

2022 TZU CHI IYLP

INTRODUCTION

ABOUT TZU CHI IYLP

In recent years, the global climate and humanitarian crisis have seen record numbers of people displaced and fleeing from violence and persecution. Given the urgency of these challenges, there has never been a greater need for partnership and leadership globally.

With more than 1.8 billion young people around the world, youth today are the largest generation in history. Through technology and ease of travel, these young people are connected like never before. Given the resources and support, young people have the potential to be change-makers and want to contribute to the development and resilience of their communities and beyond.

Tzu Chi's International Youth Leadership Program (IYLP) is a 6-month leadership program for young people aged 18 - 35 years aimed at fostering young leaders with an international outlook. IYLP develops and equips youth with skills, knowledge, resources, and practical experiences to become engaged citizens and transformative leaders. Sponsored by Buddhist Tzu Chi Charity Foundation and organized by Tzu Chi International Youth Association (TIYA), IYLP participants will be given the opportunity to work on international humanitarian projects, network with peers across the globe, conduct community service activities, and participate in international and United Nations conferences such as UN FCCC COP27 held in Egypt 2022.

IYLP includes:

- Skills and training workshops
- Sessions with mentors experienced on project topics
- Scholarships to attend conferences and humanitarian projects
- Resources to organize local and international events
- Upon completion, a Certificate of Completion and access to other exciting opportunities.

OBJECTIVES OF IYLP

- Build a strong network of passionate and service-minded youth leaders.
- Provide youth opportunities to engage in international activities through a multi-faceted, practical training program.
- Foster young leaders with a broad international perspective, the ability to propose solutions to international issues, and a spirit of humanistic culture and care.

ABOUT TZU CHI FOUNDATION AND TIYA

Buddhist Tzu Chi Charity Foundation, also known as Tzu Chi Foundation, is an international humanitarian and nongovernmental organization (NGO). For 56 years, Tzu Chi Foundation has worked in the missions of charity, medicine, education, and humanist culture with offices in 66 countries. Providing disaster relief, medical aid, environmental protection projects across 126 countries, Tzu Chi Foundation was given Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC) in 2010. In 2019, Tzu Chi Foundation was granted accreditation by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), as an observer to sessions of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA), and in 2022, Tzu Chi Foundation was appointed co-chair of the UN interagency Task Force on Religion and Sustainable Development's Multi-Faith Advisory Council.

Tzu Chi Youth Association (TIYA) is a sub-organization of Tzu Chi Foundation. Established in 2020, TIYA is a platform that aims to provide opportunities and resources for young people to nurture young leaders to contribute positively to their communities and beyond through innovation and collaboration.

For more information, please refer to the 'Program Information' and 'FAQs'.

Alternatively, you are welcome to ask a question, attend our Virtual Information Sessions or contact IYLP@tzuchi.org.tw



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PROGRAM INFORMATION

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



ELIGIBILITY

- **Age Requirements:** Applicants must be aged 18-35 years at the time of applying.
- **Nationality Requirements:** All nationalities are welcome.
Note: Some United Nations-related activities may have nationality restrictions, so opportunities will be open to participants in accordance with the conditions of the activities.
- **Other Requirements:**
 1. Applicants must have an interest in humanitarian work and agree with Tzu Chi's humanistic spirit and philosophy.
 2. Applicants must be able to communicate fluently in English in both speech and written forms.
 3. For requirements upon the completion of the program, please refer to the 'Implementation' section.

