



# Don Bosco Youth Policy

India 2020



**DON BOSCO YOUTH POLICY** is developed as a framework to promote common aspirations and priorities for youth ministry across Don Bosco Institutions in India. It aims to enable the integration of young people into adult society, helping them, at the same time, to remain youthful. It seeks to ensure that all young people are given meaningful opportunities to reach their full potential, both as individuals and as active participants in society, addressing all major concerns and issues critical to young men and women, giving direction to youth programmes and services. This Policy covers all the youth in the age group of 15 to 29 years (15-18, 19-24, 25-29).



## WHY THIS POLICY?

### INSPIRATION

- Following Jesus, the Good Shepherd
- Don Bosco, the great apostle of the young
- The SYNOD on youth 2018

### RESPONSES

- Education and empowerment of the young people
- Approaches and strategies in working with young people
- Protection and promotion of the wellbeing of young people
- Enable the integration of young people into adult society



## VISION, OBJECTIVES, APPROACHES & PRINCIPLES

### VISION

Don Bosco Youth Policy aims at Educated and Empowered young people who are protagonists of self-transformation and social change and contributors to the sustainable development of the nation!

### OBJECTIVES

- Aim at holistic education of young people
- Make the structures more 'youth participative' and 'youth-driven'
- Enable all young persons to contribute to the sustainable development of the nation
- Help them lead a 'purpose-driven' and 'value-based' life
- Encouraging equality of all social classes
- Positive engagement of young people
- Accompany the young people to be responsible in the use of media

### A MULTIPRONGED APPROACH

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| 1. Preventive System Approach | 5. Participatory Approach               |
| 2. Rights-Based Approach      | 6. Scientific & Evidence-Based Approach |
| 3. Value-Based Approach       | 7. Social Inclusion Approach            |
| 4. Empowerment Approach       | 8. Integral Ecology Approach            |

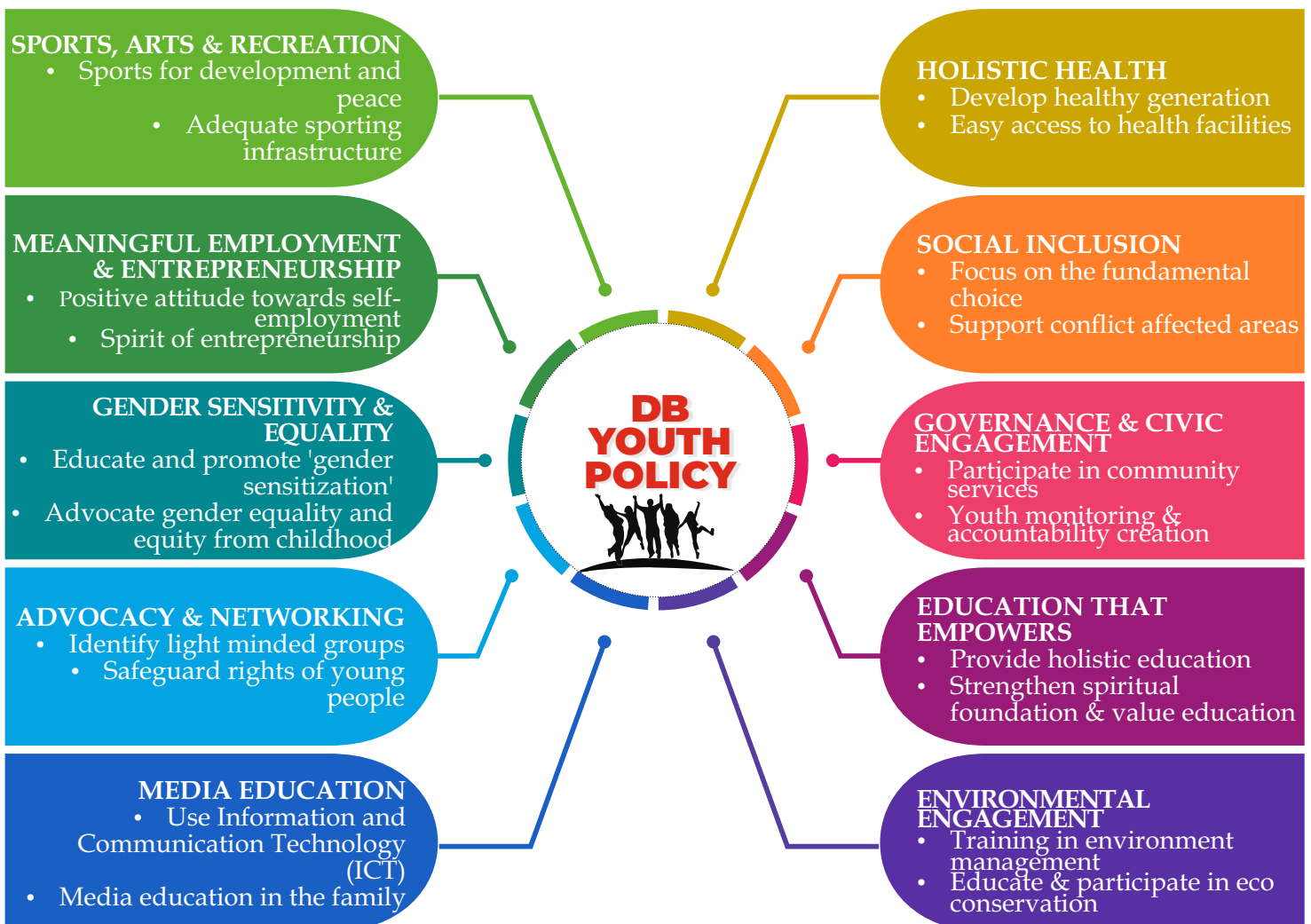
### PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING DON BOSCO YOUTH POLICY

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| 1. Respect For The Nation And Its Diversity | 7. Integral Approach & Multi Sector Coordination |
| 2. Protection Of Young People At Risk       | 8. Strengthening Family & Social Connections     |
| 3. Accompanying Young People                | 9. Community Or Stakeholders Engagement          |
| 4. Quality Education                        | 10. Technology And Innovation                    |
| 5. Spirituality                             | 11. The Path Of Non-Violence                     |
| 6. Gender Sensitivity And Equality          |  |



## KEY PRIORITIES AND IMPERATIVES

Don Bosco Youth Policy identifies Ten essential areas in which we Salesians of Don Bosco would offer substantial services.





## PROTOCOLS

### TO WHOM DOES THIS POLICY APPLY?

- Salesians of Don Bosco
- Salesian Family members who are professed religious or lay persons who are working in our Institutions
- Staff at all levels within the Salesian Institutions
- Associates who are Salesian lay collaborators

### COORDINATION AND MONITORING

Offers guiding principles to all cross sectoral works of Don Bosco Institutions. The Salesian Provincial Conference of South Asia (SPCSA) will be the nodal body which will periodically reassess the situation of young people, ensure qualitative interventions and offer a dynamic roadmap for future course of action.

### RESEARCH, DOCUMENTATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

**State level:** A continual process of indicator-based youth impact assessment and evaluation of services shall be developed leading to a system of review and capacity building.


**National level:** Research centre for a comprehensive understanding of the problems of young people and to carry out on-going researches, in order to enhance interventions both qualitatively and quantitatively.

All personnel working with young people shall undergo training on a regular basis

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