Udaan
When Youth Drive Change
Across districts in Maharashtra (including in Greater Mumbai and beyond), youth from marginalised communities are co-creating better futures. They are demanding that their rights and access to basic services be met. The youth are committed to reach their full potential as citizens. They are participating in and leading campaigns and networks, and engaging with people at all levels—from the grassroots to decision makers.

Energetic, curious, eager to learn, keen to engage … the youth have shifted the power on issues that matter.
The change pathway

- A 360-degree integrated development model at the basti level, with interventions in interrelated domains—education, habitat, livelihood, governance—for comprehensive change

- The formation and strengthening of collectives as a key strategy for agency and solidarity

- Youth-led research informs advocacy for equitable policy-making

Our work is guided by a value-based and participatory democratic framework.

We focus on nurturing youth as protagonists of change, social innovators and partners in their own development.

In their own words...

“It was a proud moment for me as I presented youth engagement strategies and the collective building process at the World Urban Forum 9 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to an international audience.”
Asma Ansari (Youth leader)

“Studies were never an option for girls like me, from a Scheduled Caste background and given our financial constraints, but I was determined to break the mould. I love working with the youth to strengthen their social and political understanding. In 2019, I even contested elections for the post of Sarpanch in our village”
Shaila Yadav (Youth leader)
Collectives for Change

Across Mumbai, youth demanded reservation of spaces for play and expression during the making of the Mumbai Development Plan 2014–2034. They have claimed 6 spaces so far in the ongoing movement.

With the spread of COVID-19, the youth in the basti of Kranti Nagar, Kandivali East, Mumbai, kept pressuring municipal authorities for community toilets to be regularly cleaned. They also ran a social media campaign! Their demands were soon met.

Youth-led areas of change also include:

Community development
Community support during disasters
Ensuring gender justice
Enhancing health awareness
Participation in governance

Right to education
Right to expression
Right to habitat
Right to play
and more ...

Youth-led experiential learning for social transformation
Co-creating inclusive cities with youth
Building critical thinking and skills for leadership
Impact 2014-20

- 20,000+ Youth Outreach
- 1,700+ Youth Access Education Support
- 1,500+ Youth Trained In Different Leadership Processes
- 300+ Youth Access Jobs
Engage with our youth work

India’s young people, constituting the world’s largest youth population, need adequate avenues and opportunities for empowerment and to achieve their potential.

Commit to brighter futures for the youth today!
Write to: info@yuvaindia.org for more.

Read more about our work with youth:

Read more:
https://citizenmatters.in/yuva-youth-efforts-towards-change-in-mumbai-16285

Stories of Change 2019 - 2020

Read more:
https://www.urbanet.info/mumbais-young-people-stake-their-claim-to-play/

Read more:

The Sage Handbook of Youth Work Practice
Edited by Pam Allred, Fin Cullen, Kathy Edwards and Dana Fusco
Youth & India's Sustainable Development Goals
Edited by Saigita Chitturu

Watch:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KvAPC6BLM1k&t=5s&ab_channel=officialyuva

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Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action (YUVA)

is a non-profit development organisation committed to enabling vulnerable groups to access their rights and address human rights violations.

YUVA supports the formation of people’s collectives to engage them in the development discourse. This work is complemented with advocacy and policy recommendations. Set up in Mumbai in 1984, currently YUVA operates in 5 Indian states.

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