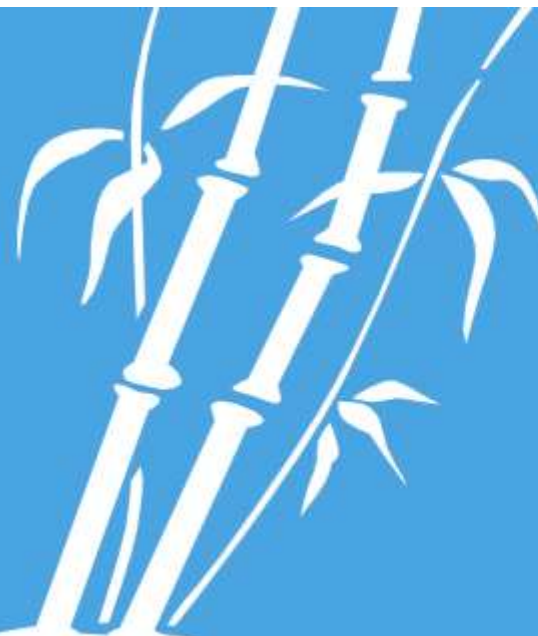




Building the Capacity of Young People  
and Accreditation Strategies

10<sup>th</sup> Youth Peace Ambassadors

YOUNG PEOPLE  
LEADING OUR  
COMMUNITIES  
IN BUILDING  
RESILIENCE



BY TAM HOANG



## GLOBAL TRACTION.

June 2012

*UN Major Group for Children & Youth (UN MGCY)* mobilises 3,000+ young people to Rio+20, the UN Conference on Sustainable Development.

DRR recognised in the *Outcome of Rio+20: The Future We Want.*

May 2013

Young people offered a unique voice at the *4<sup>th</sup> Global Platform on DRR.*



## A NEW ERA IS BORN.

Sep 2010 - Feb 2011

*UC Student Volunteer Army (SVA)* mobilises 11,000+ volunteers to assist after the Christchurch Earthquakes.

Dec 2011

First *UNESCO Youth Forum* titled "*Looking Beyond Disasters*" with over 80+ youth from the Asia-Pacific.

*Volunteer Army Foundation (VAF)* created as a charitable trust.



# Civil Society and UN Major Groups



# Five primary Platforms of YBD

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## YOUTH ON THE MOVE.

Jul 2013 - Nov 2014

Youth self-organising and presenting workshops at Regional Platforms and Preparatory Committee meetings.

May 2014

DRR recognised by 600+ youth in the *Colombo Declaration on Youth* at the *World Conference on Youth*.

*Children & Youth Forum* held at the *3<sup>rd</sup> UN World Conference on DRR*.

## FOR THE LITTLE FELLAS.

May 2011

*Children in a Changing Climate (CCC)* develops the **Children's Charter on DRR** in consultation with 600+ children.

Quote from LBD Christchurch

***"This is our home. And this is also going to be the home of not only ourselves, but of our children and our grand children."***

