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NATIONAL TRAINING IN THE HOLY LAND



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On behalf of the ICYCW, Fr John Marsland and Philip Callaghan from the YCW England & Wales organised a training event for young workers in the Holy Land in collaboration with JEC Palestine. This involved three visits which were subsidised by the Friends of the Holy Land. February 2016: Preparation visit, October 2016: 2 day training event at the Caritas centre in Bethlehem and January 2018: Follow-up. JEC Palestine



have now established 5 worker groups in the West Bank as part of their ministry. The JOC group in Jerusalem is being renewed and Fr Marwan is forming a JOC group in

Bethlehem. Fr Marwan will follow up these developments in the West Bank and in Jerusalem and also make new initiatives in Nazareth.

FORMATION PROGRAMME OF YCW CAMBODIA

150 young people participated in a national workers pastoral meeting in Phnom Penh in October 2017. The meeting aimed to encourage young people share out their realities. Through the interactions, video presentations and plays young people identified ways of improving the conditions of the young workers lives as well as

different ways of promoting collaboration and joint actions. The importance of chaplaincy was emphasised, an exchange and sharing session held between chaplains and brought out the importance of

accompaniment and for the need for the Church to give recognition to the YCW Movement and its mission towards the young workers.



National Training and Exchange - Indian Ocean Islands

The International Treasure made mission work in YCWs Madagascar, Mauritius and Rodriguez. With the aim of identifying the common realities and challenges of the young people in the Region, analysing the common values to guide the development of plans of action that would impact positively in the lives of young people.



Exchange programme East Africa



National leaders from YCWs Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia and Malawi came together in October 2017 to exchange on the different realities in regard to young peoples world of work, review the work done by each Movement in regard to the implmentation of the Regional plan of action, as well as identify priorities of work in the region for the period of 2017-18. One key issue that came out of the programme is young people's role in employment creation through identification and developing creative forms of work by using available resources and technology in order to answer to present day employment gaps and challenges face by young people.

106th session of the ILO

The ICYCW represented by the International Secretariat and two young leaders from YCW Spain and Italy, took part in the following areas of the agenda; Labour migration, employment and decent work for peace and resilience, revision of the employment recommendations of 1994 (No. 71) and on the recurrent discussion on the strategic objective of fundamental principles and rights at work under the follow up to the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for Fair Globalisation, 2008.



Idy (International Treasurer) reading general statement for catholic inspired organisations.



Exchange of YCWs Spain, Italy and Portugal

The 2017 trilateral meeting was held in Barcelona, Spain. This annual trilateral meetings are organised by YCWs Spain, Italy, Portugal and Catalonia and it involves the meeting of the national secretariats of these Movements in order to study the current situations of the Movements, share their experience and propose joint actions for implementation by each Movement.

International Trade Union Meeting



In November 2017, the ICYCW participated in a meeting of the international Trade Union under the theme “From Populorum Progression to Laudato Si”. The key elements of discussions focused on the reflections from the Evangelii Gaudium, the role of Trade Unions in bringing awareness on the reality of workers and their contribution to social sciences. It was noted that a lot of interventions were needed to address the injustices and inequalities in the conditions of work. While Laudato Si provided key contents of reflections and actions that may guide in developing proposals for sustainable development of Labour markets, the trade unions were identified as effective tools of bringing justice and equality in the world of work.,

Catholic inspired Organisations

A forum for Catholic inspired organisations was organised and held in Decemebr 2017 in Rome under the theme “Promoters of Humanity in a Transforming World”. The forum was comprised of several international catholic organisations each dealing with different aspects of human development. The main objective of the meeting was to promote solidarity of action on human rights and social justice, The need for collaboration was emphasised as a means of pulling resources together in order to achieve greater impact.



COMECE Social Affairs Commission

ICYCW was represented by YCW England & Wales in a meeting of the Social Affairs Commission of the Commission of Bishops Conference of the European Community (COMECE) held in Brussels in November 2017.

The two day gathering brought together different organisations and bodies from Europe to explore the agenda of work and the need to protect employment as highlighted in the encyclical, Laudato Si.

European Commission in ensuring dignity of work, entrepreneurship and role of trade unions in a changing world. Brexit, zero-hour working contracts, inability to find permanent work even with university degrees and increasing cases of mental health concerns were some of the major concerns raised by the young people in England.



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