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Interview with past YPG chairs
Sharing from young planners
2020-21 Year report



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Foreword



Mr. Thomas LEE 

President of the Hong Kong Institute of Planners
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When Emily tells me that this year is the 20th anniversary celebration of YPG, I realise that YPG has participated almost half of its time in the Hong Kong Institute of Planners (HKIP celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2019). This shows how important the status of YPG in the HKIP. A lot of our members with different ages have accompanied with YPG and growing up together. Due to such special occasion, we now have many young and active members who are cultivated and nurtured by the YPG, such as those we are so familiar with like Sam Lok, Keith Wu, Brian Chau and Kate Kwok, etc.

Although I don't participate in many YPG activities for various reasons, I remember that its activities are very local and caring about our Hong Kong community. They are very popular among young members, in fact, many our senior members are also participated often. Its activities are always full of love and positive energy. This enthusiasm and energy are what the current Hong Kong society needs now. I have reflected to the government on different occasions that young people are our future and hope, we should give them more opportunities to participate and accompany with them to grow up. YPG and the HKIP have created these opportunities and atmospheres. Through different activities, young planners can learn and improve their professional knowledge and skill. This is a platform for different generations of planners to exchange and share knowledge (such as Mentorship Programme, Membership Board sharing sessions and various seminars related to professional skills/career development).

“ It's been ages since my last wrote of the "Foreword" for others. Being invited by the Young Planners Group (YPG), I'm much delighted to write this foreword for the YPG. Also, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage them to continue their good works and efforts in the Hong Kong Institutes of Planners (HKIP) and the community of Hong Kong.

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Despite Hong Kong may continue to face many difficulties, including the outflow of talents, shortage of housing/land supply, and the recurrence of the pandemic. However, the traditional training of planners tells us how to deal with controversial issues and find consensus and solutions, so that the public can move forward. Although we may not succeed every time, I believe that everyone of us will keep patience, await, and take the initiative to seek the way out.

I believe our members are always ready and willing to provide all kinds of support to our various committees including YPG. When Emily told me about the 20th anniversary of YPG, I immediately told her that she should not just publish a booklet, we should have a gathering to allow us to share the works and fruitful results of YPG together. Although the future is full of challenges, there are also lots of opportunities, especially in the Greater Bay Area. Also, we should keep an open mind to meet the future challenges and changes in front of us.

Finally, on behalf of the Council of HKIP, I would like to extend our encouragement and blessings to all members of YPG and wish all your future work and activities a great success!

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Young Planners Group

Session 2021-22

Stepping out of comfort zone is never easy. Being a committee member of YPG has always challenged me to step out of my daily work routine to explore my possibilities, to get in touch with interesting people from all backgrounds and build my own unique path in town planning. I am glad to have served as the co-chairperson in the past and the current term, which amid COVID we have strived to reconnect young planners, young professionals, and the community through all the events and projects completed and ongoing. I wish and welcome more young planners to join us in exploring and challenging yourself in YPG!

————— **Mr. Kelvin CHUI**, *Co-chairperson (External), 2021 - 22*

Preparing this special edition of the newsletter provided me with an opportunity to explore the past of YPG in its early days from the former chairpersons. I am deeply impressed by the dedication of our former chairpersons who have devoted much time and efforts to organize and coordinate quite a number of joint-institute activities two decades ago when communication was not as convenient as today. It is our chapter now while this enthusiasm will definitely continue to be the cornerstone of YPG. I am looking forward to another very fruitful 20 years of YPG ahead!

————— **Ms. Emily NG**, *Co-chairperson (External), 2021 - 22*

My heartfelt gratitude goes to all our former Exco Members who volunteered themselves for YPG in the past two decades. Their dedicated efforts provided a platform for young planners' pursuance of continued professional development, social networking with professionals from different disciplines and promoting community awareness of urban planning issues. More importantly, they have helped to raise the profile of the urban planning profession and empower the community in city development. With a group of passionate young planners, we will keep up the effort to reach out to the community and get enlightened in the co-learning process.

————— **Mr. Vincent LAU**, *Co-chairperson (Internal), 2021 - 22*

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Young Planners Group



Who are we?

Young Planners Group, the Hong Kong Institute of Planners (HKIP-YPG) was founded in 2001 as one of the committees under HKIP, aiming to gather **energetic and ambitious young planners** to promote sustainable urban development of Hong Kong.

