

Centre

Yuva Centre

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ORIGINS

YUVA CENTRE has been set up on a 1500 square meter plot in Kharghar, Navi Mumbai. The Centre was inaugurated in August 2001. It is a place for collective learning and provides an excellent atmosphere for learning and group interactions. The Centre is a reflection of the values and principles YUVA stands for and is an articulation of a commitment to renew the relevance of civil society action in an ever-changing socio-political-economic environment.

This two storied structure provides state-of-the-art resources for training and capacity building through facilities such as seminar hall, conference rooms, a community hall, dormitories and self-contained rooms. These features are greatly enhanced by its design that creates an experience of unrestricted space, ventilation and light throughout the building. Energy efficient means such as solar energy has been used for water heating. The Centre also provides universal access and has facilities designed for people with disabilities.

OBJECTIVES

Human resources development has always been a core component of YUVA's work. Our training is process oriented and nurturing. We believe in building capacities of individuals and groups through internal reflection as well as by providing scientific and theoretical inputs.

The Training Centre offers programs addressing the needs of NGOs, CBOs, Government bodies and citizens, which is focused on skills, knowledge, perspectives, attitude and self-awareness.

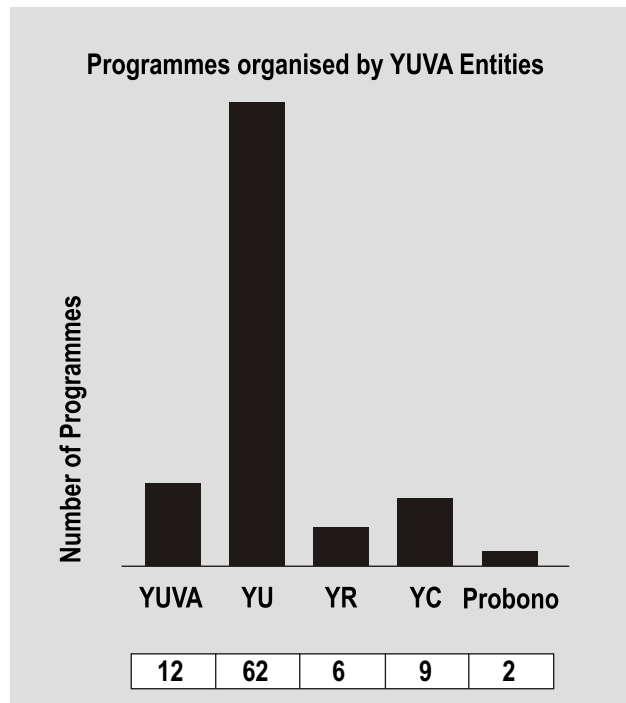
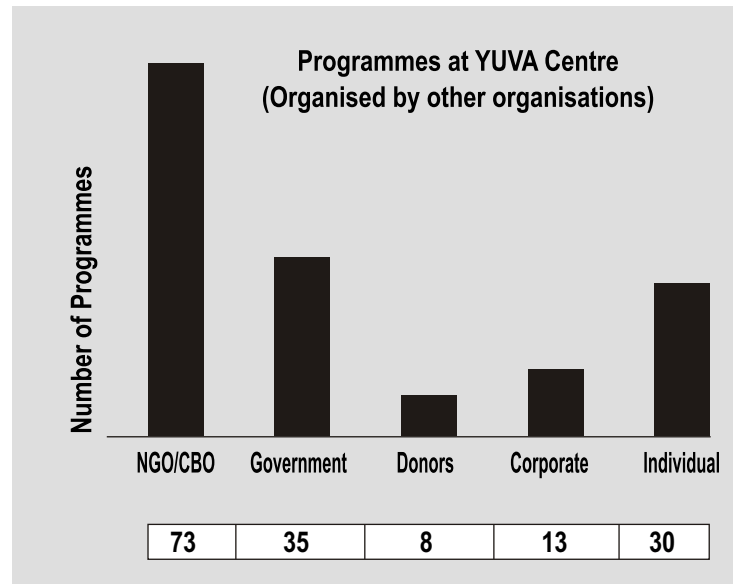
The Training Centre is visualized as a human rights centre working towards the empowerment of marginalized groups through capacity building on areas as diverse as human rights education, people's participation and governance, livelihood training, housing and infrastructure, environment and sustainable development, personal growth and team building, human and institutional development amongst others. The Centre also hosts two global programs, the South Asian Learning Institute for Human Rights Education, along with Peoples Movement for Human Rights Education (PDHRE), USA, and the Women's Empowerment Program along with Stree Global Investment in Women.

GOAL

To be one of the best residential training institutes known nationally and internationally, providing unique programmes and training facilities.

ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

In the period 2005-06, 250 training programmes were held at the YUVA Centre. Sixty per cent of these programmes have been hosted by the development sector, ranging from small, local organisations to international NGOs. Government agencies, resident associations of Navi Mumbai, and other private clients have also utilized our premises.



The key programs include:

Project Management for Development (PMD)

The Centre conducted a PMD Workshop in April 2005. It was attended by 25 participants across India. The program covered all three elements in the management of NGOs – Programme Development and Management, Organisation Development and Institution Building and Human Resource Development and Management.

The Centre also hosted a National Consultation on Housing Rights in October, 2005. More than 500 people all over India attended it.

In the current year, the Centre hosted a student group from University of Illinois (USA). A 15 days long Study Programme was held at YUVA Centre on the impact of Globalization on developing countries. Several interactive sessions were facilitated by YUVA staff as well as other subject experts on various aspects of globalization and its impact.



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Rehabilitation of Vulnerable Women and Youth

In keeping with the capacity building philosophy of the Centre, YUVA Centre provides opportunity for vulnerable women, youth as well as young boys who live on the streets to achieve their life goals by facilitating their involvement in activities that promote their social, economic and emotional development. These trained women and youth have been effectively managing the catering services and house keeping functions of the YUVA Centre since its inception.

Information and Media Resource Centre

The YUVA Centre houses an Information and Media Resource Centre, which aims at undertaking the overall knowledge management roles for the training centre. It supports the training curricula through appropriate training material and aids. It is envisaged that the Centre will act as a regional clearinghouse for human rights related information resources (in the form of books, magazines, audio and video cassettes, digitised information such as VCDs and DVDs).

As part of Media Resource Centre activities, we prepared a documentary film 'Shikar Aur Shikari' based on our research on human rights violations against the Pardhi community - a nomadic tribal community that faces discrimination and harassment as a consequence of being classified as Criminal Tribes during the British rule in India.

The Bodhi

Adjoining the YUVA Centre, a garden has been developed. It has been designed in an aesthetic manner with a water body, lawns, winding pathways and a jogging track along the periphery. A circular plaza has been developed under a canopy of trees for meditative and reflective sessions. The garden also has a herb garden, fruit trees and flowering shrubs.

