



Vanuatu

National Youth Council

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LOOKING BEYOND DISASTER WORKSHOP

What about it?

The Vanuatu National Youth Council in partnership with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) will be organizing various '*Looking beyond Disaster*' workshops throughout selected islands in Vanuatu.

In commencing that, a three days workshop on '*Looking beyond Disaster*' will be held at the SHEFA Education Office Conference room from the 13th – 15th October. Twenty Selected Youths from the SHEFA Youth Council and Port Vila Youth Council will be attending- to share their hidden stories about what they have been doing to help others within the communities during & throughout disaster periods (eg. PAM).

Facilitators are Jason Pemberton- Special Advisor (Youth) New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO, Rebecca Solomon, Regina Peter and John Botleng at the Vanuatu National Youth Council Office.

The next workshop will be held in Tanna in early November.

What is looking Beyond Disaster?

Looking beyond disaster (LBD) exists for young people to support and enhance and man –made disaster and climate risk management at local, national, regional and global events for resilience of people, communities and countries. Recognizing the considerable impact of preparedness initiatives over response efforts, an emphasis is placed on "*creating solutions now*" rather than '*solving problems later*'.

Their fore, Children and youth have been recognized as valuable contributors –*agents of change*- to ensure that disaster risk plan designing and implementation are tailored accordingly.

The LBD also provides a way of bringing young people together to explore natural / man- made disasters and climate risk factors from local to global perspectives, and approach new solutions. It is therefore essential that young people be in the lead to engage in community response to disasters as they are critical stakeholders in efforts to finding sustainable solutions.

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