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# Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Bangladesh



### Partners



**Motto:**

**Engage**

**Learn**

**Serve**

**Lead**

**Mission:**

Build skills and leadership of youth to empower and improve livelihoods and be environmental stewards in their communities through experiential learning

**Vision:**

Vibrant, healthy, and skilled youth acting in their communities to conserve natural resources and earning a sustainable living.

**Implementation modality:**

Youth outreach, applications, and interview for trainee selection

Five-month residential training for youth leadership, environmental stewardship, and vocational skills

One-month internship for employability skills development

Youth Conservation Network for community-based environmental activity



The YCC Bangladesh aims to train 240 youth by 2024. To date, 113 youth have completed the program. 72% of YCC graduates have been successfully employed in related industries and/or developed entrepreneurial initiatives.

## ■ YCC Training for Youth Leadership and Environmental Stewardship



A well-devised training routine encompassing mental, physical and social well-being empowers youth with confidence and grit. YCC Bangladesh explores youth's potential through leadership, active citizenship, volunteerism, communication, gender, first aid, environmental conservation, and climate change training.





YCC trainees learn about environmental conservation and climate change through real-life field exposers and actions. The trainees conduct study tours, Environmental Needs Assessments (ENA), field trips, and community actions during the training.

## ■ YCC Vocational Training and Internship for Employability Skills



The trainees receive vocational training on market-appropriate skills. For Cox's Bazar and Bandarban, YCC provides training on green course (agriculture, mushroom, nursery), tailoring, electric house wiring, and hospitality management. After the training, YCC links the trainees with the internship for real-life experience and learning.

## Youth Conservation Network by Graduates



YCC Bangladesh organizes graduates under a network titled "Youth Conservation Network (YCN)". The YCN members are implementing 16 community-based action projects addressing climate change issues and plastic waste management.



## YCC STORY

U Ching Wong Marma (22) graduated from the 2<sup>nd</sup> cohort training. She took the Tailoring Course as a vocational skill and completed an internship in a tailoring center in Bandarban. The center owner offered her to continue her job in that center after her internship. She now manages the tailoring center and tailors Marma traditional and other dresses form male and female clients. She has set up a fire distinguisher in her tailoring center for safety that she learned from YCC training. She has also installed a roadside plastic waste bin in her village.

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## YCC STORY

There are new fish-shaped waste bins along the coast of Cox's Bazar because of Risat Kawsar Ishan and Mizanur Rahman. The YCC graduates also built a new toilet in their village and cleaned the canal that captures fresh water. They involve school children in their environmental campaigns, teaching what they learned at YCC. "We conducted an environmental needs assessment for our community," said Ishan, and then they acted on it. Their actions, with community involvement, had an immediate and positive impact on the health and hygiene of their small village. When they aren't teaching kids about littering or doing community projects, the two young men cultivate and sell oyster mushrooms to restaurants up and down the coast.

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