All HKIP full members and student members below the age of 35 are automatically members of the YPG and are welcomed to be a committee executive of YPG. As a group of devoted and passionate young planners, we aim to bring our members a series of activities and events in Career Planning, Professional Development, Community Outreach, and Networking / Social Activities.



Objectives

- To act as an **advisory group** to the HKIP, ensuring that young planners have a voice within the official governance structure of the Institute;
- To provide **opportunities** to the members of the Group, enabling them to pursue continued professional development and identify professional opportunities;
- To assist young planners and students in gathering further knowledge and developing their **careers**;
- To exert **influence** as young planners in the society to promote sustainable urban development of Hong Kong;
- To act as a **bridge** between senior and young planners; and
- To facilitate **networking** with other professional institutes (for example, The Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA), The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS), The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE), and The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects (HKILA)).



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Milestones of YPG events, 2001 - 21



Career planning
Professional development
Community outreach
Networking/social activities

2001

Setting up of YPG and the pioneer of various YPG events

2001 - 02

1st design competition - Secondary School West Kowloon Waterfront Design Concept Competition

2004 Feb

Guided town planning tours & seminars for students



2004 Apr & Jun

1st career talk and mentorship scheme for young planners

2005 Aug

1st joint institute networking events: the Super Cup



2006

Focusing on professional development for young planners

2006 Jul

1st joint-institute technical visit in Mainland - Technical tour to Dongguan and Zhongshan

2007 Oct

Visit to the revitalized Blue House in Wan Chai

2010 Jul

Little Planners Workshop - Outreach Program to Kennedy Town Community Town Centre



2011 Apr

1st planning skills workshop on knowledge and presentation



2011

Extensive and innovative contribution of YPG in the field

2011 Oct

1st presentation and organizing breakout session at Annual Conference of the China Urban Planning Institute

2012 Apr

1st participation in Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism / Architecture



2013 Jan

Tin Shui Wai Open Bazaar Charrette



2013 Sep

1st membership talk/sharing on HKIP & RTPI Membership

2012 onwards

Searching and establishing YPG's function and responsibility

See our 2020-21 year report!

2012

Creation of sub-committees, YPG logo, 1st newsletter and facebook page

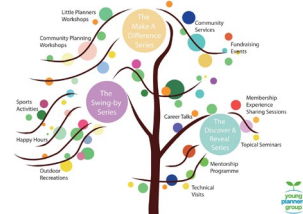


2014 Feb

Overseas technical visit: Symposium for the "HK-Barcelona: Urban Exchange Platform"

2015 July

Establishment of 3 pillars of YPG



2018 Aug

Wan Chai Kai Fong Planners Programme

1 CAREER PLANNING



We provide a wide-range of career information and guidance to help young planners and students plan and develop their career in town planning.

We have organized at regular intervals Sharing Sessions by working Town Planners from various sectors, on their experience in building their town planning career and obtaining professional recognitions e.g. Full HKIP Membership, as well as to help building Mentor-Mentee connections between the experienced and young planners.

Membership Talk



Career Workshop



Mentorship Programme





We aim to equip young planners and interested individuals with the latest industrial knowledge in the town planning field to facilitate their continuous professional development and knowledge exchange in the planning industry.

We have organized seminars/ workshops/ forums on planning issues/ industrial skills and invited guests of different professional roles to interact and exchange knowledge with participants. We also explored different forms of knowledge exchange such as Technical Visits, Virtual Tours, Planning Competition and more.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 2

Technical Visit



Seminars / Forums



Planning Competition





We strive to affect our influence as younger planners to advocate and promote urban planning to the general public and to the stakeholders of the community.

We have engaged and empowered individuals in the community with basic / practical planning knowledge through training programmes, workshops, seminars and public exhibitions. We have joined hands with various local organizations and groups to outreach groups of different age, background, locality and role.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH 3

Exhibitions



Kai Fong Planners



Community Lab



4 NETWORKING ACTIVITIES



We hope to act as the medium for strengthening the network and relationship within the young planners' community, as well as connecting young professionals from other sectors e.g. Surveying, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Engineering etc. We organized Networking and Social Events for our members for leisure and socializing out of daily work lives.

