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Ministry of Women, Child & Youth
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Short Course in Human Centered Design with Young People

Background

The Short course *Human Centered Design with Young People* is offered by the Open University of Sri Lanka in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the Commonwealth. This course has been introduced to commemorate the Commonwealth Year of Youth – 2024, by the Department of Social Studies of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Why this course is important

Professionals who nurture and work with young people require a set of knowledge and competencies to work with young people in rights-based ways that develop their agency and supports youth action to full their rights. Young people are constantly on the search for solutions to improve their wellbeing and that of their communities.

The youth-centred model of Human Centered Design (HCD) reflected in this course, is a promising approach that helps address planning that brings two generations together; it attempts to support responsive solution-seeking to multiple issues young people face, from safety and security, leisure, education, employment, health and general wellbeing and rights.

This course aims to:

1. Offer practice-based training on human-centred design
2. Strengthen the capacity of professionals to work with young people to aspire their needs using human-centred design,
3. Strengthen integrated, cross-sectoral youth-centric service delivery across all development domains.



The following flow chart shows how students will interact with course providers throughout the process in relation to face-to-face sessions, online learning, and practicum submission.

Curriculum and structure of delivery of this course



Who is the target group? Youth Workers, Youth Club Leaders, Youth Service Officers, and all professionals working with young people such as Health Workers, Probation and Childcare Officers, Child Rights Promotion Officers, officers of the National Child Protection Authority and so on.

Age and minimum qualification - Those who are above 18 years of age and completion of Ordinary Level Examination

Duration: Four months

Course fee: Rs 15,000

Medium of instructions: English

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