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Youth Service America (YSA) is a resource center that partners with thousands of organizations committed to increasing the quality and quantity of volunteer opportunities for young people in America, ages 5-25, to serve locally, nationally, and globally.

Youth Service America's mission is to strengthen the effectiveness, sustainability, and scale of the youth service and service-learning fields.



We work toward YSA's mission through four core strategies:

- Organizing Public Policy and Awareness Campaigns;
- Convening the Field;
- Offering Incentives and Recognition; and
- Providing Information and Educational Resources.



Organizing Public Policy and Awareness:

- National and Global Youth Service Day
- Youth Voice
- National and Community Service Advocacy
- ServiceVote





Convening The Field:

- Youth Service America's Membership Program
- National Service-Learning Conference, a program of the National Youth Leadership Council
- Working Group on National and Community Service



Offering Incentives & Recognition

Grants:

State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grant, Disney/Hand Minnie Grant, NEA Youth Leaders for Literacy, Bobel/ Aiken Able to Serve, Youth Service Action Fund, AT&T Cares Youth Service Fund, Motorola Youth Service Fund, Verizon Reads Youth Service Fund

Awards:

Harris Wofford Awards
 "Common Experience, Common Expectation Award"

- Youth
- Media
- Institution





Providing Information & Educational Resources

- SERVENet.org
- YSA.org
- GYSD.org
- The National Service Briefing
- Curriculum Guides and Tool Kits
- Project Plan-It!
- Tip Sheets
- Cap Wiz
- Issue-specific guides: Environment, Financial Management, Engaging Youth with Disabilities
- Training and Technical Assistance



Global Youth Service Day

GYSD is an annual global campaign that highlights and celebrates the year-round contributions of youth to their communities through volunteer service.

GYSD is celebrated in over 125 countries in every region of the world.





What are the goals of GYSD?

- To **BUILD** the capacity of an international network of organizations to promote youth participation, service, and learning;
- To **EDUCATE** the public, the media and policymakers about the year-round contributions of young people as community leaders around the world;
- To **MOBILIZE** youth and adults to meet the needs of their communities through volunteering; and
- To **LEARN** and share effective policies in youth service, youth voice, and civic engagement in the world today.

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Who organizes GYSD?


- Youth Service America, with the Global Youth Action Network as its key partner;
- An International Coordinating Committee of organizations; and
- A National Lead Agency and a national coordinating committee in each of the over 125 participating countries.

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When did GYSD start?

GYSD was launched in 2000, and modeled after the National Youth Service Day program founded by Youth Service America in 1989.

This year, GYSD will take place April 15 - 17, 2005.



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Why do youth participate in GYSD?

Youth participate in GYSD to address the needs of their local communities through service and to be a part of a global youth service movement.



How is GYSD organized?

A National Lead Agency and a diverse coordinating committee in each country do outreach at the national level and organize youth-led service projects for GYSD.

A GYSD Secretariat (YSA and GYAN) located in the United States, with the advice of an International Coordinating Committee, provides support through communications, resources, and materials.



What type of organizations are involved with GYSD?

- National coordinating committees include a cross-sector of organizations from government level agencies, to education, volunteer, youth leadership, faith-based and many other fields.
- At the international level, an advisory committee includes organizations like United Nations-affiliated agencies, international service and educational organizations, and multi-lateral institutions.



Project Examples

Projects are as diverse as the communities' needs. Project examples include:

- Trainings and forums to address peace and conflict resolution issues;
- Conferences and fairs on youth participation and volunteering;
- Neighborhood beautification, park clean ups, school painting and repairs;
- Tutoring orphan and street children;
- Organizing food and clothing drives; and
- HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns.





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