Planning Conference



Social Activities



Joint Society Events



Sharings from past YPG chairs



Mr. C K TSANG

1st YPG Co-chairperson (2001 - 03)

" YPG has provided a free-hand platform for young planners to make possible their ideas for the community. It is a win-win for us and also the community. "

Senior Town Planner, Planning Department

Why was YPG established?

Council Members at that time thinks that there is lack of a platform for young planners to involve in the HKIP. YPG was then established to attract more young generation planners to participate.

How was YPG at the beginning?

It was a less structured, more organic group of young planners who self-initiated to organize projects together. There were 10-20 people on the list who will take turns to help organise events. The recruitment is totally open to young planners, the age restriction of <35 were not established yet.

There were not many YPG members at the beginning. We even have to cold call to ask if people would like to join the contact list for participation. With the effort of the successors, the group has then grown larger, with a more organised structure and larger scale and variety of events.

What was the duty of YPG previously?

YPG at the beginning have hosted self-initiated events to promote town planning to the public and has also assisted the work of HKIP. For example, YPG helped organise tours for the public when the City Gallery first opened. We also helped with a care programme for Caritas centre in central and western district

There was also a community project named "Bicycle Tour competition for Tin Shui Wai" . It was after Tin Shui Wai named as the 'city of sorrow'. We wanted to do something to help Tin Shui Wai, and hence organised this competition to promote a positive image of the district.



Was it a pressure for you to take a leading role when YPG first established?

There are certainly pressure at this position e.g. your ideas have to pass through Council / senior planners . However, the exposure and gain from participating in YPG and when you paid effort is highly valuable. You can expose yourself to work which you were not familiar with, and expand your network to other planners.

What is the biggest challenge of participating in YPG?

I think the overall experience is more enjoyable than being stressful. There are certainly challenges like you have to spend some out-of-work time. Also, it is challenging in terms which is actually positive to me eg. You will have to manage duties that is out of your daily work experience eg. Publishing a newspaper advertisement, leading a student tour. Afterall, the challenges is part of the experience that is certainly fruitful and beneficial.

Any words to the young planners?

For young planners or planning students, connecting with experienced planners of different roles out of your daily working environment is helpful for your career. YPG is a good platform for young planners to have interaction with these planners.

Also, young planners are often retrained from realising their vision as planners and their vision for community at their workplace / job role. YPG meanwhile has provided a free-hand platform for young planners to make possible their ideas for the community. It is a win-win for us and also the community. Young Planners are therefore highly encouraged to participate in YPG and HKIP.



Mr. Kenneth CHAN

Co-chairperson of YPG (2004 - 06)

"Tons of livelihood issues nowadays are related to planning. We need organisations like YPG to organise more outreach activities to help our next generation understand town planning and help make Hong Kong a more livable city. "

**Founder & Managing Director,
PlanPlus Consultancy Limited**

Why did you wish to take up the role of co-chairperson of YPG?

After I had returned from the UK to Hong Kong from study, I realised that it would be better for me to meet more people of my age or from relevant industries. Then I took a proactive step to approach YPG by giving them a call. I started by participating in activities, and later I started to help in event organisation. These were before I took up the role of co-chairperson.

Various new initiatives were proposed during your time. Which event gives you the most vivid image?

Outreach activities. We approached primary schools and gave talks on what town planning is. We also held career workshops at HKU on the Orientation Day of CUPEM (the former DUPAD) to introduce HKIP and YPG to students.

Similarly, can you tell us more about the joint institute and networking events?

A group of planners from PlanD came up with the idea to hold a joint institute football tournament, and YPG was there to help with the coordination. At that time YPG already had connections with other professional institutes, which had established their own Young Group, similar to HKIP.

We emphasized internal networking events because they are necessary and require only minimal of resources. It is beneficial to planners if we can have a close connection with other professional institutes and the industry. As a town planner, it is not enough to only interact with people from the town planning field. As an example, you need to understand what perspective the architects take and what the concerns are from the environmental and ecological aspects for every project.



What challenges you faced back then?

The biggest challenge was limited resources as we only had 6 committee members. Difficulty in communication was another challenge, as instant messaging was not available.

Do you think YPG enriched your career development?

Definitely. Internally, I know much more about what town planning is. Although I attended the HKIP council meetings just as an audience, I got to understand how the Council that is constituted by various members makes a decision after taking into account different factors.

