

Our Community Development Projects:

Community development projects in rural communities around Vanuatu are an integral part of YCV's programs. Projects run for 6-10 weeks and may be infrastructure projects or youth skills summits. Along with the core project, YCV volunteers also work on small team projects which they identify and carry out in the community with their community counterparts. Often these are awareness raising activities and trainings in the community. YCV strives to work on community projects that:

- increase access to primary health care and education;
- assist with community infrastructure
- build the capacity of local groups to plan and implement local development initiatives.

If you would like Youth Challenge volunteers to help on a project, contact the YCV office



YCV works with communities to implement community owned development projects. In some cases YCV works with partner organizations, while in other cases projects are conducted in direct partnership with the community.

YCV provides the labour for the project work, including groups of volunteers, their transport to and from project and food. Communities or partner organisations arrange funding and materials for the project and a place for the volunteers to stay in the community.

Project Volunteers are both local youth from the Future Leaders Program and International youth from Australia and Canada. These volunteers work closely with the community to implement the community's project.



For more information on anything in this brochure, including:

- How to get involved in the Future Leaders Program
- Next selection day dates and application forms
- Partnering with YCV on a community development project
- Becoming a host organisation for a work experience placement
- Accessing the Youth Senta
- Hiring YCV's training room

Or any other questions you may have

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(For information on YCV's other Programs – Ready for Work and Ready for business and Youth Drop in Senta see YCV's other brochures)

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FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAM & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

YOUTH CHALLENGE Vanuatu



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Who is Youth Challenge Vanuatu?

Youth Challenge Vanuatu (YCV) was founded in Port Vila in 2001. YCV is not-for-profit and non-religious. YCV is part of the Youth Challenge International alliance which has been implementing community development projects for 15 years around the world. YCV works with partner organisations in Australia, Canada, Guatemala, India, Central Australia, Costa Rica, and Guyana.

Youth Challenge Vanuatu's Vision:

- Young people actively building community and transforming society; and
- Communities building their capacity to transform their own circumstances by forging new relationships and increasing cooperation among individuals and across cultures



What does YCV do?

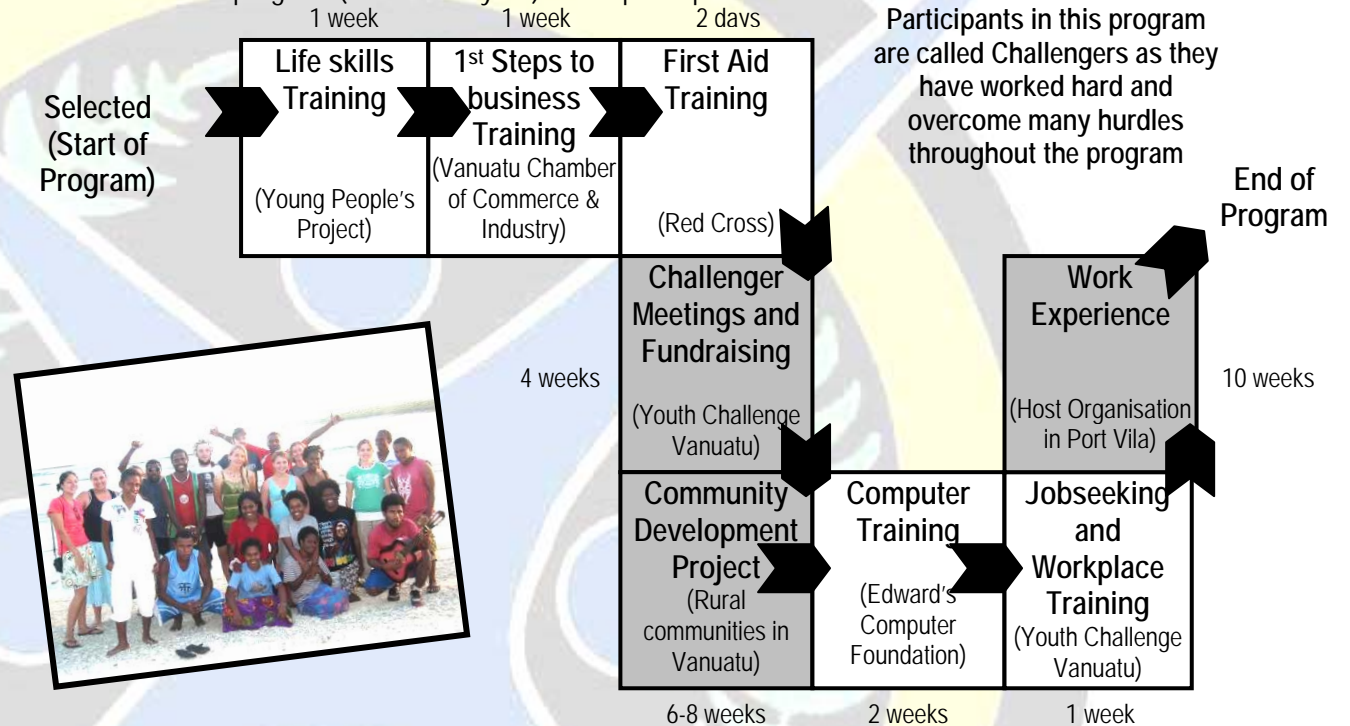
Youth Challenge Vanuatu has two main focus areas. A number of **Youth Programs** for youth based in Port Vila and **Community Projects** based in rural communities around Vanuatu.



Future Leaders Program

For youth interested in developing their leadership and employment skills through community development work.

- Committed and motivated youth aged 18-30 years
- 7-9 month program (run twice a year) for 15 participants



Challenger Meetings take place after the initial trainings and before Challengers leave for their project work. During the meetings Challengers will participate in seminars on gender, sexual health, environment and other topics that will be relevant to their project work. **Fundraising** occurs before the project. Each Challenger raises money to support their project work. Fundraising can be done individually or in teams.

Community Development Project is where Ni-Vanuatu Challengers are joined by volunteers from Australia and Canada to work in rural communities for 6-8 weeks. Here they work with the community to complete a community identified development project. More information about project is on the next page. Some example of projects YCV Challengers have worked on in the past are construction of a teacher's house in Lamén Bay Epi, organisation of a Youth Summit in Middlebush Tanna and a water project in Lorevilko, Santo.

Work Experience Placement is an important part of the program. It gives participants a chance to experience work in a real organisation. Participants will indicate the type of work they are interested in and YCV located positions for them with organisations around Port Vila. In the past YCV has arranged internships with organisations such as VANSEC house, Department of Women's Affairs, AirVanuatu, Young People's Project, Live and Learn, Airports Vanuatu, Wan Smol Bag, Vanuatu Mobile Force, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, The Melanesian Hotel and World Vision.