South Asia Youth Skills & Solutions Forum

Booth Exhibition
Youth diversity and equitable access

**Youth4Jobs**

Youth4Jobs sets up job-linked short term residential centres to skill less educated and educated youth with disabilities across India.

About 200 companies across different industrial sectors work with Youth4Jobs for their inclusion journey.

**Aga Khan Foundation-Afghanistan**

Aga Khan Foundation's Improving Adolescent's Lives in Afghanistan (IALA) project aims to improve the lives of adolescents in Afghanistan by increasing the autonomy that adolescent girls and boys have over decisions affecting their lives.

**Ministry of Education, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan & UNICEF Afghanistan**

Accelerated Learning Centers offer programme to increase equitable access to young people who have never been to school are dropped out of school. The programme targets those who are 10 years of age or above and provide foundational competencies equivalent to grade 1 to 6 in three years.

**Idara E Taleem O Aagahi**

The project supports flexible schooling options and skill development for vulnerable and disadvantaged adolescent girls (aged 9-19) in rural areas of Southern Punjab, Pakistan including non-formal basic education and mainstreaming into formal schools.
UNFPA Nepal & UNICEF Nepal

Rupantaran‘-meaning transformation in English, is a social and financial skills training package on holistic adolescent development targeting two age groups 10-14 and 15-19. The training package aims to build knowledge and skills by providing key information using life skills-based education focusing on their overall empowerment.

Glocal

Glocal Teen Hero is a platform that is exclusively for teenagers which recognize their initiation, creativity and enthusiasm so as to empower them. Glocal After School targets students, entrepreneurs and professionals in the aim to cope with national need of skilled manpower, to provide skills that are not taught in academic classes, to provide an opportunity to be part of international initiatives as well as to gain financial opportunity.

Jetwing Hotels

Jetwing Youth Development Project involve local communities in tourism to provide means of employment to youth of the surrounding villages. The objective of the programme is to provide the Sri Lankan hotel industry with adequately trained entry level employees, by bridging the skill gap amongst unemployed youth from economically challenged backgrounds, in rural areas of Sri Lanka through the JYDP.

Bight Future

Bright Future Livelihood Program is a 3 month training program where the organization engages with the youth, known as aspirants, in the age group of 18-25 years. It provides them life skill training, English speaking, basic computers, career development, mentoring support and placement opportunities. This helps them to convert their passion into gainful employment.
Skills for work, life, and active citizenship

Pratham

The Pratham Institute offers programmes to empower youth with the skills necessary to build livelihoods through employment or entrepreneurship.

100000+ youth have been trained and 1500+ entrepreneurs supported. The program reached 15 states across India through 125+ centers.

Palladium Group

Palladium Group’s Sudokkho is a skills training and employment programme, funded by DFID and SDC and implemented by Palladium International in a consortium with Swisscontact and the British Council. It seeks to scale-up market-driven, quality skills training systems within the Readymade Garments (RMG) and Construction sectors that will stimulate further investment in training by trainees, private training providers and employers.

BRAC

To address challenges around youth skills and employment, BRAC implements initiatives including STAR (on-the-job apprenticeships), PROMISE (business incubation support), PROGRESS (value chain development), BRAC-ISD (Institute for market driven training), SEIP (decent work and soft skills), STAGE (TVET in secondary schools).
Youth and entrepreneurship

**Bhutan Youth Development Fund**

Youth Development Fund (YDF) commits to make every young person a leader. The programmes build leadership skills, encourage teamwork and promote the value of service among youth. Through advocacy work and strategic partnerships, YDF encourages youth participation, raises awareness of youth issues and promotes youth-oriented policy.

**Yuvaa**

Yuvaa is a digital content platform and community for and by the youth of India, believing in empathetic storytelling. It is a platform aiming to listen to, engage with, and tell the stories that bring young India together. Through the platform, 1000+ young people from India has been reached through the platform.

**SOCHAI**

The Social Changemakers and Innovators (SOCHAI) is a youth led nonprofit organization which promotes health, nutrition and socio-economic status of people, particularly women, children and girls through education, innovation and entrepreneurship at grass-root level. SOCHAI creates income opportunities for local women and artisans by engaging them in making bracelets and helping them find a way out of poverty.

**Drinkwell**

Drinkwell is a technology-driven social enterprise that powers water infrastructure. Organizations of every size - from small NGOs to public utilities - use their technology to treat water and maintain assets. Drinkwell’s technology has been developed with backing from the US State Department & India Department of Science and Technology, certified by the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research of the Government of India.
Decent jobs for youth

**iDreamCareer**

iDreamCareer (iDC) is one of India’s largest career counselling venture working with 2.5 million students every year. iDC currently works with over 6700+ schools across India & Middle East. It works with 12 state government in India and various international agencies (UNDP, UNICEF, Central Square Foundation & more), private schools as well as non-profit/CSR organizations.

**ILO**

Skills and knowledge are key driving forces of economic growth and social development and the ability to sustain labour-intensive growth depends on whether a nation can expand the skills and capabilities of both its existing and future labour force. ILO’s work in this area is achieved through a mix of research, knowledge-sharing and capacity building activities, which are delivered through strategic partnerships and pilot projects undertaken with key skills system stakeholders.

**Generation Unlimited**

Generation Unlimited (GenU) is a global partnership working to prepare young people to become productive and engaged citizens. GenU connect secondary-age education and training to employment and entrepreneurship, empowering every young person to thrive in the world of work. It brings together public and private partners – and young people – to identify and scale solutions, unlock investments, and empower all young people to play a positive role in their societies.
Technology and skills for the future of work

**Wudi Datatech**

Edu-Wudi is a machine learning powered skill and talent discovery platform that is aimed at the holistic development of an individual. This ML-based web application can be used by organizations (schools/arts/sports/extracurricular) to seamlessly capture the extra-curricular journey of individuals from kinder-garden to graduate level. It helps students make better-informed decisions about one’s future development.

**Nvoke**

Nvoke’s Future Learning programme aims to engage youth in developing cognitive skills using technology. This contributes to bridging the gap between corporate demand of skills and education, and prepare the young people to be job ready workforce for gig economy.

**Capgemini**

Capgemini’s programme aims to address challenges of digital inclusion of young people who are excluded due to access and awareness.

The Digital Literacy center is one of the key Digital Inclusion project and a pan-India level initiative aimed at imparting Digital Literacy to community members and to facilitate access to e-governance. This is a dynamic and integrated platform of digital literacy awareness, education and capacity building program. This is aimed at helping communities to fully participate in the national/economy and also in technologically empowered society.