

Accion Fraterna Youth Resource Centre

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Rapthadu, Dharmavaram, Settur and Kundurpi

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Project Overview

Accion Fraterna Youth Resource Centre was started by Accion Fraterna Ecology Centre in April 2008 to support under-educated rural youth with employable skills and pathways to employment or self-employment. The Centre addresses the needs of young people from drought-prone rural communities who often have limited access to formal skill training, career guidance and placement support.

Goal

The goal of AF Youth Resource Centre is to provide employable skills to under-educated rural youth and link them to employment or self-employment, thereby improving their social status, self-respect and dignity.

Core Approach

The Centre combines vocational training, life-skills education, placement support, job fairs and enterprise promotion. It designs short-term vocational courses based on local demand and employment potential, and delivers them through two well-equipped skill training centres in Anantapur and Kalyandurg.

Training and Placement Model

AFYRC trains more than 800 youth every year and facilitates employment opportunities for them. It supports trainees not only during training but also during transition into work through placement assistance, job fairs and links with employing firms. Youth interested in enterprise are supported to move towards self-employment.

Vocational Trades

The major skill training trades include Heavy Motor Vehicle Driving, Light Motor Vehicle Driving, Two-wheeler Mechanic, Cell Phone Repair Technician, Rural Electrician and Motor Rewinding, and ITES (Information Technology Enabled Services). These trades are selected because they offer practical livelihood opportunities in rural and semi-urban labour markets.

Life Skills and Soft Skills

All trainees receive soft-skills inputs to build confidence, discipline and employability. The modules include personality development, work behaviour, spoken English, customer care, first aid and awareness on AIDS. These inputs help trainees develop the right mindset, workplace readiness and positive attitude.

Job Fairs and Employer Linkages

AFYRC organises job fairs that bring unemployed youth and employing firms onto a common platform. These fairs improve access to employment opportunities for rural youth who may otherwise lack networks, exposure and confidence to approach employers directly.

Geographical Coverage

The Centre serves youth from Kalyandurg, Beluguppa, Kudair, Atmakur, Rapthadu, Dharmavaram, Settur and Kundurpi mandals. The intervention is closely aligned with AFEC's wider rural development work in drought-affected communities.

Impact and Significance

AF Youth Resource Centre has become an important rural skill-building platform. By combining market-relevant trades, life skills, job fairs and placement support, it enables rural youth to move from uncertainty and underemployment towards income, dignity and self-reliance. The programme also contributes to household resilience by creating non-farm livelihood opportunities for young men and women.

Future Focus

The Centre can further strengthen its impact by expanding employer partnerships, updating trades based on changing market demand, improving follow-up with placed trainees, supporting more women trainees, and strengthening enterprise mentoring for self-employed youth.

Impact Snapshot

Indicator	Achievement
Trades offered per year	8
Men successfully trained	8,262
Women successfully trained	1,123
Total youth successfully trained	9,385
Trainees earning from employment	6,820
Entrepreneurs earning from self-employment	2,560
Job fairs conducted	25
Job seekers employed through job fairs	2,280
Youth trained annually	More than 800

Skill Training Trades

Trade / Course	Purpose
Heavy Motor Vehicle Driving	Employment in transport and logistics
Light Motor Vehicle Driving	Driving-based employment and services
Two-wheeler Mechanic	Repair and maintenance enterprise/employment
Cell Phone Repair Technician	Mobile repair services and self-employment
Rural Electrician and Motor Rewinding	Electrical repair and rural service demand
ITES	Entry-level technology-enabled service jobs