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Introduction to ACCU

The Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU) is a non-profit organization dedicated to working with children, youths, families, communities and schools to create a peaceful and sustainable society through promoting education for sustainable development and cultural cooperation among peoples in the Asia-Pacific region. For over 40 years, ACCU has developed various teaching and learning materials (literacy, environment and disaster risk reduction, etc.) and supported catalysts of change in close collaboration with UNESCO.

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YOUTH CHANGES THE WORLD

Towards Sustainable Community Development



2nd Edition

Youth is our treasure for a sustainable future

Youth is a treasure for the bright future. They have great potential to become "Agents of Change" in creating a sustainable future. The learning of youth not only changes their behavior or attitude but also raises the interest of their family and other village members in sustainable community development. In other words, learning of youth creates intergenerational and lifelong learning environments. This is what we call transformative learning and it influences/changes the society people live in.

Through the "Youth Led Sustainable Community Development Project", we aim to empower youth so that they become active citizens and catalysts for change in their communities and societies. The project first began in Pakistan and Bangladesh with youth groups trying to tackle social problems with their own minds and hands. In 2016, youths in India, Philippines, and Indonesia newly joined and two workshops were held in the following year to consolidate the knowledge and experiences of various groups.

This leaflet is designed to guide the facilitators of youth and youth members themselves through their project implementation. This particular edition incorporates perspectives of the future studies into those of ESD with the aim of helping users contextualize the problems they try to tackle.

