and a funding scheme on youth adventure training activities.
- ✓ **Organising Youth Festival:** Organise annual Youth Festival in collaboration with all sectors of society.
- ✓ **Fostering team spirit:** Increase the number of active members in the youth uniformed groups.
- ✓ **Promoting sports, arts and culture:** Encourage young people to explore arts continuously, and further promote sports development.



(3) Empowerment

- Resilience Building and Whole-person Development

Examples of major measures

- ✓ **Nurturing positive values and attitudes:** Implement the Values Education Curriculum Framework (Pilot Version) in primary and secondary schools.
- ✓ **Promoting family values:** Advocate for cherishing the family and enhance the role of family in advancing youth development.
- ✓ **Strengthening mental health support:** Identify young people in need at an early stage and provide them with appropriate support.
- ✓ **Strengthening support for youth:** Tackle drug abuse and encourage young people to make smart financial decisions.
- ✓ **Supporting non-Chinese speaking youths:** Assist them in early adaptation to the local education system, enhance their Chinese language literacy and strengthen life planning for them.

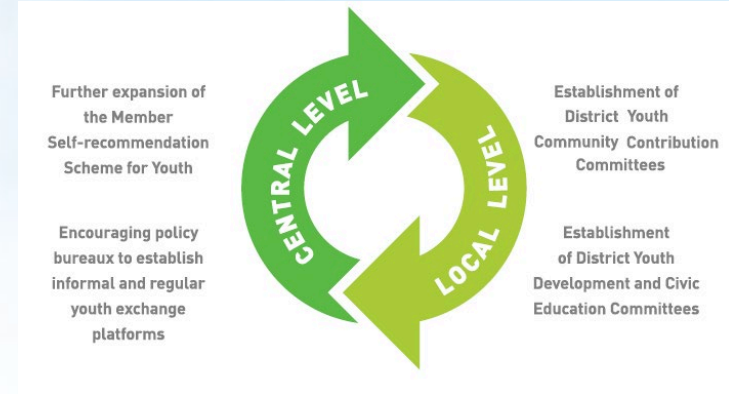
(4) Contribution

- Youth Engagement and Contribution to Society

Major measures

- ✓ Enhancing youth participation in public affairs: Facilitate young people to participate in public policy discussions and community building, and strengthen young people's sense of responsibility and ownership.

- Further expand the Member Self-recommendation Scheme for Youth
- Open up committees in 18 districts for young people to nominate themselves to participate
 - (a) *District Youth Community Contribution Committees*
 - (b) *District Youth Development and Civic Education Committees*



4) Contribution

- Youth Engagement and Contribution to Society

Examples of major measures

- ✓ **Establishing platform for youth engagement:** Foster engagement of the youth community, and strengthen their interaction and mutual trust with the Government.
 - Establish a new youth network
 - Launch a youth-based mobile application (app) to provide a one-stop platform for information on youth development activities
- ✓ **Promoting youth volunteer service:** Cultivate their sense of responsibility, belonging and ownership towards society.



Implementation Mechanism

To facilitate **more effective formulation and implementation of the Blueprint**, we will:

- strengthen the cross-bureaux and cross-sectoral co-ordination role of the **Youth Development Commission**.
- designate the **Commissioner for Youth** to co-ordinate youth development work and liaise with different sectors to promote youth development.
- launch the **Youth Dashboard** to compile youth-related data and trends and upload to the government website for the public.

To **ensure that the Blueprint is a living document**, we will:

- listen to the feedback of all sectors on the first edition of the Blueprint and draw up an updated edition when necessary.



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Inspire Support Embrace

We look forward to
working with young people
to build
a **better** and **more promising**
Hong Kong where they live
and work



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