I also got to learn about how different professional institutes in Hong Kong operate. For instance, a topic discussed by the Council could be whether HKIP should support HKIA to organise design competitions. It could be a chance for me to learn what HKIA and industry have been doing, how to enhance the collaboration

between professional institutes to bring better outputs, and how to increase public exposure for not only HKIA but also HKIP.

On a personal level, my interpersonal network and knowledge base expanded as I met more professionals by proactively participating in the work of the YPG Committee. This is why I always tell my colleagues and mentees that town planners need to face the world and talk to different people. A broad knowledge base will help you no matter where you work.

Any words to the young planners?

Try to meet more people, and I always encourage my mentees and my colleagues to participate in activities organised by different professional institutes. Attend different seminars, participate in volunteer work, or go on a trip. I like travelling and I really encourage people to travel more. These will be good for your career development.



Mr. Brian CHAU

Co-chairperson of YPG (2010 - 12)

"At first, it was indeed very challenging to balance out the time you spent on organising YPGC events and arranging your own leisure and family activities. However, I have no regret when I look back as it has been such a satisfying and rewarding journey!"

Town Planner, Planning Department

What are the memorable event(s) when you were in YPG?

There were three memorable events.

First and for all, YPGC was given the opportunity to organize a break-out session and presented at the Annual Conference of the China Urban Planning Institute (CUPI) for the first time in history. We shared our views with a wide audience on an array of planning issues in Hong Kong, including housing and environmental protection. Our presentations attracted attention from many mainland counterparts and received extensive press coverage. Though we were working on tight schedule and under immense pressure with expectations to deliver interactive presentations on planning issues from young planners' perspectives, it was a very precious learning opportunity for us to present at the most prestigious town planning conference in China. Without the support and guidance of the experienced planners, we would not have been able to finish it.

Another breakthrough was YPGC's first exhibition in the Hong Kong & Shenzhen Bi-city Biennale of Urbanism/Architecture. We built four modular structures in the size of a bunk bed to illustrate the living conditions of four different types of housing developments in Hong Kong, including caged home. It was well received by the media and the public. The then Secretary for Development even paid a visit to our exhibition!

Finally, the YPGC's 10th-anniversary party was another memorable event. The cocktail session provided a good opportunity for different generations of "young planners" to mingle. It also marked the entry of the second decade of the establishment of the YPGC.

What are the valuable things you learned from YPG?

I completed my undergraduate programme and postgraduate study in the UK, and by joining the YPGC allowed me to meet up and mingle with a group of young



and energetic town planners in Hong Kong. While taking up the post as the co-chairperson allowed me to further develop my skills to align different interests within the group as well as to deliver projects/events that were fun for both YPGC as well as the members of the institute. To ensure that everybody in the YPGC had the opportunity to contribute to the committee, I established a sub-committee system based on the interest of the individual committee members. Throughout the process, I had the opportunity to work closer with this energetic group of young planners, which we then later became good friends.

What are the differences between YPG and HKIP?

YPGC is not a separate organization from the HKIP, but a committee within HKIP that focuses more on the interests of the young planners. The logo in the form of a budding seed depicts this close relationship between the two.

Is YPG a good platform to bridge young planners and senior members?

Definitely. It is almost impossible for young planners to organize many of the activities, especially those that I mentioned earlier such as the participation in the Annual Conference, without the assistance of the experienced members. YPGC is indeed a great platform to facilitate cross-generation collaboration and dialogue.

Any words to young planners?

YPGC is an amazing platform to help young planners to further developing their passion as a town planner, especially at their early stage of professional career. Throughout the process, you may have to sacrifice some of your personal time, but what you learn out of the process will be of tremendous help to your personal and professional growth. So, join YPGC and enjoy the journey!

Sharing from YPG members

*arranged in alphabetical order

The years I served in YPG are definitely one of my favorite moments to treasure. Together with a group of dedicated young planners, we served the community, enriched planning knowledge and also met new friends across various disciplines. Such exposure surely helps my planning career.

———— **Mr. Benson LAU**, 2016-2018 Co-chairperson (External);
2015-2016 Co-chairperson (Internal);
2014-2015 Exco Member

The Executive Committee (exco) of YPG has been an amazing platform to enable young planners to connect, learn, and achieve. The relentless effort of the exco members is also the reason that made things possible...

Listening is the secret to discover great stories. I am thankful to have the chance to join Kai Fong Planners that provides a platform that allows me to connect with the community to unveil stories of the 哥哥姐姐, unobstructed and down to earth.