~ Delegate from Philippines



# Children & Youth Forum at the WCDDR

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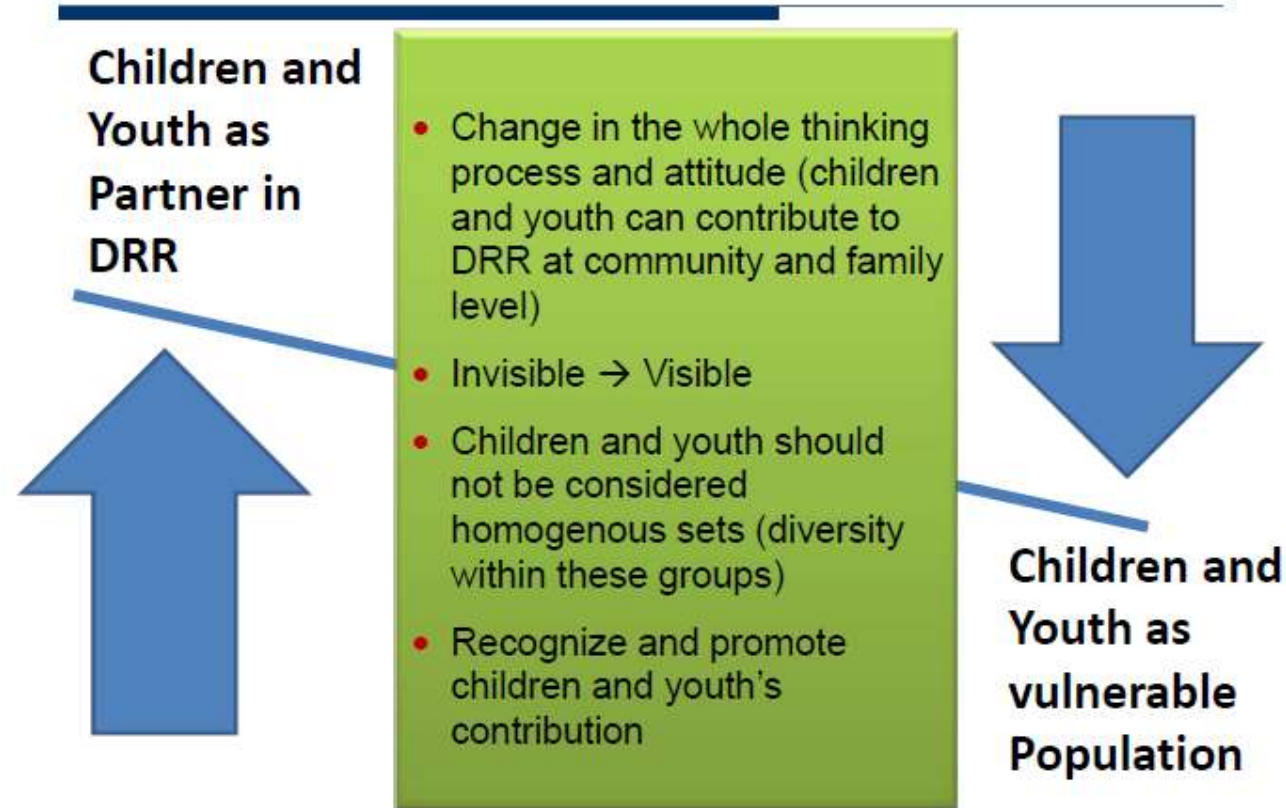
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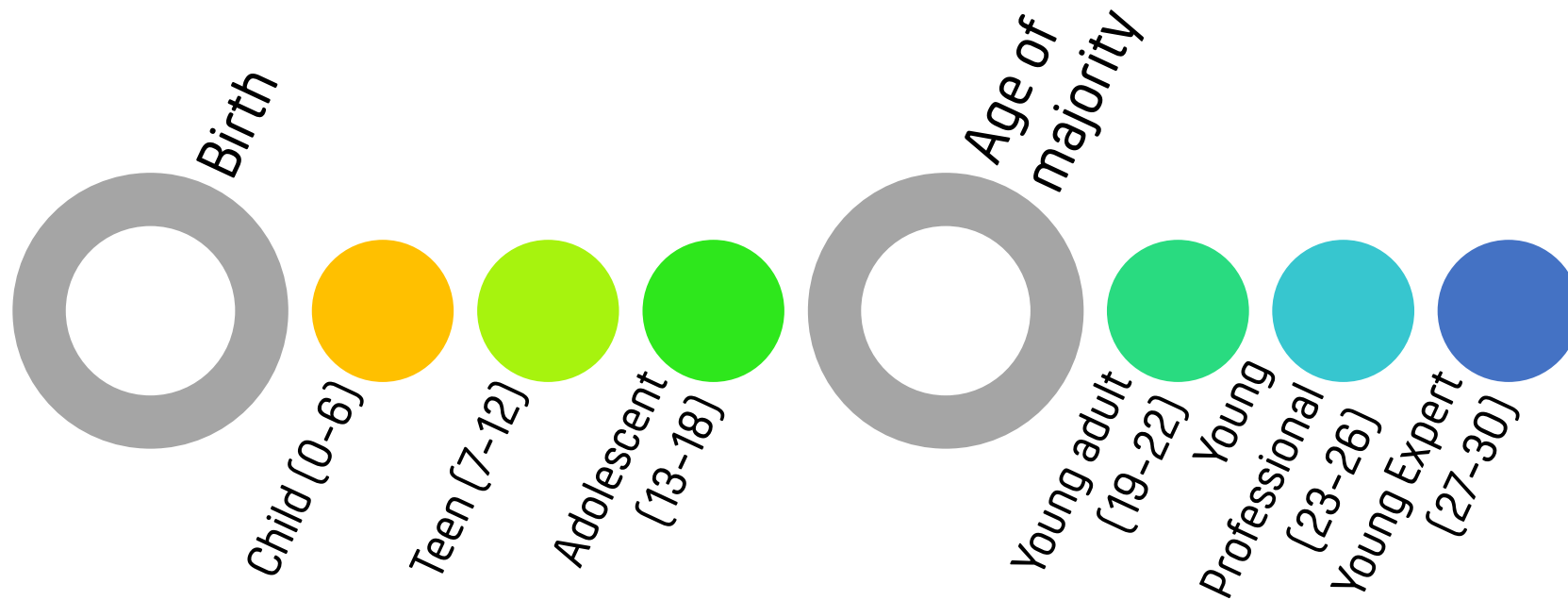


