

# BRIGHT YOUTH FORUM (BYF)

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## **A Message from the Chairman BoG**

I feel pride in being associated with BYF as Chairman Board of Governors (BoG). I am taking this opportunity to sit for writing a message consisting of few lines regarding BYF. It gives me immense please to talk about BYF as an emerging force for the sake of change, prosperity, fair play and development in the most marginalized twin districts (Shangla & Kohistan). These two districts being neighbors and having the same location are connected through sky talking peaks. People living in these two districts have strong religious, ethnic, political and historical bonds. They have the same topography and therefore are confronted with the almost same problems while living in these mountains. Since the inception of these two districts some 40 years from now, these people are marginalized not only in terms of location rather their basic rights and access to basic amenities of life and therefore focus to youth as an integral instrument for change and development is of no exception. There has not also been enough struggle from the private sector to focus the natural talent, capacities and capabilities of the youth living in these mountains and therefore the dream of justice, prosperity and development has not been achieved over the past almost 4 decades. This was the gape which BYF is going to fill with its existence in the area. I do believe that this is a herculean task to work in this direction but I am not disappointed and believe that together we can and together we must make a difference.

No doubt youth are considered as catalyst for change and development in any civilized society and attention to them is indeed the need of the hour. Proper attention to build up their capacities as well as bringing attitudinal change in them so that they could play their due role in the society as fair, accountable, dedicated and well aware members of the society needs our prime attention. It is believed that they can contribute to the society to a larger extent once they are given opportunities to perform as fruitful citizens of the country.

Last but not the least, I am greatly thankful to founding fathers of BYF for giving me an opportunity to join this forum as an advisor and chairman to offer my services voluntarily. I pray for the favor of Almighty Allah to make this a successful forum where youth could join hands for their shared vision, goals and objectives. I have good wishes for all the youth members under BYF.

(Gul Muhammad)  
**Founding Chairman**  
**Board of Governors**  
**BYF**

## **Background:**

Bright youth forum (BYF) has come into being by few likeminded youth from Shangla and Kohistan while keeping in view the deteriorated condition of the area and the directionless youth. The objective behind the establishment of BYF is to use the youth for sustainable change and development in shangla and kohistan districts with an ultimate goal of having a just, fair, pluralistic and accountable society. BYF is formed for the capacity building of youth and identifying issues and their solution and eradication. The forum aims at creating awareness and establishing democratic norms and values among the youth in Shangla and Kohistan. The forum is tailored with keen exuberance to help the under privileged children to provide with better life through awareness raising, education and provision of basic amenities of life. BYF will extend its helping hands to the inhabitants of Shangla and Kohistan during natural calamities, disasters or unfortunate incidents through its pool of trained youth squad. BYF is taking political initiatives for learning and exploring the political system of Pakistan. The forum is developing new ideas for the districts while focusing social change and sustainable development. The forum is establishing debates for youth to train themselves with no tolerance for discrimination in the forum in any form.

### **Vision**

BYF envisions having confident and resilient youth, a vibrant, just, caring, and tolerant, society.

### **Mission**

To use the natural talent and capacities of youth for change and development

### **Goal**

Youth are well motivated as a catalyst for change and development in shangla and Kohistan.

### **Core values**

The entire philosophy of BYF shall center round the following core values.

- Mutual respect.
- Indignity.
- Accountability.
- Fair Play.
- Equality.

### **Scope of work**

The scope of work of BYF consists on the following sectors.

- Youth capacity development in multi sectors with multi-dimensional skills.
- Awareness raising campaigns among the public in different sectors.
- Advocacy and lobbying campaigns for different rights based issues confronted by the youth and public at large.
- Debates on current local, regional and global issues.
- Speech debates among school and college students to develop their capacities.
- Quiz, naat, Qirat and Hamad competitions among the students.
- Sports Gala and events in different areas with intervals.
- Revival and promotion of local games.
- Local literature development through different events.
- Annual award giving ceremonies for writers, poets, singers, religious scholars, journalists, educationist and other society contributors.
- Giving out the awards to best performing students in different sectors on annual basis.
- Holding seminars on different topics at different places in the area.
- Eco-tourism development through linkages development with relevant public and private agencies.
- BYF is holding walks for awareness raising regarding different issues with different intervals throughout the years.
- Democracy, peace and justice are the central thematic areas of BYF and most of its programs will center round these things.
- Keeping in view the traditional society of the area BYF is planning to mediate different local conflicts through mediation, consultation and negotiation while using traditional and latest conflict resolution tools.
- BYF approaches to every issue in the light of law in constitution of the Islamic republic of Pakistan with rights based methodologies.
- BYF envisage connecting the youth and general public at large with the elected representatives through debates and discussions.