———— **Ms. Charissa LEUNG**, 2018-2021 Exco Member

I'm happy to hold a virtual tour to Tuen Mun Fu Tai Estate with Hi! Strangers last year. All in all, YPG is a nice platform for young planners to establish social network. Looking forward to some co-organising events with other societies and groups!

———— **Ms. Charlotte LAM**, 2019-2021 Exco Member

Absolutely thrilled to have the opportunity to talk to people from other disciplines during my time at YPG, e.g. planners, surveyors, Kaifongs, etc. Those remarkable moments could not be plainly described by words and planning newbies should really join YPG and enjoy your very own moments!

———— **Mr. Chris LEUNG**, 2019-2020 Exco Member





I enjoy organizing a wide variety of initiatives with our enthusiastic young planners striving to promote professional development, community engagement, and social networking with members of our institute and other institutes. One of the most memorable moments in these years will be our sharing of "Community Planning in Hong Kong" in the 2019 Annual National Planning Conference in Chongqing!

————— **Ms. Clarice HO**, 2018-2021 Co-chairperson (External);
2016-2018 Exco Member

The Planning and Design Competition on Transitional Housing which I organised with a group of enthusiastic YPG fellows in 2020 was most memorable. Despite rounds of long meetings with the organising committee from the brainstorming stage to the final exhibition, the outcome was rewarding and the high quality entries have contributed fabulous insights to the discussion of transitional housing. I would love to see more talented young planners sharing their visions in future YPG events.

————— **Mr. Jonathan CHOW**, 2019-2021 Exco Member

Without doubt, joining the Annual National Planning Conference for 3 consecutive years is one of the highlights during my days in YPG. From taking the role as a presenter in Dongguan (2017) and Hangzhou (2018), to giving guidance to the team in Chongqing (2019), I have fond memories with the YPG buddies – countless nights for research work, practicing Mandarin, exchanges with fellow planners, and of course, the local delicacies (Mala hotpot hurray!).

————— **Mr. Keith WU**, 2018-2020 Co-chairperson (External);
2017-2018 Treasurer; 2016-2017 Exco Member

Finding the streets of Central filled with plastic bottles after a weekend, we are extremely thrilled and excited! Yes, that is exactly how you would feel when you are searching for hundreds of bottles to build a bench with disposed plastic bottles and caps for the 2019 Hong Kong Biennale of Urbanism\Architecture.

————— **Mr. Robin CHAN**, 2017-2021 Exco Member

YPG has really expanded my network of planners in HK and given me a lot of chances to widen and deepen my planning knowledge.

————— **Mr. Tim CHAN**, 2019-2021 Exco Member

YPG Session

2020-21

YPG Committee

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Mr. Felix KU (external)
Ms. Clarice HO (external)
Mr. Kelvin CHUI (internal)

Exco Members

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Ms. Angel CHEUNG
Ms. Anson YING
Ms. Charlie NG
Ms. Charlotte LAM
Ms. Charissa LEUNG
Ms. Cheryl YEUNG
Mr. Chris LEUNG
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Ms. Peggy TSUI
Mr. Robin CHAN
Ms. Sarah CHIONG
Mr. Tim CHAN
Mr. Tommy CHAN
Mr. Vincent LAU
Ms. Vivian LEE
Mr. William CHUNG

01 *Let's Zoom In Our Hong Kong Heritage Site: Virtual Tour to the Asia Society Hong Kong Center*

With the help of technology advancement, we would still be able to explore the different corners of our city under the threat of pandemic. In October 2020, a **virtual tour to Asia Society Hong Kong Center** was successfully held. Located at the site of the Former Explosives Magazine complex of the Victoria Barracks, the Center is one of the best places to learn about Hong Kong's history. Apart from heritage, the art and cultural elements presented by the Center are something that should not be missed. The tour was led by an experienced docent and our members enjoyed it very much.



**ZOOM TOUR @
ASIA SOCIETY
HONG KONG CENTER**

Do you want to stay at home and learn more about the history of Hong Kong virtually?

Let's Zoom In Our Hong Kong Heritage Site - Online Visit to Asia Society Hong Kong Center - A docent-led tour to introduce the Center, a former explosive magazine through ZOOM.

