



Emerging Leaders Conference

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Greetings from World Youth Alliance Asia Pacific!

World Youth Alliance (WYA) is a global coalition of young people, ages 10 to 30 years old, committed to promoting the dignity of the human person and building solidarity among youth from all nations. As a United Nations ECOSOC-accredited organization, we train young people to work at the regional and international levels to impact policy and culture. The WYA Asia Pacific (WYAAP) office is located in Quezon City, Philippines.

WYAAP will be hosting its **5th WYAAP Emerging Leaders Conference (ELC) this October 20 to 22, 2016** at the University of Asia and the Pacific, Pasig City, Philippines. Over one hundred (100) young individuals will be selected to represent the Asia Pacific youth at this year's conference.

On its fifth year, the ELC will focus on the theme, *Upgrading Earth: Maximizing Technology and Innovation for People and Planet*. As young individuals, the best way for the youth to ensure that they and future generations live harmoniously in a thriving world is to harness their creative potential in protecting the environment. As we face an era of continuous technological discovery and advancement, we must empower each other in sparking social and environmental progress through creativity and innovation.

In line with this, we would like to invite you to take part of this wonderful opportunity. We are accepting applications until August 31, 2016. We will also be selecting 20 lucky applicants with the best essay answers to receive a special discount, three of whom will be chosen to present their essay to the delegation as part of the conference program. The deadline of applications for the Essay Writing Competition is on **August 19, 2016**.

Below you will find a more detailed description of our organization and the conference, including the schedule and the rates. We have also attached the conference application form. Should you have any questions, you may contact us via e-mail at wyaap.conference@gmail.com or via landline at +63 2 921 5162. You may also visit our webpage at www.wya.net/apelc.

Thank you and we look forward to welcoming you at our conference!

Sincerely,



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ABOUT WORLD YOUTH ALLIANCE

Our Mission

The World Youth Alliance (WYA) is a global coalition of young people committed to promoting the dignity of the Human Person and building solidarity among youth from all nations. We train young people to work at the regional and international levels to impact policy and culture.

Our Regions

WYA operates offices in six (6) regions: Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe, Latin America, Middle East and North America. Our members work with international organizations, primarily the United Nations (UN) and the European Union (EU).

The Heart of Our Work

Dignity of the Person

Every human being has intrinsic and inalienable dignity that begins at conception and extends to natural death. We recognize that the intrinsic dignity of the person is the foundation of every human right. The basic dignity of the human person must be cherished in custom and protected by law.

Importance of the Family

As a fundamental unit of society, the family ensures the sustainability of civilization and culture. It takes on essential tasks in the care of all, especially the weakest and the most vulnerable. We affirm that the family is a school of deeper humanity, within which each member learns best what it means to be a human person.

Authentic Development

Authentic development is a process that takes place at all levels of society creating a social, political, and economic environment that enables persons to reach their full physical, spiritual, mental, and emotional potential. This will strengthen a region-wide cooperation among youth to implement projects among participating individuals and organizations and explore possibilities for project collaboration, laying the groundwork for long-term partnerships.



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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE



The Participants

The ELC is open to all youth from the Asia Pacific region, aged 15 to 30 years old. Both members and non-members of WYA are welcome to participate. Interested applicants must submit a completed application form.

The Theme

On its fifth year, the ELC will focus on the theme *Upgrading Earth: Maximizing Technology and Innovation for People and Planet*. The earth is our home, and we are its greatest source for development. The best way to ensure that the youth and future generations live harmoniously in a thriving world is to harness our creative potential in protecting our environment. As we face an era of continuous technological discovery and advancement, we must empower each other in sparking social and environmental progress through creativity and innovation. But how can technology help the environment? How can the youth greet challenges of a rapidly changing world?

The Goal

The Emerging Leaders Conference is an annual event of the WYAAP for young individuals to learn about the salient issues of today and how they can apply their roles as leaders through a variety of talks, forums and interactive activities. Participants will have the opportunity to share their ideas and build networks with other youth leaders from the Asia Pacific region. It also serves as venue for young people to engage in cultural exchange. This will strengthen a region-wide cooperation among Asia Pacific youth to implement projects among participating individuals and organizations as well as explore possibilities for project collaboration, laying the groundwork for long-term partnerships.



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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

October 20, Thursday / 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM / What Should I Know?

Opening Keynote: Why Should I Care?
The Status of Our Environment (Plenary)
Innovation for Social Good (Plenary)
Modern Technology: Developing Smart Cities (Panel)
Traditional Technology: Nurturing Cultural Heritage (Plenary)

October 21, Friday / 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM / What Can I Do?

Feed Your Curiosity: Environment Preservation Areas (Breakout Sessions)
Know Your Tools: Mobilizing Positive Change (Breakout Sessions)
Solidarity Night

October 22, Saturday / 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM / Where Do I Start?

Youth and Government (Plenary)
Green Businesses: Purpose-Driven Ideas (Panel)
Closing Keynote: Make Your Ideas Happen
Closing Remarks and Distribution of Certificates

RATES AND DEADLINES

Deadline for Essay Competition Applications: August 19, 2016, Friday (11:50 PM GMT +8)

Deadline for Regular Applications: August 31, 2016, Wednesday (11:50 PM GMT +8)

Deadline for Payments: September 23, 2016 (Friday)*

PARTICIPANT TYPE	FEE
Essay Competition Winners (20 applicants only)	USD 115.00
Regular Participant	USD 125.00

**May be extended as needed.*

Educators/Adult Supervisors will be paying the same fee as their students.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is this opportunity for me?

If you believe that every person has dignity and are committed to promoting this message to other people then this is for you. The ELC is a great opportunity to sharpen your knowledge about the theme, build new friendships from fellow youth of different backgrounds, as well as engage in dialogue related to development.

Who can apply for the conference?

- The 5th WYAAP ELC is open to all youth from the Asia Pacific region, aged 15 to 30 years old. Both members and non-members of WYAAP are invited to participate.
- International Participants must be at least 18 years old to participate in this conference.
- For local applicants under the age of 18, they must be accompanied by a teacher or an adult supervisor. They will have to pay the same amount as the participants.
- Previous ELC participants may also apply.

Does WYAAP provide scholarships for this conference?

As of now, WYAAP does not offer any form of financial aid to potential participants.

What is included in the conference fee?

- Meals and Snacks throughout the conference
 - Lunch from October 20 – 22
 - Morning and Afternoon Snacks from October 20 – 21
 - Dinner on October 21
 - Morning Snacks on October 22
- Conference Kit (shirt included) and Other Materials

All accommodations and travel before, during and after the conference will be care of the delegates. Accepted ELC delegates will be eligible to avail of an exclusive conference rate at our official hotel partner, [Privato Hotel](#).

Is the conference fee refundable?

Payments made are final and official. This confirms your slot for the conference. Fees are non-refundable.

Will an airport transfer be provided?

Airport transfers (if needed) will be shouldered by the participant. If you wish to make other travel plans before and after the conference, feel free to do so. Manila has great tourist spots you might want to visit. Take note, everyone is expected to register at the conference venue on the morning of the first day.



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