



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 providing them with the opportunity to serve their community. Our mission is to "join hands with the community to transform lives and give hope" to girls facing crisis pregnancies and children without families 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 lend their collective voices to effect change in our community. We believe that when young people have the chance to serve their communities; it benefits everyone - students gain skills necessary to succeed in school, in the workplace, and in life and the community also develops strong, diverse groups of inspired, civically engaged young people with unique perspectives.

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, and build youth confidence through equipping students with skills such as problem solving, creativity, critical outside-the-box 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.
- Depending on each school, the YLC programs can be categorized as the Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) hours for the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum.

What are the time commitments?

- It is recommended you can join the Opening and Closing events as well as the Project Briefings during the year. In general, you might spend a couple 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.

School Chapters for 2022-2023 Academic Year:

Canadian International School (CDNIS)	Christian Alliance International School (CAIS)	Diocesan Boys' School (DBS)	Discovery College (DC)
			
German Swiss International School (GSIS)	Hong Kong International School (HKIS)	Island School	International Christian School (ICS)
			
Kellett School	King George V School (KGV)	Marymount Secondary School (MSS)	Renaissance College (RC)
			
Sha Tin College (STC)	South Island School (SIS)	The ISF Academy (ISF)	West Island School (WIS)
			

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