10 OCT 2020 SAT **11:15AM - 12:00PM**

ONLINE via Zoom

CANTONESE
Speaker: ASIA SOCIETY HK CENTER

Register NOW: <https://bit.ly/3cwktY4>
FREE OF CHARGE | Deadline: 8 OCT 2020



*Event 01:: our first online technical tour to understand the historical HK
2020 October*



02 *Technical Visit to State Theatre*

It was our privilege to have the opportunity to present a **technical visit to the State Theatre** in collaboration with New World Development in March 2021. State Theatre has been under the spotlight, given the controversy before its being classified into Grade 1 historic building a few years ago, the unique cinematic vibe associated with its history, and the ambitious conservation initiative by New World Development this year.

During this visit, members relived the glorious days of the Theatre, understood its existing condition, and even had the rare opportunity to come close to the Theatre's signature parabolic exoskeleton truss to appreciate its architectural and engineering beauty. With the intention to preserve the historical building, will the Theatre stand future challenges? What are some better strategies to adopt in the initiative? Are private development and preservation mutually beneficial or do they present a dilemma? It is time to rethink this question.

*Event 02:: a valuable physical tour to a crucial revitalization project in HK
2021 March*



03 *Career Development Workshop 2021*

Keeping young planners well informed about available career options is a requisite for nurturing future pillars for our profession. YPG organised the **"Career Development Workshop 2021"** via Zoom in February 2021. 8 young guest speakers from both the public and private sector and from overseas have kindly shared with us their journeys and duties as a planner and handy tips for job interviews and developing a successful career. The participants also seized the opportunity and made good use of the Q&A session and gained million-dollar advice to their burning questions.

The event attracted over 80 participants, including university students and other young planners who are just at the beginning of their career. To our surprise, those attending the workshop included secondary school students. We look forward to the day when these budding planners join us.

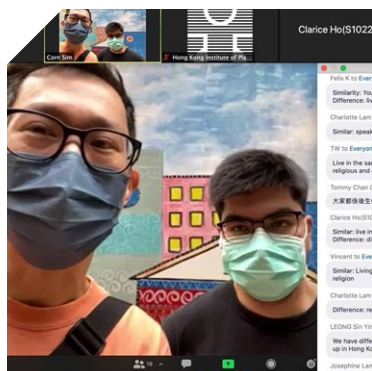


*Event 03:: the annual Career Workshop with young enthusiastic speakers
2021 February*

04 Hi! Strangers x YPG Virtual Tour 2021: Life of Ethnic Minorities in Hong Kong

As an international city, Hong Kong is where different cultures meet. Inclusiveness has been promoted as an essential element of urban sustainability worldwide. The government has also acknowledged its importance in the policy level and from the strategic planning dimension. How should planners better design a city to ensure people from diverse cultural backgrounds have equal access to resources? What are some of the existing problematic areas that require planners' attention?

In collaboration with Hi! Strangers, YPG was happy to present a **virtual tour to the life of ethnic minorities in Hong Kong** on April 2021. Tour guide Kashif walked us around Fu Tai Estate, a public housing estate in Tuen Mun, and shared his daily struggles as an ethnic minority and aspirations of public open space and community facilities. The sharing was interactive and the tour encouraged our members to have a reflection on the community needs of ethnic minority groups. We believe mutual understanding is the first step to building a more inclusive and harmonious city.



Event 04:: a cooperative virtual tour understanding inclusivity in our hood
2021 April

05 *Planning and Design Competition on Transitional Housing in Hong Kong*

Shortage in housing supply and inadequate housing conditions have long been two of the thorniest social problems that draw the attention of the government, the citizens, and the media. While the government, private developers, and NGOs have been exploring the different possibilities proactively, including public-private partnership in providing transitional housing, it was timely for YPG to organise a **planning and design competition** to encourage the provision of new alternatives and make good use of the collective wisdom.

With the enthusiastic response from young blood of planning-related fields, the competition was a huge success. The ideas proposed by each team were highly innovative and gained distinctly positive feedback from the judges. We wish to see these proposals, which are in no doubt feasible ideas, realised one day. A prize presentation ceremony was organized on 9 May 2021 and a public exhibition was held on 9 - 29 May 2021 at City Gallery, where the winning submissions and the respective adjudicators' comments in digest were displayed. Subsequently, the winners are also invited to share their award-winning entry and aspirations on the topic.



