

## **P.A.T.H.S. to Adulthood: A Jockey Club Youth Enhancement Scheme**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **-- Training --**

- 1. While 20 hours of training will be provided for social workers and teachers who participate in the Tier 1 Programme before implementation of the Project, what will be included in such training programme?**

The content of the training will include theories and concepts on positive youth development, Secondary One / Two / Three curriculum for the Tier 1 Programme, experiential learning and group work skills.

To cater for the needs of teachers and social workers, in 2009/10 to 2011/12 school years, the format of the training programme will be restructured and redesigned. Under the new arrangement, the three-day course (20 hours) will be divided into two parts: 7 hours of e-learning where participants can take the training course via the Internet. The second and the third days of the training programme will be conducted in workshops/lectures in an interactive mode (13 hours in total, 6.5 hours per day).

- 2. Does the training programme for teachers and social workers only cater for the NGOs and schools that have joined the Project?**

Yes. Due to resource constraint, only the teachers and social workers from the NGOs and schools that have joined the Project will be invited to participate in the training programme.

- 3. If a participating NGO/school employs new staff in August before the start of the school year to implement the programmes, will there be any training for the newly employed staff?**

Training programmes will be organised from May to October each year. For newly employed colleagues who cannot attend the training during such period, those having received the training may assist to train the newcomers while a web-based training kit will be provided by the Research Team.

**4. What is the relevancy of the training programme for social workers and teachers teaching Liberal Studies?**

The target of the Project is junior secondary students while that for the Liberal Studies is senior secondary levels. The training programme of the Project can be regarded as a solid foundation for Liberal Studies. It helps to better equip the teachers in delivering the subject. To recognize teachers' participation in the training programme of the Project, schools are encouraged to count it as part of teachers' Continuing Professional Development. In previous years, the participating schools have recognized this Project training as teachers' Continuing Professional Development.

**5. What is the quota for each school for claiming teacher relief subsidy?**

Additional funding will be provided for schools to employ supply teachers to release those teachers who attend the training courses for the implementation of the Tier 1 Programme. Each participating school can claim an allowance of \$2,100 per person for up to five teachers per form participating in the 20-hour training programme. After receiving the attendance certificate for the completion of the 7-hour e-learning session and the 13-hour interactive training (2-day workshops), the teachers can apply for the teacher relief subsidy from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust. The schools can have flexibility in utilizing the teacher relief subsidy, either to recruit supply teachers or for professional development of teachers.

For details of teacher relief subsidy for participating special schools, please refer to Education Bureau's webpage on P.A.T.H.S. (special schools) at <http://www.edb.gov.hk/index.aspx?nodeid=5571&langno=1>

**6. Is there any training programme conducted in Putonghua or English?**

The Project has not yet provided any training programme in Putonghua or English. Please contact the Training Team for special assistance if necessary.