Who is  
"Youth"?



# Six key stages of Young People

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# Capacity Building Initiatives



\* Generally applicable for all young people and youth age groups

# Youth-Led Partnerships we are grateful for



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Potential Youth-Led Partners	Past & Potential Supporters
ASEAN Youth Volunteer Association	Asian Development Bank
European Youth Forum	Eubios Ethics Institute
Foundation of Young Australians	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
International Federation of Red Cross	Global Civil Society Network for Disaster Reduction
Latin American Youth Forum	Global Peace Foundation
Pacific Youth Council	Insurance Advisory Group - New Zealand
United Network of Young Peace Builders	International Association of Volunteering Effort
Water Youth Network	Podio
World Scout Movement	UNESCO
World Association of <b>Girl Guides'</b>	UNICEF
Youth Peace Ambassadors International	UNISDR

# Focus on Professional Accreditation

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Our current focus is on Australia and New Zealand

What does Professional Accreditation entail?

- A structured system for professional development based on agreed standards of competence used to help recruit and retain members in the profession.

Problem Statement

- Retaining volunteers is considered a challenge in across the services.
- Opportunities to develop volunteering into a profession are not clearly visible.
- Career pathways do not clearly exist for progression and development.
- An industry-accepted accreditation currently does not exist for volunteers.
- Common standards do not exist for volunteers across organisations.

