

YMCA 175 : Brief Report

Around 3000 young people and 700 leaders have participated in the YMCA 175 event held at Excel London from 4-7 August 2019 from 100 countries. The event was a mix of Keynotes, Pep Talks by Young leaders, Workshops, Recreational activities and Exhibitions.

Y's Men at the YMCA175

Delegation: IP Jennifer Jones, PICM Russell Jones and ISG Jose VARGHESE represented from YMI and AP Ulrik Lauridsen represented YMI Area Europe.

Recognition: Y's Men international was recognized as a Partner of the Event through their website and also at the opening ceremony of the event. Y's Men delegates were invited to the special reception hosted for the guests and partners. YMI was also invited for Exclusive dialogue with UN General Assembly President, Special Cocktail hosted by YMCA of USA and World YMCA, Special meeting with Google Team hosted by Y Care International. These were good opportunities for profiling our organization and networking.

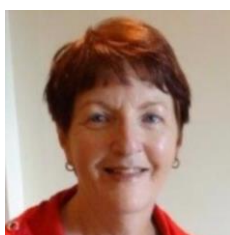
History and Heritage show: A tribute to our founder Judge Paul William Alexander was prominently exhibited at the Heritage and history area with the narration of the legacy of the Y' Men International.

Y Service Club Session: On 7th August YMI facilitated a Session on Y service Club which was attended by 140 members. It was very interactive session with mix group of people.

This workshop is intended for those who are looking for lifelong civic engagement with fun, International fellowship and social action. Y Service Clubs are offering unique opportunities for young adults and families to have civic engagements with service in partnership with YMCAs all around the world.

Participants got info about the concept of service club and the possibilities to engage with Y's Men International (YMI) as a member of the Club, Chartering of Y Service Club, availing Y's Men funds for YMCA projects, support staff trainings and Short Term Educational Exchange Programs with the Y's families around the world.

Speakers



Jennifer Jones



Jose Varghese



Ulrik Lauridsen

Y's Men Stand: A Y's Men stand was run throughout the event. A booklet introducing Y's Men were widely distributed. The stand was also point to meet and talk with our existing members as well as several potential YMCAs across the World.

Extension discussions/ Progress

- a. **Meeting with YMCA England and Wales** : They are interested to set up service clubs at local YMCAs as resource groups for supporting the YMCA.
- b. **Meeting with YMCA Scotland**: NGS Kerry, James Reilly and Mike Will are ready to establish the club in Scotland. To be followed up with them soon
- c. **Meeting with YMCA Germany**: Had several round of productive meeting with President Karl Heinz, NGS, Hans jorg and International Director Richard of YMCA Germany to have a national level strategic association with us. They have agreed to invite us for a formal meeting in Kassel to develop a plan.
- d. **Meeting with YMCA Norway and Y Global**: Y Global is an advocacy group of the YMCA of Norway. They are interested to form clubs in Norway with the mission of supporting advocacy on various issues locally and globally. Need to talk further with Fredrik ,Director of Y Global in Oslo. NGS is very much supportive to correct YMI with local YMCAs to engage in conversation with Norway Region.
- e. **Club in Karachi – Pakistan**: There is a YMCA friends group in Karachi and would like to convert it as Y Service Club.
- f. **Meeting with YMCA Mexico**: They are ready to start the club (but requesting ISG visit !)
- g. **Africa**: It was great to reconnect with people met at the YMCA Africa Assembly. There is progress in Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Madagascar, South Sudan and Senegal.
- h. **UK**: 2 Indian clubs and 2 Clubs by Sierra Leone community is underway YMCA Black country gave the response forms, which should be followed up. Wally is allready on duty.
- i. **Northern Ireland**: Reponse form for starting a club at Belfast is received.
- j. **India**: New Club in Cuttack, Orrisa (Form received) Ready to charter in October.
- k. Meeting with **Sri Lanka** NGS: They agreed to help starting 4 clubs this year.
- l. **Ulrik** had many positive talks with the young persons to attend the Youth convocation in Odense 2020.