APPLICATION GUIDE

Please the QR code to access the Application Form:

Please do not submit more than one application.
If more than one application is received, we will only use the first application submitted. If there are any problems with the online submission, please contact IYLP@tzuchi.org.tw



You will need the following to complete the Application Form:

- **ID Photo:** Please provide a photo taken in the last six months that will be suitable for ID use.
- **Cover Letter (one A4 page, size 12, PDF):**
Please use the following questions to guide your Cover Letter:
 1. Tell us about yourself. What are your interests and involvement in community work?
 2. Why have you chosen to apply for IYLP and what do you wish to gain from this Program?
 3. What global issues are you passionate about and what works have you partaken to address these issues?
- **Curriculum Vitae (two A4 pages, size 12 font, PDF)**
- **2 Letters of Recommendations (PDF only):**
Please include the following details for your referee:
 1. Name
 2. Position and Organization
 3. Contact Details
 4. Relations to the Applicant

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2022 TZU CHI IYLP TIMELINE

*SCHEDULE MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. SUCH CHANGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED THROUGH EMAIL TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

15 FEBRUARY

Registration for 2022 Tzu Chi IYLP opens.

Persons aged 18–35 years are able to register using the following QR code. We advise all applicants to register as soon as possible to give the panel time to review their applications.



5 MARCH

Virtual Information Sessions

Open to interested applicants to hear more about the program and ask questions. Please register your interest using following QR code.



SESSION 1: 9:00AM (GMT +8)
SESSION 2: 5:00PM (GMT +8)

31 MARCH

Registration closes for 2022 IYLP at 23:59 (GMT+8). Late applications will not be accepted.

4 APRIL

Applicants shortlisted for Interviews

Notifications will be sent on the outcome of all applications. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview.

6 – 17 APRIL

Interviews

Interview guidance and scheduled times will be sent closer to the date. Candidates will be able to choose a suitable time from the schedule list. Special arrangements may be made if the times are not suitable via communication with the program coordinator.

20 APRIL

Interview Results Announcement

Candidates will be notified of the outcome of their interview. Successful candidates will be accepted into Tzu Chi YLP for 2022.

7 MAY -17 SEPTEMBER

Tzu Chi IYLP 2022 Program

Regular training sessions are held every other Saturday. For more information regarding the Sessions, please refer to the 'Implementation' section.

BEYOND SEPTEMBER

Participants who have successfully completed the program will eligible to apply for international conferences, humanitarian work, leadership roles, and other opportunities. These will be communicated via email.

NOVEMBER (TBC)

TIYA Youth Forum

Participants will be invited to take part in the annual youth forum and receive their certificate for the completion of the program. Details to be announced closer to the date.



IMPLEMENTATION

- **Selection of Participants**

Registration will be open from 15 February to 31 March. Interview candidates will be announced on 4 April and the final selection into IYLP on 20 April. Up to 10 successful applicants will be selected for the 2022 Program. Interview candidates who are not selected will have the opportunity to join some of the sessions and to receive notifications for future programs.

- **Program Content**

The Program will include the following:

- **Online Training Sessions:** Half-day sessions are held every second Saturday. Sessions will be a mixture of lectures, discussions, and skills training. Invited speakers include youth leaders, social entrepreneurs, NGO project specialists, academics, and more. Knowledge-based sessions include Introduction to United Nations, Sustainable Development Goals, Global Issues, Climate Change, Humanitarian Aid, Global Young Leaders, and more. Skills-based Training includes Event Planning, Project Management, Social Media, and more.
- **Volunteer Experiences:** During the program, participants must complete 10 hours of volunteer work with local Tzu Chi chapters. Volunteer experience may include recycling work, charity visits, youth events, and activities.
- **Accompaniment by Mentors:** Each participant will be assigned a mentor for the duration of the program. Mentors will support participants with the session content, goal-setting, and other supplementary resources.
- **International Conferences and Events:** Participants will have the opportunity to attend and/or be part of the organization of international and UN-related events such as UNDP Mover's Program, International Refugee Day, and more.

- **Completion of the Program**

To receive a Certificate of Completion, participants must

- not miss more than 2 training sessions*
- complete a minimum of 10 volunteer hours with the local Tzu Chi chapter**

- **Subsidies**

For participants who are accepted to go to UNFCCC COP27 or international humanitarian relief projects, round-trip economy class international air tickets and accommodation will be subsidized by Buddhist Tzu Chi Charity Foundation.

