

## 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 organisations, 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 projects 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.




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
- Partnering with YCV on a community development project
- Becoming a host organisation for a work experience placement
- Participating in YCV programs
- 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 Programs – Ready for Work and Ready for business, Future Leaders and the Youth Challenge Centre see YCV's other brochures)

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## 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.



## Our Youth Programs:

**Future Leaders Program** is YCV's original program for youth aged 18-30. It is 7-9 months in length and it is run twice a year for 15 youth per intake. Selected participants are trained in life skills, first steps to business and first aid. Youth are then supported to fundraise a contribution towards their project. Following this they volunteer in one of YCV's community development projects alongside international volunteers from Australia and Canada. After returning from the project youth complete computer training and job seeking and workplace success courses. Youth are then placed with organisations around Port Vila for 10 weeks work experience. This has proved a highly successful program with over 80% of graduates gaining employment or going on to further studies.



**YCV programs are free of charge to participants**

**Redi Blong Wok** is for youth aged 18-35 interested in gaining skills and experience to gain employment. It runs for about 4 months twice a year for 15 participants each intake. Selected participants are trained in life skills, first steps to business, computer basics and job seeking and workplace success courses. They are then placed with organisations around Port Vila for 10 weeks of work experience.



**Redi Blong Bisnis** is a practical 12 month program for youth aged 18-35 who wish to develop their own enterprises. Selected youth are trained in life skills, introduction to business and business planning. They attend a marketing forum and conduct market research for their business ideas. They then have access to a small business loan to begin their enterprises if their ideas are sound. Following this they are supported by mentors and YCV staff and their business networks through one-to-one progress meetings and monthly seminars.

**For more information on any of these programs and for next Selection dates please contact YCV office**



**Youth Challenge Centre** is a drop-in space for all youth in Port Vila aged between 16 and 35. Youth can access resources for employment and small businesses including; computers, job and small business counsellors, employee rights information, job advertisements, seminars, books and brochures as well as a friendly space to relax with other Senta members. Membership is 100VT per year (it is free to all youth involved in YCV programs).

**YCV has training space available. Contact our office for details**

