

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
YOUTH - LED SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT:  
OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES**

**19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

Organized by



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**Venue:**

**Carreno Hall,**  
Sacred Heart College (Autonomous),  
Tirupattur, Vellore Dist.

**About the Institutions:**

**Post Graduate Department of Social Work,** Sacred Heart College, (Autonomous) established in 1979, offers Master's Degree in Social Work with Community Development, Human Resource Management and Youth Development specializations and research programmes in M.Phil and Ph.D. The Department introduced Youth Development as a specialization in Social Work as early as 1988 and it was the first of its kind in India.

**North East Institute of Social Sciences and Research, (NEISSR)** is the first regular Master of Social Work College under Nagaland Central University. The college imparts specializations in Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies, Youth Development and Community Development. This is the first MSW College to introduce specialization in Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies in India and second in the country to have introduced Youth Development as a specialization in MSW.

**Restless Development** is a youth-led development agency. Our mission is to place young people at the forefront of change and development. They engage young people to address the most urgent issues they face in India - governance, livelihoods and health, since 2000.

**Conference Chair Person & Key Note Speakers:**

**Prof. Paul J Bueno de Mesquita, Ph.D.,** is the Director of the Centre for Non Violence and Peace Studies, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, USA. For more than 30 years Paul has worked as a professional psychologist and advocate for mental health, violence prevention and positive psychological development, particularly in under-represented low-income communities. A Level III Nonviolence Trainer, he directs the annual International Nonviolence Summer Institute. Under his leadership during the past 5 years, the global reach of the Center has expanded dramatically to include certification of more than 200 training affiliates in 35 countries and conflict regions.



**Prof. Kay Johnson Bueno de Mesquita,** is the Education Coordinator, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, USA. She teaches in the School of Education and supervises student teachers at The University of Rhode Island. Kay was trained in nonviolence by Dr. Bernard LaFayette, Jr. Together, they have co-authored a book, In Peace and Freedom, about Bernard's civil rights experiences during the Alabama Voting Rights Campaign in Selma, 1963-1965.



**Ms. Nalini Paul** is the Country Director of Restless Development India. She has 15 years of experience working in Development organizations like VSO, CARE and Handic International. She handles Programme Operations, Fund Raising, Volunteer Support, Partnership Development & Maintenance.



**Conference Theme: (Youth - Led Sustainable Development- Opportunities & Challenges):**

Youth comprise nearly 30 per cent of the world's population. The involvement of today's youth in sustaining the development process is critical to the overall development of the nations. This conference aims to bring together mostly young people and those academicians, practitioners and researchers working with young people and deliberate the role of youth in few of the sustainable development areas outlined in the 2030 Agenda of the UN.

**Target Audience/ Participants:**

- Students and Research Scholars of Social Work, Social Sciences and Humanities
- Academicians and Researchers in the field of Social Work, Social Sciences and Humanities
- Youth leaders, Volunteers and Practitioners from Govt. & NGO sector

**Sharing/Learning Opportunities:**

**1) Poster Presentation:**

Students, Scholars and Youth leaders can document their field based interventions or research findings in the field of youth led development and present it in the form of posters. Posters can be brought and submitted on 19<sup>th</sup> January, the first day of the conference. Two or Three persons can also present a poster as a team. Material – Chart Papers of size not more than 2 1/2 X 3 1/2 feet.

**2) Cultural Expressions:**

Institutions/ Teams will be given 10 minutes to present their perspectives on youth led sustainable development through cultural programmes between 6 to 8 pm on 19<sup>th</sup> January. (Items like Thematic group dance, Group singing, Documentary film and Mime/Street play are encouraged)

**3) Paper Presentation :**

Papers can be Research based (conclusions based on primary/secondary data analysis) Or Practice based (report of field based development initiatives and best practices).

**Key Dates for Submission of Papers:**

- Submission of Abstracts & Bio -1<sup>st</sup> January, 2016
- Advice of acceptance of abstract -4<sup>th</sup> January, 2016
- Submission of Full Papers - 16<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Note: The organizers have planned to publish the selected papers in the journal with impact factor. Authors who are interested in publishing their papers can contact the organizers. The cost of publishing will be shared by the authors

#### **Submission Guidelines:**

The paper should be written in Times New Roman, 12 pt font, 1.5 spaced, 1.5 margin on all four sides and not exceeding 2000 words (7-8 pages including references). Referencing should follow the APA 6 Guidelines for both in-text citations and reference list. Footnotes are not to be used.

