

VIETNAMESE YOUTHS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT 2014

(VYS 2014)

“Be Active Citizens”

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1. What is VYS – VYS 2014?

VYS (Vietnamese Youth and Sustainable Development Summit) is organized by the Green Generation Network with sponsorship from the British Council in Vietnam and support from the Center of Live&Learn for Environment and Community (Live&Learn), WWF, Vietnam Environment Administration and other organizations.

The theme for VYS 2014 is “Be Active Citizens”. VYS 2014 aims to gather active individuals to **SPREAD** positive actions and values for the environment and community.

Additional information:

VYS is a nation-wide event which started out in 2009 as “Climate change – Understanding and Action” with the objective of helping youth **be AWARE** climate change, as one of the core issues Vietnam is facing. VYS is an opportunity for youths across the nation to connect, discover and exchange knowledge and values.

The second VYS in 2010 “Tomorrow starts today”, focused on the **ACTION** phase. The “green messengers” across the country gathered and proposed action plans to solve issues that they are concerned with. After VYS 2010, many youth initiated effective projects to develop positive behaviors in the community.

2. VYS 2014 overview

2.1 Timeline of important dates:

Selection phase: 25/04/2014 – 25/05/2014

Announcement of participants (tentatively): 10/6 - 15/6/2014

Summit period: 24/06 – 28/06/2014

2.1 Venue (tentatively): Bach Ma National park, Thua Thien Hue province.

2.2 Main activities

- Discover topics on climate change and sustainable development, including: climate change; resource management; natural hazards, sustainable energy; the poor and vulnerable population in climate change.
- Share models, experience on acting for the environment from international and Vietnamese youths.
- Field visit and meetings with local guests on environment conservation activity models.
- Develop action and communication plans on sustainable development for individuals, groups, regions and the whole nation.



3. Who can participate?

VYS 2014 seeks 40 participants with the following criteria:

- Is a Vietnamese national, living and working in Vietnam.
- Aged from 16 to 25, is a student or is working for any organization/company.
- Is interested in and wants to act and communicate on environmental, climate change and sustainable development themes.
- Possesses leadership qualities, especially **ability to communicate and catalyze** sustainable change.
- Possesses ideas and initiatives on the environment and climate change. Experience is an advantage.
- Fully committed to program activities and communication activities after the summit.

4. How to participate in VYS 2014?

Step 1: complete the registration form

Step 2: upload the registration form and related documents to mediafire or google drive

Step 3: fill in contact information in the online registration form at:

<http://tinyurl.com/Dang-ky-VYS2014>

Registration deadline **23h00, 25/5/2014**

Notice

Only selected candidates are contacted by the organization committee. This will be done via email by 15/6/2014.

Selected candidates need to make a deposit of 500.000 VND. This deposit will be returned on the final day of the summit. This deposit is not refundable for participants who did not participate in all activities for any reason.

5. What support can you expect?

- Transport expenditure for participants from their work/study to the venue of the event and vice versa.
- Documents and stationary during the duration of the course
- Accommodation and food during the summit
- Technical support, fundraising for viable initiatives via the Green Generation Network and sharing of success story from the United Kingdom
- Certificate of participation (degree of participation and activities) from the summit.



6. VYS 2014 Organizing Committee

British Council is an international organization from the United Kingdom (UK) focusing on culture and educational collaboration to harness international opportunities and build trust between citizens from the UK and other countries over the world. British Council works in more than 100 countries. Every year British Council works with experts, policy-makers as well as youths through English, Art, Education and Social programs. All programs implemented by British Council are non-benefit and support the development and security of the UK and the world. <http://www.britishcouncil.vn>

The Center of Live&Learn for Environment and Community (Live & Learn) is a non-government, non-profit organization working on: environmental education, youth education and raising awareness on the environment, transparency and good governance. Live&Learn is committed to developing capacity, raising awareness and promoting community activities on sustainable development and responsibility to the living environment through education and communication. Live&Learn builds community capacity to solve issues on development and local environment resource conservation. www.livelearn.org

WWF-Vietnam is one of the biggest non-government organizations on conservation, with more than 5 million supporters and a global network working in more than 100 countries. The missions of WWF is to prevent the degradation of the Earth's natural environment and develop a future in which humans live in harmony with nature through conservation of biodiversity, ensuring sustainable usage of recyclable resources, and encouraging pollution reduction and excessive consumption.

Center for Environmental Training and Communication (CETAC) is an agency under the Vietnam Environment Administration, aiding the Administration in: training and communicating on environment, developing public environment protection models, socializing environmental protection. www.cetac.gov.vn

Vietnam Green Generation Network (The He Xanh) is a network of youth organizations and individuals who share concerns and are willing to learn and take action for a sustainable way of life. With motivation and enthusiasm, The He Xanh encourages youths and community to be Aware of and Act to address climate change. The He Xanh is supported and coordinated by Live & Learn for Community and Environment in cooperation with like-minded organizations and individuals. www.thehexanh.net

Be Change Agents (BCA) is a nation-wise project which springs from Vietnam Youths and Sustainable development Summit 2009, 2010. BCA – “Be Change Agents” is a program focusing on youths – generating positive changes and presenting opportunities to build capacity and catalyze the role of youths in sustainable development and good governance through courses, projects and communication <http://www.facebook/bechangeagentsvn>



7. Contacts

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