



Mother's Choice Youth Leadership Council (YLC)

Each generation brings with it change and at Mother's Choice, we want to harness the vision and energy of schools and students and to provide them the chance to serve their community. Our mission is to “join hands with the community to transform lives and give hope” to young girls, babies and children in Hong Kong. The creation of the **Mother's Choice Youth Leadership Council**, a youth centered advisory group, is designed to bring high school students together to discuss social issues and how their collective voices can be used to make a difference in our community. We believe that when young people have the chance to serve their communities, everyone benefits - students gain skills necessary to succeed in school, in the workplace and life, and the community also develops strong, diverse groups of inspired, civically engaged young people.

The **Youth Leadership Council** is a student-run association, with individual chapters by schools, that provides students with dynamic opportunities to learn alongside Mother's Choice staff the social problems affecting our city. It would be helpful that each Council chapter has the endorsement from their school's Community Support liaison and identifies a teacher mentor. Each term, all chapters of the **Youth Leadership Council** will convene and be presented a very real need or issue in our community and to develop an action plan to address that need through awareness, advocacy, and/or philanthropy. Upon completion of their year of service, students will have an understanding of the nonprofit sector, as well as developed skills and leadership capacity to navigate the unique challenges of making a social impact in today's world.

Mission of the Youth Leadership Council:

The mission of the **Youth Leadership Council** is to provide leadership development for student members as well as facilitate teamwork, build youth confidence and strengthen student skills with problem solving, creativity, critical thinking, communication and collaboration. Our program emphasizes authenticity, ethics and collaborative decision-making and enhances learning outside of the classroom by fostering self-esteem and civic engagement.

Who can be on the Youth Leadership Council?

- Open to all high school students (Year 10 to 13)
- There are no academic or extracurricular prerequisites for joining YLC, just a passion for the mission of Mother's Choice, and devotion to making a difference!
- Perfect grades and long resume are not required – we are looking for passionate, dedicated students who are ready to make a difference and devote time to good cause.

What are the time commitments?

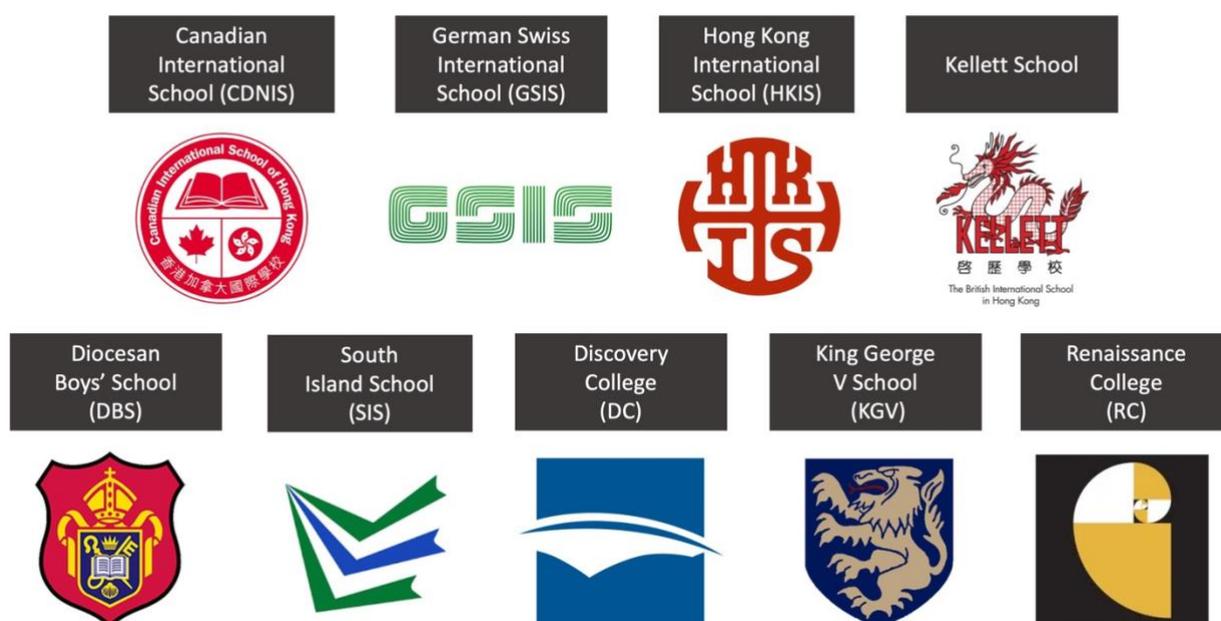
- It is highly recommended you can join the Opening and Closing events in September and June. It would help if you can devote a few hours every month.



Benefits to joining the Youth Leadership Council?

- The Council is a catalyst in developing students' leadership abilities by providing them with real-world experience and teamwork to tackle social issues affecting children and youth in our community
- Students also receive practical knowledge and practice of nonprofit management, philanthropy, social innovation and impact, policy advocacy and community change
- Develop friendships with other youth from schools across Hong Kong

Member Schools in 2021/22 Academic Year:



If you would like to learn more about YLC, please contact us at mcvolunteers@motherschoice.org.