



# Voice of the FUTURE

TO BETTER THE WELLBEING OF YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE KINGDOM OF TONGA  
THROUGH PROGRAMS THAT PROMOTE RESPONSIBILITY, CITIZENSHIP,  
COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LEADERSHIP

## TNYC Back in Action for 2018



Mission Statement of the organization focus on 3 areas which is **Good Citizenship, Community Services and Leadership**, annual planning week have all staff looking at programs that is implemented by the organization in youth development work.

On January 16, a three day TNYC staff retreat for annual work plan and budgeting was held in the Head Quarter Office in Nuku'alofa. "This is one of the great retreat that we have done" said Ha'apai Youth Congress, Office Manager, Teisa 'Alifeleti "because it has remained me of the key values of youth development work of TNYC. Yes, sometime we may lost focus in the day to day excitement of the job but today we have been reminded of these areas that we will have an outcome at the end of the year which will benefit a greater number of responsible youth with **Leadership qualities a Good citizenship and participate and support Community Services**. Ha'apai youth is still working in these area.

TNYC annual work plan and budget has been presented to the Board on their first Board meeting for this year and it has been endorsed.

"I can see that we have our work drawn out for us" said Vava'u Youth Congress president, 'Ulaiasi Vaisima "our business plan huge but I believe our VYC staff are up to bar to meet this plan"

TNYC 2018 look promising and we definitely have our work cut out for us. Wish for a very productive years for all staff.

## Ha'apai Youth Congress

In 2017 Ha'apai Youth Congress (HYC) held a Camp Glow for young girls. One of the key issues of this camp was teaching these girls to be a better leader. This year HYC is looking to do another Camp Glow for young girls.

"Last year camp glow was a success thanks for the Peace Corp for funding it" said Teisa 'Alifeleti, HYC office manager "The camp teaches these youths to becoming better leaders. Youth Emerging Leader in key words for this young girls.

HYC office manager plan for this year, is to expand the activity toward community services meaning adding on more youth groups as member and identifying area where youth in the village can work for their communities. In good citizenship area there is a planning for night market enhancing youth business skills as well as establishing small social enterprises with youth in their communities.

## Vava'u Youth Congress

Vava'u Youth Congress (VYC) have a star role in the most advance offices in doing social enterprise activities and business with youth and generating incomes to fund their office operational cost and other youth outreach activities.

"Yes last year we did okay with our business side but this year we are looking to gain profit for our business so that it could help our program at VYC" said VYC office Manager, 'Akosita Tua "but here at VYC our business arm is just a tool to help us carry out our responsibility to the youth of Vava'u."

In community services VYC is aiming to make a community garden park for seven communities. In her good citizenship program, they are looking to have farms exchange visited so that organic growers can learn from one another.

VYC is taking 2018 to a new level in their business activities as well as their youth social development activities.

## 'Eua Youth Congress

TNYC is the only organization that has certified organic growers. One of the way that TNYC help the certify farmers is making sure that they have a fair price.

"Here at 'Eua we have registers over a hundred farms to the organic certification program" said 'Amelia Latu, EYC office manager "Vanilla bean has been good income for our island that is why we set this year to bring in more growers to the program", as well as involving a lot more of the youth in agriculture by working with Farmers out of school youth to be more involve and have a say in their farming system management and income.

"We have learned from VYC that it is great to run a little business at the office to help us." said 'Amelia "so we are looking forward to this new task that we will add on to EYC".