# Focus on Young Professional Accreditation

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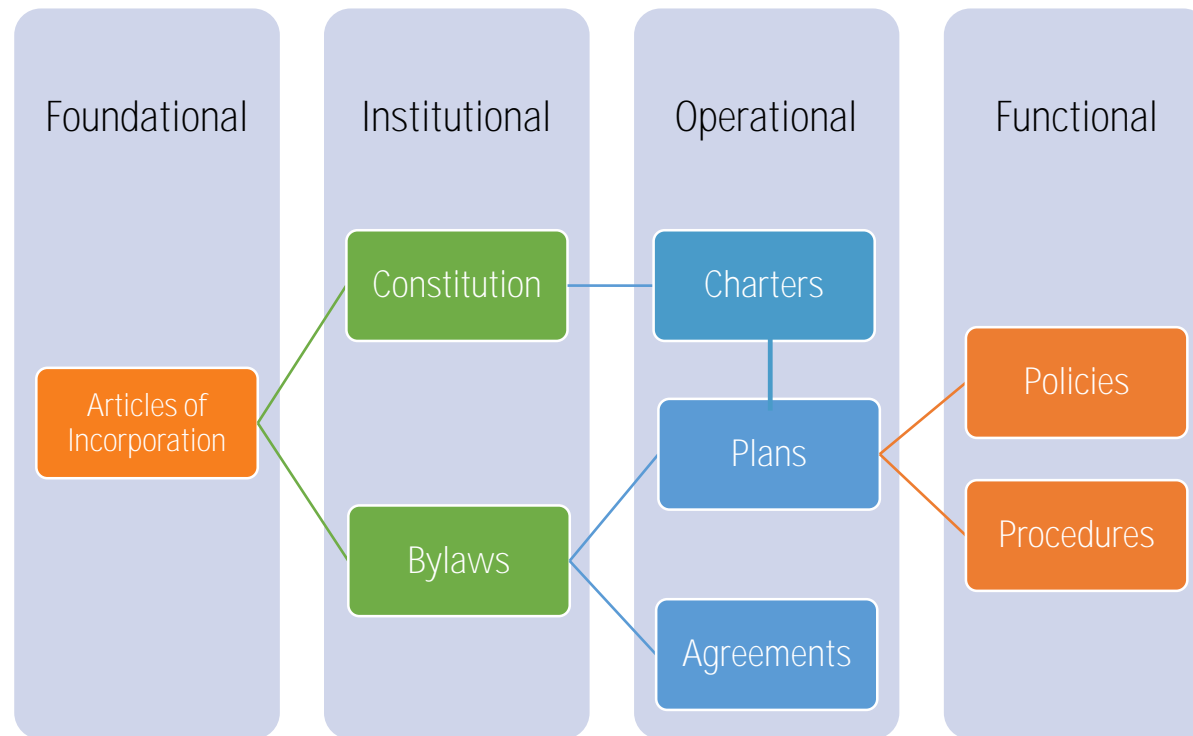
## Benefits of Accreditation for Individuals:

- Supports personal career development and opportunities for employment.
- Demonstrates to employers that individuals are committed to the industry and possess an agreed set of abilities and certain calibre of personal integrity.
- Introduces young accredited individuals to a thriving professional community.

## Benefits of Accreditation across the Industry:

- Helps to establish a sense of pride being a part of a broader community.
- Identifies critically important competencies and a system of common standards.
- Aligns the industry with international standards and best practices.

# Guiding Documents for YBD



# Accrediting Organisations and Partners

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Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council



Australian Institute of Emergency Services



Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management



International Association for Volunteering Effort



International Association of Emergency Managers



United Nations Volunteers



# Target Audience

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## Individuals:

- Young volunteers already associated with emergency services associations
- Young researchers currently performing research on disasters
- Youth volunteering with NGOs engaged in disaster response e.g. Red Cross
- Volunteers deployed on emergency-related UNV & AVID assignments

## Organisations:

- Emergency Management agencies associated with AFAC and MCDEM
- Companies involved in the providing support for emergencies

# Sources of Potential Guidance for Curriculum

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## Incident Management Systems (IMS)

- Trans-Tasman relationship between the Australasian Inter-Service IMS (AIIMS) and the New Zealand Coordinated IMS (CIMS)
- Opportunities to link with UNOCHA Pacific Humanitarian Team

## Key Thematic Areas

- Areas covered by Community Services Disaster Welfare Services
- Australian Red Cross Psychosocial First Aid
- Bureau of Meteorology and Geo-spatial Information Services e.g. ESRI
- Disaster preparedness, mitigation and recovery

# How it could be assessed?

## Online component:

- 50 multiple choice questions designed collaboratively by agencies & NGOs
- Registration and participation on the AFAC Youth Network workspace

## Workshop component:

- Peer-to-peer visits by accredited youth to a rurally located agency
- Publication of articles to the Bushfire & Natural Hazards Cooperative Research Centre

## Practical component:

- Six months volunteering with a partner emergency services agency or NGO

# Timeline for Consultations

## 3 months

Discuss requirements and Terms of Reference to be agreed upon by AFAC 2015 conference in Sept for consultation with the AFAC Council and WHS Global Youth Consultation.