#### **Themes and Topics for Paper Presentation/Poster Presentation/Cultural Programme:**

##### **Theme: Health and Population Dynamics**

1. Elimination of preventable child and maternal deaths
2. Health issues of youth – STI/HIV/AIDS prevention and support
3. Health issues of youth – alcohol, drug abuse and smoking
4. Preventing and treating communicable diseases –Malaria and tuberculosis
5. Road accidents- Youth and road safety
6. Healthy diets and lifestyles for youth
7. Marital and pre-marital counselling for youth

##### **Theme: Education and Skill Development**

1. Inclusive education for the marginalized people, ethnic minorities, migrants and persons with disabilities
2. Vocational training and skills development for youth
3. Lifelong learning opportunities for all
4. Educational and career counselling for youth
5. Livelihood promotion among youth

##### **Theme: Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment**

1. Ending violence against women and girls in all its forms.
2. Ensuring equal access to education for women and girls.
3. Ensuring equal employment opportunities for women and equal pay for equal work
4. Ensuring equal participation of women in decision making in public and private institutions
5. Ending child, early and forced marriages

##### **Theme: Climate**

1. Youth and climate change- Time for Action
2. Relief and rehabilitation during disaster scenario (with specific reference to recent floods in Chennai, Cuddalore, Tiruvallur districts of Tamil Nadu)
3. Building resilience and adaptive capacity of people vulnerable to global warming
4. Reducing the damage caused by climate-induced and other natural hazards through disaster risk reduction
5. Improving education and awareness raising on climate change

##### **Theme: Peaceful and Non-Violence Societies**

1. Role of youth in peace building
2. Ending human trafficking with specific reference to youth
3. Promoting information and education on culture of non-violence
4. Fighting corruption in all its forms
5. Right to information
6. Strengthening of civil societies
7. Working with youth at risk
8. Civic engagement of youth

##### **Registration Fee :**

Students, Youth leaders and Research Scholars (M.Phil/Ph.D): **Rs. 400**

Practitioners, Academicians, Officials: **Rs. 600**

**Paper presenters will have to pay Rs 200** in addition to registration fee. No fee for poster presentation.

**Note:** Registration Fees include modest accommodation for both days of the conference within the college premises, Conference kit, lunch (19th & 20th) dinner (19th) breakfast (20th) and coffee breaks on (19th & 20<sup>th</sup>).

##### **Payment of Registration Fee:**

Registration fee can be paid in person when participants come for the conference on 19th January. However you can also register in advance by paying your fees earlier.

##### **Bank Information - Online Payment :**

Name of the Account: Dept. of Social Work, Account Number: 0745-02629946-190001, Bank – Catholic Syrian Bank, Branch- Gandhipet, Tirupattur-635601, Vellore Dt, Tamil Nadu, Branch Code- 000745, IFSC Code: CSBK0000745

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##### **Programme Outline:**

###### **(DAY-I) 19-01-2016**

- 9.30 AM-Inaugural Function
- **Key Note Address -Prof. Paul J Bueno de Mesquita.Ph.D**, Director, Centre for Non Violence and Peace Studies, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, USA.
- Paper Presentation

###### **Post Lunch**

- Poster presentation
- Panel Discussion – Best Practices shared by youth leaders of NGOs involved in youth led-development
- Thematic Cultural Programmes by Participant Institutions

##### **(Day-II) 20-01-2016:**

- **Theme Address : Youth Action for Peace and Nonviolence– Prof. Kay Johnson Bueno De Mesquita**, Education Coordinator University of Rhode Island Kingston, USA.
- Panel Discussion – Best Practices shared by youth leaders of NGOs involved in youth led-development
- Paper Presentation (5 Groups )

###### **Post Lunch**

- 2.00 PM– Open Forum - Participant's view
- 2.30 PM-Valedictory Address: Ms. **Nalini Paul**, Country Director, Restless Development India, New Delhi
- 3.30 PM- Certificate Distribution

##### **Conference Conveners:**

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##### **Travel Advice:**

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