- **Beyond 2022 IYLP**

Participants who have successfully completed the program will be eligible to apply for international conferences, humanitarian work, leadership roles, and other opportunities. These will be communicated via email.

*Missed sessions will need to be made up through watching recorded sessions, meeting with the mentor, and completing the assigned work.

** If no local Tzu Chi chapter opportunities are available, other arrangements can be made through discussion with the program coordinator.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Acting reasonably, in the circumstances, Buddhist Tzu Chi Charity Foundation (also known as "Tzu Chi") reserves the right to cancel or change the Program and/or the Program activities at any time.
- Tzu Chi reserves the right to make any cancellations, changes and/or substitutions in cases of emergency or changed conditions or in the interest of each group as deemed necessary by Tzu Chi.
- Acting reasonably, in the circumstances, Tzu Chi reserves the right to refuse or revoke an application for participation in the Program.
- Tzu Chi will provide comprehensive support to Participants in obtaining visas and required documents associated with travel and attendance to events or conferences. However, it is ultimately the responsibility of the Participant to obtain such visas and required documents.
- In the event Participant cannot obtain the necessary visas and/or documents for participation in IYLP, Participants shall not hold Tzu Chi responsible.
- Tzu Chi reserves the right to use any photos or videos of Participant, or statements made by Participant, for print, verbal, internet, or other commercial use and shall not be held liable for such use.
- Requests to decline such use must be sent in writing to the Program Coordinator IYLP@tzuchi.org.tw
- Buddhist Tzu Chi Charity Foundation shall not be liable for any loss, harm, injury, or damages sustained by Participant or caused to Participant's property howsoever caused.



2022 TZU CHI YLP FAQS

***TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS AND TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS. CHANGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED THROUGH EMAIL TO SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPANTS**

APPLICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITIES

How long will the "International Youth Leadership Program" be open for application?

The application opens from 15 February to 31 March 2022. You are encouraged to submit the application early, to give us more time to study your submission. Use the following QR code for the registration form:



How do I know if I have been accepted for an admission interview? What preparation is needed for the interview?

Upon receipt of your application materials, we will review the material for eligibility. If the materials are complete and meet the application conditions, the organizer will issue an interview notice on 4 April and determine a time for the interview that is suitable for you. In this interview notification letter, we will attach the interview instructions.

English is not my native language, can I apply for this program?

All training courses in this program will be taught in English, so an ability to express oneself in spoken and written English is a basic condition for participation. Proficiency in a second language is also a benefit to your application.

Is there a fee to apply for this program?

No. Tzu Chi International Youth Association is committed to cultivating the abilities of young leaders. Therefore, the program will provide free training. Moreover, if you are admitted to an in-person international humanitarian aid project or the COP27 conference, the organizer will provide you with a subsidy covering transportation and accommodation.

Is participation in this program restricted by nationality?

Participation in IYLP is not affected by national, religious, or ethnic identity. Everyone is welcome to apply. However, some United Nations-related activities may have nationality status restrictions, so the organizer will open for students to participate in accordance with the conditions of the activities.

PROGRAM INFORMATION AND SESSIONS

What time will the training sessions be held? If I am enrolled in the program and am unable to attend a training session, will I still be eligible to receive a completion certificate?

The training sessions for this program are expected to be arranged in the morning in Asia and Oceania / in the evening in the Americas.

To receive a Certificate of Completion, participants must

- not miss more than 2 training sessions*
- complete 10 volunteer hours with the local Tzu Chi chapter**

*Missed sessions will need to be made up through watching the recording of the session, meeting with the mentor, and completing the assigned work.

** If no local Tzu Chi chapter opportunities are available, other arrangements can be made through discussion with the program coordinator.

If I am not accepted into the program, will I still be able to participate in any of the class sessions?

In order to ensure quality training, this project will only accept a maximum of 10 participants. We will still open some class sessions for applicants who are not selected to participate, however, they will not be assigned mentors and will not be able to apply for participation in international aid projects or United Nations events.

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