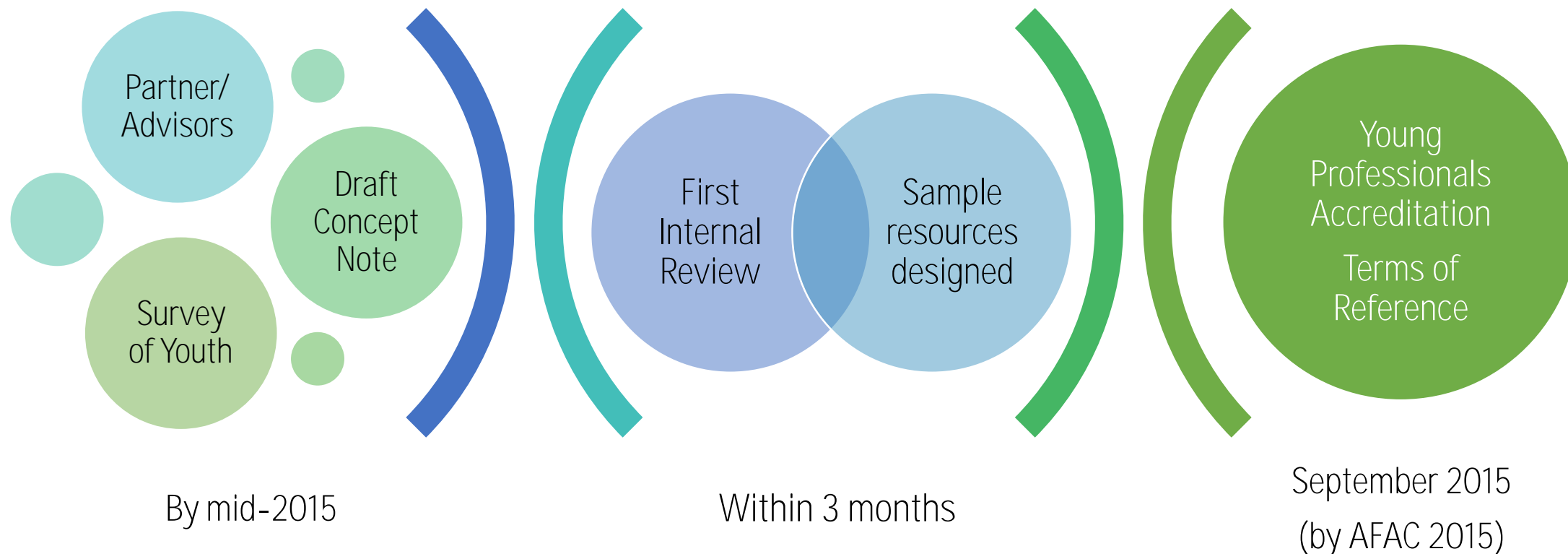
## 6 months

Formalise Terms of Reference with members of the AFAC Council for continuing consultation with IAVE and IAEM. Begin preparation of website, collateral and other required resources.

## 1 year

Officially launch the Young Professional Accreditation scheme as a commitment from the WHS Summit serving the interests of the emergency management profession and supporting volunteers in general.

# Upcoming deliverables



In time for the World Humanitarian Summit Global Youth Consultation in October 2015

## Cost of Accreditation for Individuals:

- Intended to encourage young volunteers to formalise their experience, access to accreditation should be enabled with low entry fee proposed for about \$20-50 AUD with reduced fees for those outside of Australia and New Zealand.

## Cost of Accreditation for Organisations:

- Maintenance of the Young Professional Accreditation scheme will be among the responsibilities of the AFAC Youth Network, a new collaborative work platform of AFAC with financial support from the AFAC Council of members.
- A dedicated Youth Officer is suggested to advise on the implementation.

# Anticipated challenges

In the Australia/New Zealand context:

- Aligning the scheme with the Australian Institute of Emergency Services (AIES); Australian Emergency Volunteering Management Forum (AEMVF) and initiatives by the New Zealand Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management (MCDEM).

In the global context:

- Maintaining a balance between accessibility in terms of cost of entry and quality of the professional accreditation especially where the industry is still developing.
- Ensuring coherence with any existing international frameworks for accreditation.
- Having access to translated materials and competent resource translators.
- Exporting Australian/New Zealand models into other cultures and communities.

# THANK YOU.

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