

Youth group leads tree plantation

2015

The Youth Initiative (YI) is bringing together 30 volunteers, including youth and local residents, at Lungtenphu in Thimphu on 18 July to plant trees.

The volunteers are expected to plant around 120 trees.

The YI is a non-partisan and informal group of youth formed for debate, deliberation and development. It is supported by the Bhutan Centre for Media and Democracy.

The tree plantation is one of the local action plans made by the youth representative during their summer sitting.

Since its inception in 2013, the YI has been actively engaged in different activities to address different issues and challenges pertaining to youth and democracy.

The first batch of the YI successfully organised a reading campaign to promote reading habit among youth, built ramps for wheelchair patients near the Memorial Chorten and carried out advocacy programmes on buying local products.

The second batch of the YI comprises youth from schools and colleges, and 12 school dropouts. The members have identified three issues to address: utilising barren land, negative impact of social media, and insufficient library books in far-flung schools.

The plantation area has been designated by Thimphu Thromde.

The YI not only reviews existing policies and proposes solutions to problems and challenges, but also gets down to take 'local actions' to be part of the solutions.

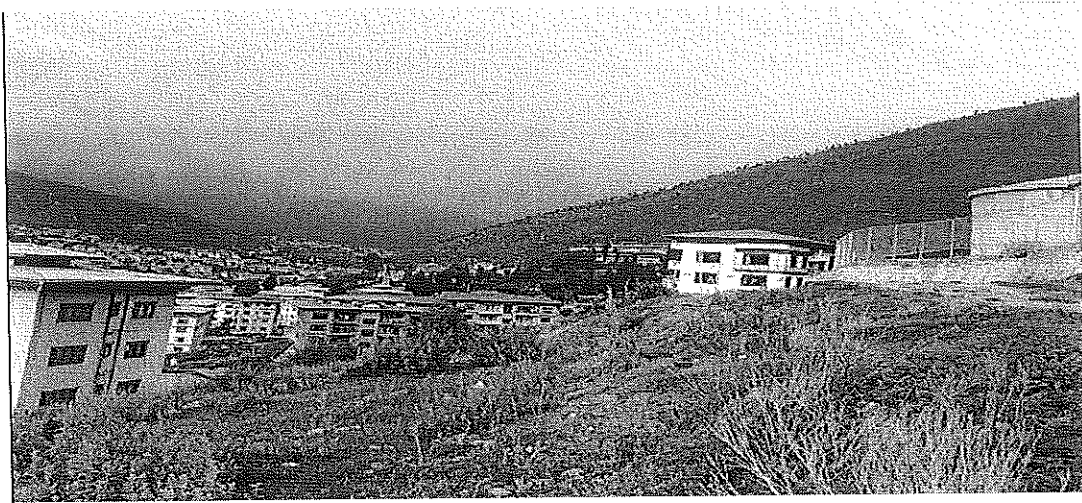
The Youth Initiative (YI) under Bhutan Centre for Media and Democracy is organizing planting trees on 18th July, 2015 which will have almost 30 volunteer from youth officials and residents people nearby areas. The main objective of such activities is environmental conservation campaign targeting people around the Lingtiphu areas and one of the local actions made by the youth representative during the summer sitting.

Youth initiative is a non partisan and informal group which is formed for debate, deliberation and development. Youth Initiative is an idea - this idea is based on three fundamentals; Youth, Democracy and Progressiveness. Ever since its inception on 2013, youth initiatives have been actively engaging in different activities to confront with myriad issues pertaining to youth and democracy. The first batch of YI successfully organized reading champagne to promote reading habits, built ramp for wheel chair patients near memorial chorten and carried out advocacy programs on going local in terms of products, specifically potato chips.

Now we have 2nd batch of Youth Initiatives which comprises of youths from various schools and colleges, twelve dropout . The members have unanimously identified three different issues and the issuers are: barren lands underutilized, negative impacts of social media and insufficient library books in some of the far-flung schools and the issues are classified as sustainable development, social media and education respectively. After undergoing through vigorous research, debates, dialogues and public sitting, YI has developed local three actions to confront with the identified issues. We commit to complete all the works before October.

As the land designated by thromde, the youth initiative members along with other youth members and also BCMD family will be joining in the plantation. We also informed residents

near by the area to inform them of the initiative and to involve in the event. The place is located at Lungtenphu (old high) as mention in the picture given below.



The YI identifies challenges in various fields, reviews existing policies, and proposes solutions to problems and challenges. It is committed to not only raising issues and proposing solutions, but also getting down to take 'local actions' to be part of the solutions.