



**NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
YOUTH-LED SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT DEVELOPMENT
- OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES**

Date: 29th March, 2022.

Organized by

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FORUM
P.G & Research Department of Social Work,
Sacred Heart College (Autonomous),
Tirupattur Dist. 635601, Tamil Nadu

In Collaboration with

DEEDS - Department of Extension Education and Services
Sacred Heart College (Autonomous),
Tirupattur Dist. 635601, Tamil Nadu.



Conference Venue:

Pope Francis Hall,
Sacred Heart College (Autonomous),
Tirupattur.

Conference Convener:

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Eligible Participants

- UG/PG/M.Phil students and Ph.D Research Scholars of Youth Work, Social Work, Social Sciences and Humanities.
- Academicians and Researchers in the Field of Social Sciences
- Practitioners in Youth Development/ Youth Work from Govt./NGO Sector and Corporate Sector.

About the Conference

Youth can change the future of the society through their volunteerism and courageous behavior. Young people play an integral role in protecting and improving the environment. They act as change agents in transforming the society and the environment at large. They can make homes, schools and youth organizations more environment friendly by adopting eco-system practices. Engaging youth in environmental protection not only creates direct impact on changing youth behaviors and attitudes, but possibly influence their parents, relatives and the community. On speaking of sustainability, people highlight alternative models based on economic and social aspects without letting too much strain on the environment. Sustainable development is defined as development that meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. This clearly shows that youth are at the heart of the sustainability debate. Engaging youth in an organized way to promote environmental sustainability has implications on their lives and on their communities. It is high time for youth to analyze their needs and decide their priorities that affect their future ecosystem. Day by day increasing demand on resources, gives opportunity to the youth to manage resources more efficiently. Youth participation should be increased for the aspects of environmental protection. The participation and institutionalization of the young at all levels - grass root activism, membership in policy bodies, volunteering non-Governmental organizations (NGOs), youth councils, advisory bodies, etc. The deterioration of the natural environment is one of the principal concerns of young people worldwide as it has direct implications on their well-being both now and in the future. This conference is a great boon for the youth to rethink on their attitudes, knowledge and skills in ensuring sustainable environment.

About the Organizers

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FORUM

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Youth Development specialization as an academic course was started in 1988 and it was first of its kind in India. Over a period of thirty years, it has created across India, number of youth workers, academicians and researchers specializing in youth welfare, development and empowerment. Youth Development Forum of P.G & Research Department of Social Work has been constantly organizing various programs to impact the lives of youth and to build the capacity of youth workers. The Sacred Heart College is a first grade college, established in 1951, administered by the Salesians of Don Bosco, accredited with A+ by NAAC.

Department of Extension Education and Services (DEEDS), Sacred Heart College

DEEDS (Dept. of Extension Education and Services) are an extension department established in the year 2012, which carries out the Extension Works of Sacred Heart College (Autonomous) with its staff and in collaboration with the teaching Faculty of the college and the students. It caters to the general public, the poor and needy through its Self Help Groups (SHGs), 2 Govt. sponsored Crèche in the slums, 8 Evening study centers in the slums of Tirupattur, reaches out to the empowerment of tribal population in Yelagiri, Jawadhi and Pudurnadu. Skills trainings are offered to the poor unemployed youth through the DDU-GKY and NULM trainings. It offers services and empowers the Gypsy and Irula community. Offer financial linkages to the SC/ST poor and others. DEEDS assist in the learning Outcome improvement of 5600 Govt. Schools children. In the preservation of nature and promotion of an environment friendly neighborhood it has given out and overseen the growth of nearly 65000 saplings in the past three years. It joins hands with other organization in the promotion of youth volunteers in social out-reach works.

Objectives of the Conference

- To create a space for the 'youth expressions on their role in sustainable environment development.
- To highlight various innovations and best practices available in sustainable environment development.
- To facilitate a dialogue with the environment activists and organizations involved in environment development.

Poster Presentation

- The participants are encouraged to present posters on any relevant themes listed in this conference.
- Posters should be prepared in charts
- Maximum two members can present a poster.
- Best posters will be awarded..

Sub Themes

- Environment – International, National and Regional Perspectives
- Youth Agenda 2030 SDGs
- Sustainable Waste Management Practices
- Sustainable E - waste Management
- Role of Higher Educational Institutions
- Role of Innovation and Incubation centers
- Role of Community Based Organizations
- Youth-Led Climate Change Actions
- Youth Activism in Environmental Politics
- Environmental Social Work
- Environment Audit
- Environmental Pollutions
- ICT for environmental conservation
- Youth-Led Sustainable Ecofriendly Initiatives

Registration Fee for the Conference

- Rs.150/- for Under/Post Graduate Students
- Rs.200/- for Ph.D. Scholars/ Faculty Members/NGO Personnel
- The registration fee is inclusive of conference kit, certificate and lunch.

*Registration Fee can also be paid on the spot

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/TYdBS8hNFneHn7oD8>

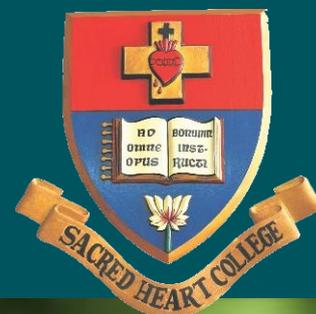
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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

9.30 am: Inauguration

Welcome Address: Rev. Fr. Andrews Raja, Head-Dept. of Social Work

Conference Brief: Dr. K. Arockiaraj, Conference Convener.

Felicitation Address: Rev. Dr. Maria Antony Raj SDB, Principal, Sacred Heart College.

Inaugural Address: Rev. Fr. John Alex, Rector and Secretary, Sacred Heart College

Vote of Thanks: Mrs. E. Lisa, Assistant Professor

10.15am: Session I: Dinesh Kumar, Vice President, Arasampatti Vuthavum Karangal

Theme: Emerging as a young environmental activist – Experiential Sharing

**10.45am: Session II: Mr. Ashok, Founder, Green Rebels
Mr. Thilak and Mr. Aravindh, Young Volunteers, Green Rebels.**

Theme: Youth-Led Sustainable Environment Development – Scope and Challenges

11.30am: Break

11.45am: Session III: M.P. Sathiyaraj, Founder and President, Pasumai Thainadu Trust

Theme: Strategies to enhance youth participation in environment development activities

12.30pm: Panel Discussion

Moderator: Dr. CR. Christi Anandan, Asst. Professor.

01.00pm: Lunch

01.45pm: Session IV: Mr. Steffan Ajay, Associate Coordinator, World Wild Fund

Theme: Institutionalizing youth engagement in Sustainable Environment Development and SDGs.

02.30pm: Poster Presentation

Moderator: Dr. Clayton Michael Fonceca

03.30pm: Valedictory and Certification Distribution

Welcome Address: Dr. T. Selvam, Asst. Professor

Valedictory Address: Rev. Dr. Maria Arockia Raj KA, Additional Principal, Sacred Heart College.

Prize Distribution

Vote of Thanks: Rev. Fr. Henry Daniel Ambrose, President, Youth Development Forum