

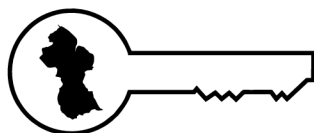
VOLUNTARY YOUTH SERVICE TRAINING (VYST)

**Empowering
Guyana's Next
Generation
Through
Service, Skills,
and Nation-
Building**

Giving Our Youth a Future Worth Serving

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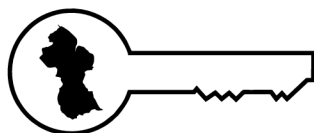
VISION

To empower every young Guyanese—regardless of background, region, or ability—to contribute to national development, gain life and work skills, and strengthen their bond with community and country.

**Youth development is
nation-building.**

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THE YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

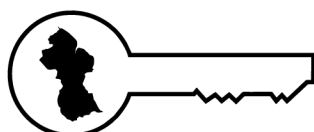
- Over 60% of Guyana's population is under 35
- Youth unemployment, underemployment, and social disconnection persist

OUR SOLUTION

A modern, inclusive, skills-based Voluntary Youth Service Programme — not military conscription, but a civic movement grounded in service, empowerment, and development.

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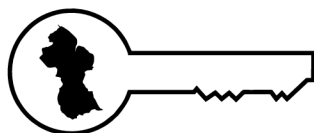
CORE OBJECTIVES

- Instill civic pride and social cohesion
- **Provide practical training:** ICT, trades, agriculture, entrepreneurship
- **Open career pathways:** education, health, policing, defence
- **Build character:** teamwork, discipline, leadership
- **Promote national integration:** regional exchanges and community service.



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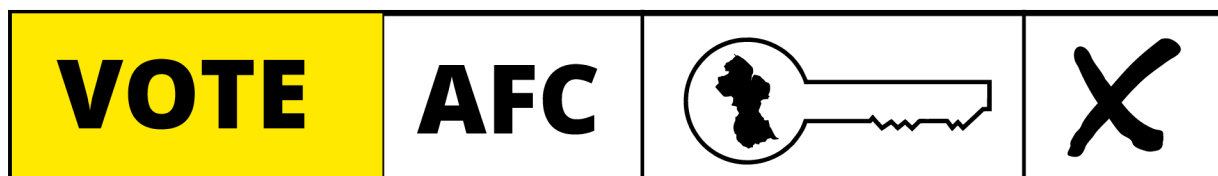
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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Voluntary, not compulsory** – incentivized and supported
- **Inclusive** – urban, rural, indigenous, differently abled, in- and out-of-school youth
- **Skills First** – real-world competencies
- **Community-Oriented** – solving real local needs
- **Civic-Minded** – values of unity, leadership, responsibility
- **Transferable Benefits** – recognized by employers, universities, and armed forces



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PROGRAMME PILLARS (1-2)



1. YOUTH SERVICE COMMISSION (YSC)

- Based in Office of the President; reports to PM
- Includes ministries, academia, civil society, opposition, security forces
- **Mandate:** curriculum, stakeholder coordination, transparency

2. PILOT HUBS

- **Launch in Regions:** 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10
- **Focus Areas:**
 - Agriculture
 - Health & First Aid
 - ICT
 - Infrastructure
 - Renewable Energy
 - Literacy

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PROGRAMME PILLARS (3-4)

3. SERVICE TRACKS (APTITUDE-BASED)



TRACK

Agriculture & Food Security
Environment
Community Work
Health & Emergency
Leadership & Defence

FOCUS AREA

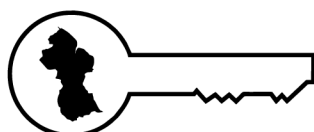
Agri-business, school gardens, nutrition
Reforestation, climate resilience
Literacy, sports, elderly care
First aid, disaster response
Carpentry, ICT, coding

4. EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION

- CTVET-accredited training
- Transferable credits to UG, TVET
- Recognized certificates for jobs, public service, university, armed services

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PROGRAMME PILLARS (5-6)



5. GLOBAL BEST PRACTICES & PARTNERSHIPS

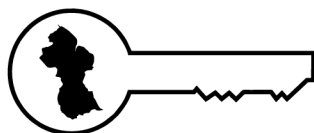
- **Inspired by:** Rwanda, Singapore, Brazil, South Africa
- **Collaborations:**
 - UN Youth Volunteers
 - AU Youth Corps
 - Caribbean Youth Dev. Alliance
 - Peace Corps

6. YOUTH CORPS DATABASE & ALUMNI NETWORK

- Digital registry to track participation & outcomes
- **Alumni group to:**
 - Mentor
 - Lead community projects
 - Support internships, job placements
 - Drive national development

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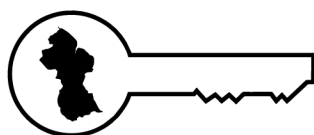
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IMPLEMENTATION ROADMAP

Timeline	Milestone
0–3 Months	Establish Commission, national consultation
Month 6	Final curriculum, open applications
Month 9	Launch pilot in 7 regions
Year 2	Expand to all 10 regions
Years 3–5	Integrate with education, employment systems

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**THIS IS NOT THE OLD NATIONAL SERVICE.
IT IS NOT MILITARY CONSCRIPTION.**

It is a visionary, civic-
focused initiative to
empower youth and
build Guyana.

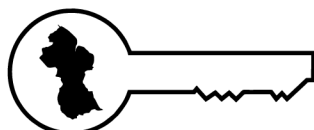
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