



YES India Network – An Overview

Background

In September 2002, Alexandria in Egypt hosted the first ever global Youth Employment Summit (YES) to develop a concerted response to the problems faced by unemployed youth. The YES Campaign (2002-12) was launched by the Boston (USA) based, not-for-profit organization, Education Development Center (EDC) with the objective of promoting youth led development activities for creating opportunities for youth employment, engagement and empowerment.

YES framework

The YES campaign works for

- ★ Enabling young people to be involved in productive and decent work
- ★ Building the capacities of young people to be leaders
- ★ Creating an entrepreneurial culture to promote youth employment
- ★ Adopting the 6 Es of Employability, Employment creation, Equity, Entrepreneurship, Environmental sustainability and Empowerment for youth development

YES India Network

The Yes India Network is a youth led national level coalition focusing on promoting youth employment in the country. The main aim is to work with diverse stakeholders to develop programmes and projects for youth employment.

Stakeholders

Governments, businesses, NGOs, development agencies, youth serving civil society organizations and individuals.

Activities

YES India Network initiates action in

- ★ Organizing national consultations on youth employment to reach out to a wider audience
- ★ Bringing together youth led and youth service organizations
- ★ Developing youth employment projects and initiatives
- ★ Hosting workshops/training events for youth
- ★ Identifying effective youth employment programmes and policies

- ★ Disseminating information on youth employment issues
- ★ Identifying and mobilizing resources locally to support network activities
- ★ Designing national action plans for youth employment
- ★ Developing youth employment country reports

Functioning of YES India

YES India Network is a registered legal body with its registered office located at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh. All operational and managerial functions including project implementation, fund and membership mobilization are managed by volunteers from member organizations. The Regional/State/District/Block level networks undertake activities voluntarily. State networks have already been formed and more are being identified in several states of India and will become operational soon.

YES India's Current Sector Focus

1. Renewable Energy
2. Water and Sanitation
3. Rural/Urban Development
4. HIV/AIDS
5. Information Communication Technology
6. Social Entrepreneurship

YES India Linkages

YES India is networking with Government Youth Services Department, Science and Technology, Rural Development, Environment and Energy, ICT and Health Institutes/Departments. The dynamic youth from colleges and universities, youth groups and NGOs have invited to join hands with the YES India campaign.

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