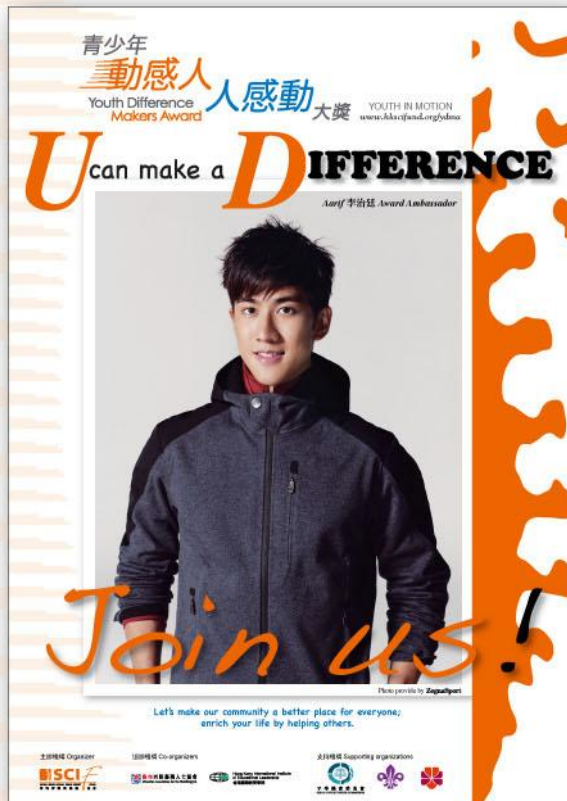


THE YOUTH DIFFERENCE MAKERS AWARD (YDMA)

Organizer : The Hong Kong Spinal Cord Injury Fund
Co-organizers : The Direction Association for the Handicapped and
 Hong Kong International Institute of Educational Leadership
Supporting Organizations : Equal Opportunities Commission
 Hong Kong Girl Guides Association and Scout Association of Hong Kong



Award Ambassador : Mr. Aarif Lee

*Make a difference in the lives of others,
to lead a more meaningful & fulfilled life.
Let's make our community a better place for everyone.*

The Task :

Think of and plan a meaningful project to make a difference in enhancing the lives of others, either individually or in groups.

Scope :

- ☆ **enhancing personal core values in others**
(love, care, respect, responsibility, integrity, consideration, appreciation, civic mindedness, courage, determination etc.) ;
- ☆ **enhancing inter-personal relationships among people**
(courtesy, communication, tolerance, accommodation, acceptance, team-work, leadership, inspiration etc.) or
- ☆ **promoting social well-being in society**
(harmony, sense of belonging, bringing joy and happiness to others etc.).

Criteria :

Showing evidence of having made a difference in the lives of others, whether big or small.

The Awards :

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| 10 Youth Difference Makers Awards | (A trophy plus a sponsored Exceptional Educational Experience abroad) |
| Difference Makers Certificates | (to all students who have successfully completed a Difference Makers project) |
| A Difference Makers Wristband | (to each participating student) |
| Most Enthusiastic School Award | (to be presented to the school with the highest number of participating students) |

High Level Panel of Judges for Selecting the Final Awards:

- Mrs. Cherry Tse Ling Kit Ching, JP, Permanent Secretary for Education, Education Bureau
- Mr. Charles Yang Chuen Liang, JP, Director and Chairman of Allocations Committee, The Community Chest
- Ms. Kitty So, Kitty So & Tong Solicitors
- Mrs. Josephine Pang, MH, Chief Commissioner, Hong Kong Girl Guides Association
- Mr. Anthony Chan, PMSM, Chief Commissioner, Scout Association of Hong Kong
- Rev. Dr. Alfred Deignan, SJ, Council Chairman, Hong Kong International Institute of Educational Leadership
- Dr. Christine Leung Chi Mei, Vice Chair, Direction Association for the Handicapped
- Ms. Ella Lau, Director, Hong Kong Spinal Cord Injury Fund

PROCEDURES

Stage 1:

Participants drawing up a meaningful Difference Makers Action Plan and implementing it

- a) Complete **Form A** and submit it to your Principal, Teacher or Chief/Group Leader on or before 14 October, 2011;
- b) You will be given a **Difference Makers Wristband**;
- c) Conduct your Difference Makers **project** as outlined in Form A;
- d) Upon completion, prepare a **Reflective Report**, summarizing your mission, aims, plans, actions taken, results, differences attained and final reflections. To unleash your creativity, the format can be in any form, written, visual, musical or in integrated media etc. Written reports should not exceed six A-4 pages.
- e) Submit your reflective report to either your Principal or your Chief/Group Leader, by a deadline in January 2012 specified by your School/Organization.
- f) Upon successful completion of the project and report, you will be given a **Difference Makers Certificate**.

Stage 2:

School's/Organization's initial selection and submission of best three projects

Following students'/members' submission of their reflective reports in early January, 2012, the Principal/Chief of each School/Organization will select the best 3 projects based on the Award Criteria and submit their reflective reports to the Award Secretariat on or before 5:00 pm, 1 February, 2012.

All submitted reports will be considered for the Awards by a two-level selection process: First by a semi-final internal selection panel of the Organizing Committee for a short-list, and then by a final High Level Panel of Judges for the 10 Youth Difference Makers Awards.

The Awards will be presented at the 2012 Award Presentation Ceremony in April, 2012, in conjunction with the 2012 Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Day cum Celebration of the Difference Makers event.

REFERENCES

Refer to the following websites for more information on Difference Makers, to get inspiration for developing a meaningful and challenging Difference Maker Project:

<http://www.rickhansen.com/code/navigate.aspx?Id=36>

<http://www.makeadifference.com>

<http://www.mad.asia/en/mad-award>

<http://www.makeadifference.com/resources.htm>

<http://www.differencemakers.us>

<http://www.chinascinet.org>

<http://www.hkscifund.org> (Please click into the inspiring stories of Rick Hansen, So Wa Wai, Dr. Christine Leung and Sang Lan)

A DVD package with the key speeches, discussions and events of the "Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Day & Celebration of Difference Maker" on 21 April, 2011 at the Shatin Jockey Club, as well as inspiring stories and information of Rick Hansen, So Wa Wai, Dr. Christine Leung and Sang Lan will be made available to all participating schools on receipt of their notification of participation. The package will also include a teacher's guide providing ideas on how to use the DVD effectively in the formal and informal curricula for values and character development, as well as for helping students to become Difference Makers.

DATES/DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION

- **14 October, 2011 for final submission of number of students/members from each school/organization;**
- **On or before 5:00 pm, 1 February, 2012** (Submitting the best 3 reflective reports to the Secretariat.)

ENQUIRIES: Youth Difference Makers Award Secretariat

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