*Event 05:: young planners' aspirations on the heated planning topic
2021 May*

YOUNG PLANNERS GROUP PRESENTS

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING HONG KONG

PLANNING AND DESIGN COMPETITION

BRIEFING SESSION
REGISTRATION DEADLINE
SUBMISSION DEADLINE
MORE INFO

13 JAN 21 (ON ZOOM)

31 JAN 21

26 FEB 21



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A showcase of HKP Young Planners Group's Planning and Design Competition

Transitional Housing in Hong Kong

Join us as we invite our inaugural competition winners to share their inspiring transitional housing proposal of *Hogge Homes* which was awarded the First Prize out of the 14 entries from the built environment young professionals of Hong Kong.

Located in the neighbourhood of Hong Kow, *Hogge Homes* not only intends to offer short-term accommodation for those who are inadequately housed. It also aspires to bring together community empowerment, a unique housing operation model, and an innovative tenant selection method, exemplifying coherence and comfort that in turn, engenders well-being and contentment for its residents.

14 July, Wednesday
7:30pm via Zoom

To register for the webinar:



To learn more about transitional housing and the competition:



Hear from our young professionals about their winning proposal

This event is jointly organised by



06

**YPG X St. James' Settlement:
Kai Fong Planners 2021**

Community outreach is one of the focuses of YPG's work. People should have a readily accessible channel to participate in the building of the community if they want to do so, and before that, education serves to empower them and allows them to understand that they can have a say in community issues. We have been working with St. James' Settlement for years to engage public members in this regard.

Kai Fong Planners is one of our flagship projects. It was wonderful to see Kai Fongs who are passionate about Wan Chai, the place they call home. We sincerely appreciate their keenness to acquire planning skills that matter to their daily life, which was reflected in their concentration during our seminars to acquire basic planning concepts and their active participation in the discussions. The programme offered all of us a two-way learning process: our members input planning knowledge while the Kai Fongs contributed their lived local knowledge. We were so impressed by the Concept Master Plans produced by the Kai Fongs in the final session. This shows beyond doubt that everyone has the potential to understand how planning works and try it out in their neighbourhood.



*Event 06:: our flagship programme bringing planners closer to community
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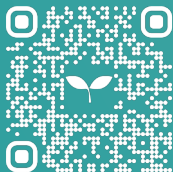
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www.hkip.org.hk/en-application-forms

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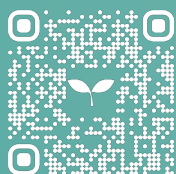


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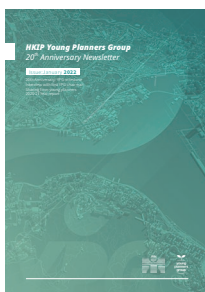
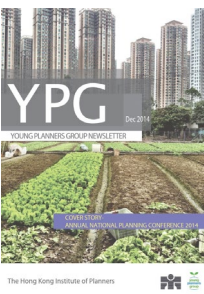
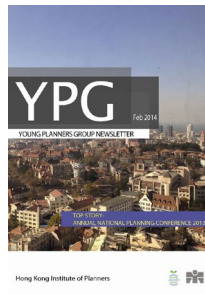
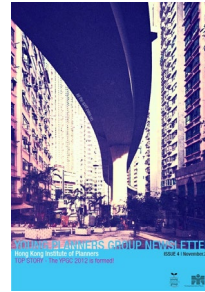
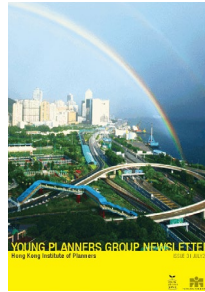
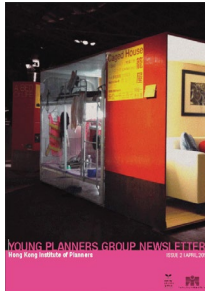
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How Can I Join the YPG Committee?



Student Members or Full Members of the Hong Kong Institute of Planners below Age 35 are invited to join the YPG Committee. If you are interested in joining the YPG Committee, Please fill in the below Google Form (only applicable to the current 2021-22 session) and we shall contact you in due course.

<https://forms.gle/yTh4HZbg5Tw8gmuPA>





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YPG would like to express our sincere gratitude to our fellow young planners for their contribution and support in the past year. YPG will endeavour to continue offering a wide range of events despite the unprecedented circumstances the world is undergoing. We look forward to members' continuous support to the YPG in the future.

See you again!



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