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# Making Good Use of Social Recourses — The Youth Activities Centre of Outer Harbour \*

The Youth Activities Centre of Outer Harbour is one of the youth centres under the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ). Established in 1993, the Centre organises activities and provides services mainly in five areas, namely, promoting arts education, providing learning support, promoting the youth's social participation cultivating the youth's moral character and supporting youth associations. In order to diversify its services, the Centre went through renovation in 2011 and was reopened in 2012.

**Central theme of the Centre :** Arts education

**Objectives of the Centre :**

To help youngsters discover their potentials, boost their confidence, foster their creative thinking and enhance their aesthetic and creative abilities.

**Target :** young people aged 13-29

**Opening Hours:**

Monday to Friday: 15:30 – 22:00

Saturday: 14:00 – 22:00

Sunday and public holidays: 10:00 – 22:00

Summer holiday in July and August:

10:00 – 22:00 (Close on specified public holidays)



## Facilities

Covering three floors, the Youth Activities Centre of Outer Harbour occupies an area of 2,990 m<sup>2</sup>, including several multi-purpose rooms and activity areas.

The Centre has two entrances, one at Avenida de Marciano Baptista and the other at Rua de Luís Gonzaga Gomes. To create an inclusive and barrier-free environment, the Centre is equipped with lifts, so as to facilitate persons with disabilities and promote their integration into the community.

**The first floor, with an area of 1,613 m<sup>2</sup>, encompasses different facilities including:**

### 1. Leisure Zone (Magazine area)

It is a comfortable and relaxed area where young people can read newspapers and magazines for free.

### 2. Dynamic Zone (Game area)

It provides many somatosensory games for youngsters to combine exercise with recreation.

### 3. Information Zone (Public Internet access area)

It provides individual and private spaces for browsing information online and reading eBooks.

### 4. Activity Zone (Activity room)

Different types of workshops and interest classes are regularly held in the Activity Zone. Youth associations and schools can also rent the room to organise leisure activities for youngsters.

(Room capacity: 80 people)

### 5. Dance Zone (Dance room)

Dance workshops and interest classes are regularly held in the Dance Zone. Youth associations and schools can also rent the room to organise dance activities for young dance lovers.

(Room capacity: 30 people)

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### 6. Digital Zone (Computer training room)

It provides state-of-the-art computers and software, as well as regular multimedia application courses.

### 7. Knowledge Base (Library)

It provides various types of books, CDs and DVDs, aiming to help youngsters foster reading interests and gain further knowledge.

### 8. Public Offices for Associations

In order to support the development of youth associations, the Centre provides shared offices, lockers and letter boxes for local youth associations to apply for administrative and office use.

### 9. Meeting Room

For hosting small conferences. (Capacity: 10 to 12 people)

### 10. Group Zone (Group activities room)

It is used to hold small meetings.

(Room Capacity: 10 to 12 people)

### 11. Volunteer Zone (Voluntary activity room)

It is designed for the Centre's volunteers, whose training, activities and gatherings can be held here.

### 12. Recharging Station

Here, youngsters can chat, gather and study, besides borrowing board games for free to play in the Centre. They can also browse information about the DSEJ, different Youth Centres and arts education through the touch-screens.

**The second floor, covering an area of 1,246 m<sup>2</sup>, is a spacious area with the following facilities:**

### 1. Conversation Corner

Youngsters can gather, relax and chat in this corner. Cookery interest classes are also regularly held here.

### 2. Dream Factory

This area offers regular workshops on visual arts, creating opportunities for the youth to develop creativity and artistic potential.

### 3. Tennis Court

Regular tennis interest classes are held here. In addition, youth associations and schools can rent the court to hold sports events.



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Besides the above-mentioned facilities, the Youth Activities Centre of Outer Harbour also provides the following services and activities for youngsters:

**1. “Phoning service of homework guidance”** The service is provided between 5pm and 10pm from Mondays to Saturdays for primary and junior secondary school students. Primary students studying in Primary 3, 4, 5 and 6 at local Chinese schools can call for homework guidance at 28702111; while students studying in Form 1 to Form 3 (Junior 1 to Junior 3) at local Chinese schools can call for homework guidance at 28702011.

**2. Counselling Service for Youngsters**

Via telephone or face-to-face conversation, this service assists youngsters to confront problems that they will encounter in adolescence, thereby promoting their healthy development.

**3. Arts Education Activities**

Aiming to foster the youth’s creative thinking, the Centre is committed to promoting arts education, so as to help youngsters realise their potentials, raise their confidence and develop their aesthetic attitude. To this end, the Centre hosts diverse arts education activities, including different types of art workshops and interest classes, art appreciation activities, art camps, visits, guided tours, performances and exhibitions.



**4. Moral Character Development Activities**

To help the youth build positive values, the Centre organises different moral education activities regularly, including activities related to problem gambling prevention, financial management, emotion management, proper internet usage, sex education and life education.

**5. Activities Promoting the Youth’s Social Participation**

To encourage the youth to participate in meaningful volunteering work so as to broaden their horizons and foster their mutual-help and teamwork spirits, the Centre organises training and practical voluntary activities for youth volunteers. It also organises volunteer teams to participate in community and charity activities, in a bid to promote voluntary work.

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# 迈向优质教育 推进课程改革 非高等教育课程发展历程和方向

教育对于人和社会的可持续发展起着重要的作用，而课程体现着教育的思想和观念，是进行教育、教学活动的重要依据，直接影响学校运作的效能和培养目标的实现。因此，课程发展作为教育改革的核心环节，对学校的教育品质以至学生的素养都有重要的影响。

经济的全球化和资讯科技的发展，以至澳门特区成立后经济、政治、社会及文化的不断进步，促使了对人才定义的根本改变。与此同时，内地及邻近地区以至世界的课程改革持续发展，给澳门开展课程改革带来了大量宝贵的经验。因此，政府正按序开展一系列的教育改革工作，包括课程与教学的不断改进，这都是澳门教育界的普遍共识。

2006年12月颁布的《非高等教育制度纲要法》，明确订明今后课程发展的主要原则和方向。当中，政府将从课程组织的整体框架，以全面发展、开拓潜能的理念，进一步规范和指引学校的课程。

为加深各位教育同仁对当前课程改革的理 解， 本文将从澳门非高等教育课程发展的历程、当前改革与发展的方向两个方面作简单的介绍。