



# 5<sup>th</sup> Global Youth Work Conference 2025

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CENTRE  
KUALA LUMPUR

17-19 November 2025



5th GLOBAL YOUTH  
WORK CONFERENCE  
17–19 Nov 2025, Malaysia  
#GYWC2025 #YouthWork2025  
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## About the Conference

Youth work is more important than ever as our world rapidly evolves. This global conference brings together youth workers, practitioners, academics, and policymakers to explore how local wisdom can shape globally connected, future-ready youth work.

## Objectives

- Celebrate the achievements of youth work globally
- Promote dialogue among practitioners, governments, and youth advocates
- Share innovative practices and strategies
- Strengthen partnerships across regions
- Expand participation via a hybrid (physical + virtual) format

## Main Theme

**Youth Work in A Changing World: Sustaining Local Wisdom for Global Connectivity**

## Sub-Themes



***Political***



***Economic***



***Environmental***



***Social***



***Technological***



***Legal***

## What to Expect ?

**250+**

DELEGATES

**10**

SPEAKERS

**11+**

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

## Program Structure

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS



### PANEL DISCUSSION



### ROUNDTABLES & WORKSHOP



### NETWORKING SESSIONS



## Guest of Honour



### Opening Keynote

**YAB Dato' Seri Dr.  
Ahmad Zahid bin Hamidi**  
Deputy Prime Minister of  
Malaysia



### Closing Keynote

**Hon Shirley Botchway**  
Commonwealth  
Secretary-General

## Proposed Speakers



**YB Dato' Seri Diraja Dr.  
Zambry Abd Kadir**  
Minister Of Higher Education



**Prof. Dr. Ismi Arif Ismail**  
Universiti Putra Malaysia



**Datuk Seri Idris Haron**  
President, World  
Assembly of Youth (WAY)



**Leigh Middleton**  
CEO, National  
Youth Agency



**Layne Robinson**  
Head of Social Policy  
Development,  
Commonwealth Secretariat.



**Prof. Dr. Haslinda Abdullah**  
Institute for Social Science  
Studies (IPSAS), UPM



**Bochum Samuel Bache**  
Director of YAPCEC and  
Cameron Commonwealth  
Youth Ambassador



**Sabiha Shaheen**  
Board of Director  
CAYWA

## Detailed Itinerary

### Sunday, 16 November 2025

**12:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Arrival of delegates & Check-in

**7:00 PM – 10:30 PM**

Dinner & CAYWA Board Meeting

### Monday, 17 November 2025

**9:00 AM – 6:00 PM**

GLOBAL YOUTH WORK CONFERENCE (Day 1)

**8:00 PM – 10:30 PM**

Networking Dinner

### Tuesday, 18 November 2025

**9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

GLOBAL YOUTH WORK CONFERENCE (Day 2)

**1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

Lunch

**2:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

Distinguished Lecture Series on Youth Well-being

**8:00 PM – 11:00 PM**

Closing Ceremony

Gala Dinner

Commonwealth Youth Worker Awards Ceremony

### Wednesday, 19 November 2025

**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

Optional Visits:

- Ministry
- Government Agency
- Cultural Visit
- Lunch

**3:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Depart to Airport

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## Co-hosted by:



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