

# International Youth Volunteer Camp - 2001 "Volunteer for Peace and Sustainable Development" in observance of IYV 2001

**Date: 18 - 31 October 2001.**

**Venue: Sitakund, Chittagong, Bangladesh.**

**Jointly Organized by:**

**Young Power in Social Action (YPSA) and  
YPSA Centre for Youth and Development.**

YPSA (Young Power in Social Action) is very delighted to announce the International Youth Volunteer Camp -2001, which is a regular yearly programme of YPSA. The theme of this year's camp is "**Volunteer for Peace and Sustainable Development**" and this camp will be devoted to the **International Year of Volunteers - 2001**. As the United Nations declared the year 2001 as International year of volunteer and the main objectives of this year are recognition, promotion, facilitation, and networking of volunteers worldwide. Volunteers have been celebrating the year worldwide since the kick off of IYV on 5 December 2000, YPSA has also taken many initiatives to celebrate this year successfully and as a part of that programme this International camp is specially organized to celebrate IYV-2001. Here it can also be mentioned that the year 2000 was the **International Year for the Culture of Peace**. Further more, the UNESCO has declared the first decade of the 21st century i.e. 2001 to 2010 as an **International Decade of Peace and Non-violence for the children of the world**. It is in this context that the promotion of the culture of peace and non-violence should start in the hearts and minds of the young people through the spirit of volunteerism. YPSA strongly believes that the culture of volunteerism makes possible sustainable development, promotion of the culture of peace and personal fulfilment of each human being

With a view to promote culture of peace and sustainable development, YPSA is going to hold this International camp. This camp aims to bring together young people from all over the world to celebrate the IYV - 2001 through working for poor people and environment and enlightening themselves with the various plenary sessions, workshop and ecological tours.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CAMP:**

**01. Camp Site and Date:** The camp will be held at the foot of the Chandranath Hills in Sitakund of Chittagong district, Bangladesh from 18 -31 October 2001.

**02. Participants:** We anticipate 40 participants (twenty from abroad and twenty from home). Participants age limit is 18-35.

No special skills required for participating in the camp but you will have to be self-motivated, energetic, easy going and willing to work hard.

**03. Working Language:** English will be the only working language of the camp.

**04. Programme Information:** In the camp there will be workshops and thematic sessions on different topics such as Youth and Volunteerism, Youth for Peace, Role of Youth in Bio-Diversity Conservation, Youth Participation in Community Development, Youth and Disability issues, Youth and HIV/AIDS, Advocacy for Good Governance, IYV -2001 and Agenda for Action etc. Besides campers will have to do some manual works such as Planting of saplings, Nursing of Trees, construction works, Cleanliness campaign etc. At the end of camp an extensive Eco-Tour will be arranged to different places of historical and tourist interest and visit to other like minded voluntary development organizations. All participants will be awarded by official camp certificate and memento. After camp interested International Volunteers could work with YPSA for specific projects as International Volunteer for one to two months period.

**05. Accommodation and Food:** All participants will stay at a huge dormitory situated in the foot of the Chandranath hills and room arrangements will be made considering gender and country balance. And during the tour participants will be staying in modest hotel available and Bangladeshi food (plain rice, chicken, fish, vegetables, salad etc.) will be served in the camp.

**06. Participation Cost:** The camp participation fee is US\$ 150 that covers expenses for food, accommodation and local transportation must be paid upon their arrival at the camp site. All other expenses such as air fair, medical treatment, Insurance, hospitalization etc will be borne by the participants themselves.

**07. Further Correspondence:** For further information and inquiries regarding the camp please contact the following address:

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as its the most convenient, quickest and cheapest)**

Finally we would like to take this opportunity to invite you to participate in the International Youth Volunteer Camp on "**Volunteer for Peace and Sustainable Development**" either as representative of your organization or individually.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

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Chief Executive of YPSA