### **Geographical coverage**

BYF is implementing its activities in par with its vision, mission, goal and programs in all the 67 union councils and 8 tehsils from the twin districts.

### **Mode of operation**

BYF operates in the area through various multi sectorial activities carried out by volunteers and paid staff in collaboration with state and non-state actors. Its sustenance depends upon the donations from individuals and organizations.

### **Membership:**

#### **Eligibility:**

- a) Any person having NIC of Pakistan.
- b) Any person of minimum 18 year old.
- c) Below 18 year will be registered through concern school.

- d) A person bearing good character.
- e) Every person will be register in the base of equality.
- f) A person follows the rules, regulation of forum.
- g) A person who can afford to pay the membership fee.

**Membership Types:**

**General Membership:**

- I. A person will be a general member of BYF if he/she agrees to pay the membership fee of RS.500 at the time of registration and a monthly fee of RS.300.
- II. Every general member is responsible to cooperate in every activity of the forum.
- III. In case of any emergency on the part of a member for not being able to participate in any planed activity, he/she will be relived on the condition of proper and timely intimation.

**Founding Membership:**

- I. A person will be a founding member of BYF if he/she agrees to pay the membership fee of RS.1000 at the time of registration and a monthly fee of RS.500.
- II. Founding members should be responsible to play key role in every activity of the forum.
- III. These members will plan all types of activities in the area for the forum.
- IV. These members will frame out the policies and procedures for BYF in collaboration with BoG.

**School Membership:**

- I. The registration fee for school is RS. 1500 (Fifteen Hundred only) and monthly donation is RS. 800 (Eight Hundred only).
- II. Forum will provide a registration certificate for registered schools.
- III. Every registered school will be eligible to participate in every activity with its own decision but the permission of forum is necessary.

## BYF tentative Workplan for Six months

Activity	Time period (1st Nov, 2016 to 30 May, 2017).																											
	Nov,16				Dec,16				January,17				February,17				March,17				April,17				May,17			
	W1	W2	W3	W4	W1	W2	W3	W4	W1	W2	W3	W4	W1	W2	W3	W4	W1	W2	W3	W4	W1	W2	W3	W4	W1	W2	W3	W4
Holding six seminars on quality education in six different selected schools. Three in each district.	█	█																										
Holding six seminars on hygiene in Islam in six different selected schools. Three in each district.			█	█																								
Push to literary event in Shangla.							█																					
Organizing awards giving ceremonies to top five positions holders in any educational field from matriculation to post graduations.																												
Walk on world cancer day 4 February.																												
Organizing annual awards to renowned religious scholars for their impressive work or extra ordinary contribution towards the society.																												
Selection and informing of schools to conduct talent emerging test.																												
Conduct talent emerging test in six schools. Three from each district.																												
1. World day of Social justice on 20 Feb. 2. International Mother tongue day. 21 Feb.																												
Organizing of award giving ceremonies on annual basis to renowned educationist for their remarkable contributions in the field of education in twin districts.																												
Walk on world wildlife day. 3 March.																												
Enrollment walks in different areas of Kohistan and Shangla.																												
1. Awareness and advocacy walk on international forest day. 21 March. 2. Walk on international water day 22 March.																												
organize seminar International day of happiness. 20 March.																												
1. Organize walk on International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action. 4 April. 2. Organize walk on International Day of Sport for Development and Peace. 6 April. 3. Organize walk on World Health Day. 7 April.																												
inform the schools for Organizing annual competitions among the school and college students for speech, hamad, naat, qirat, art.																												
Organize general debate/ speech debate competitions.																												
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Conduct Walk/seminar on International Mother Earth Day. 22 April.																												
1. Conduct walk/seminar on World Malaria Day. 25 April. 2. Conduct Quiz competitions in both districts.																												
1. Conduct walk/seminar on labor day. 1st May. 2. Conduct sports events in both districts. 3. Develop workplan for next six months. 4. Update the records, database and profile.																												

### Get involved

You can get involved in BYF through the following ways;

1. As an active member in General or executive bodies
2. As member of in the board of governor
3. Through donations
4. Sponsoring an even or events
5. Sponsoring the shields, awards and trophies in special sports and non-sports events

### Income Sources

- Membership Fee
- Individual donations

- Grants
- General Fund raising