

Symposium on Youth Work and Youth Support in a Changing Society: Challenges, Opportunities and Innovations

Symposium on “Youth Work and Youth Support in a Changing Society: Challenges, Opportunities and Innovations” was held in The Chinese University of Hong Kong on 27 September 2014. The symposium attracted more than 240 participants including social workers, teachers, youth work practitioners, other professionals, and the public.

The Symposium was jointly organized by the Department of Social Work, CUHK and The Women’s Foundation, and supported by the Commission on Youth, J.P. Morgan, Hong Kong Social Workers Association and Hong Kong Academy of Social Work.

The Symposium aimed to serve as a platform for intellectuals, practitioners, parents and young people to review the current status of youth work and youth support systems, as well as to examine their future development. The Symposium started with four keynote speeches given by Prof. Lam Ching-man, on ‘Parenting and Parenthood’; Prof. To Siu-ming, on ‘When Young People Have No Dreams: Social Policies and Community Practices for Promoting Youth Purpose’; Dr. Chan Ting-sam, Professional Consultant of the Hong Kong Institute of Educational Research, CUHK on ‘From Education to Self-Actualization’; and Dr. Mrinalini Rao, Postdoctoral Research Associate of the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, Yale University on ‘Adolescents and the Internet’ in the morning, and followed by four parallel workshops on cyberbullying on Facebook, building resilience in schools, dealing with parental anxiety, and youth empowerment in the afternoon.



A group photo with speakers and participants at the Symposium.



Ms. Su-Mei Thompson, Chief Executive Officer of The Women's Foundation gives an opening remark at the Symposium.



Prof. Ma Lai-chong Joyce, Chairperson of Department of Social Work of CUHK gives an opening remark at the Symposium.