

Asian Youth Centre (AYC) – Canada

Annual Report 2014

Introduction:

Asian Youth Centre – Canada has been launched in 2004 with the kind presence of Rev. Mitsuo Miyake, President Asian Youth Centre who visited Toronto, Canada to open the branch in Canada.

AYC – Canada Board of Members:

Ms. Nadia R Zaman is the President and having 14 members on board. Most of the members are either students or working in various professions having a background of Asian born immigrants in Canada.

Brief Activities:

NGO Volunteering:

AYC Canada has supported Canadian Cancer Society in fund raising activities through its member volunteering for the cause of generating funds for Cancer victims. The activity was supported by a local NGO involved in fund raising through a campaign and voluntary activities to attract Canadian Citizens in making donations for the cause. The NGO is also active in finding sponsors interested to donate funds for under privileged children's from developing countries for their education and support.

Support to Asian new immigrants:

AYC Canada Director of International Services acted as mentor to Asian origin new immigrants, mostly young students or who has completed their University degree but looking for jobs. The activity included mentoring and lecturing the young job seekers in finding suitable jobs in Canada. The exercise included training them in how to write CV and preparing them for the interviews for a successful outcome.

Support to Mentally Sick Children:

AYC Canada President has been assisting a local NGO providing support to mentally sick children through local NGO. The activity includes lectures, designing programs, brain storming sessions, art/painting activities to improve the mental conditions of these children.

Support to UNICEF Canada:

AYC member has been engaged in delivering lectures to UNICEF Canada sponsored school for under-privileged children in Toronto. Ms. Nadia Zaman was the Co-Director of the UNICEF at University of Toronto Youth Engagement Program during her undergraduate studies. She raised awareness among the youth on topics such as children's rights, water and sanitation, HIV/AIDS and girls education. Further, she maintained close contact with UNICEF Canada, collaborated with community centers, trained youth volunteers, and designed the Youth Engagement Program curriculum.

University of Toronto:

At the law school, Ms. Zaman is an Equity Officer and manages student concerns relating to equity and diversity issues, such as those arising from the school accommodation policies. She is also a Student Ambassador, a leadership role in which she represents the law school to prospective students and provides them with the guidance they might need to succeed.

Bangladesh Student Association, Toronto:

Ms. Zaman is a member of the Bangladeshi Students Association at the University of Toronto and participated in events bringing together Asian youth and raising awareness about Asian culture.

Voluntary Mentoring:

Mr. Ali has been an active member of the Bangladeshi community and had participated in events bringing together Asian youth while raising awareness about Asian Culture. In addition to the Director role at AYC, some of the notable positions held by Mr. Ali: □ Bell Canada Toronto Team Lead–Community Initiatives □ Director Student Union– York University □ Student Senator – York Board Of Senate