

Youth Red Cross - (YRC) Society

Introduction:

The Youth Red Cross (YRC) unit of Loyola College Vettavalam was established on March 18, 2011. The objectives of the society are to cultivate in the students a respect for fellow beings and facilitate growth in all spheres of life. The prime purpose of YRC is to enable the members to express their social concern and work towards the welfare of the society.



Officials and members:

Prof. Anthony Raja is the programme officer of YRC for the year 2012-2013. L. Udhaya Eugene of III BCA is the Student Secretary and S. Roselin Divya of III BA English is the joint Secretary of this Unit. The unit started with 127 students as members in the first year and has moved on to have 462 students as members.

Blood Donation Awareness Rally:

On 28 July 2012, Youth Red Cross, Loyola College, Vettavalam and Don Bosco Youth Center of Vettavalam Catholic Parish jointly conducted Blood Donation Awareness Rally. The rally wound its way through the streets of Vettavalam. One hundred and fifty YRC members participated. It was followed by a BLOOD DONATION CAMP on 29 July 2012. One hundred persons donated blood. Fifty YRC volunteers worked in organizing the camp. Out of the 50 volunteers 30 were inspired to donate their blood.



Training in First Aid and Natural Disaster Management:

On 23 Jan 2013 Prof. K. Antony raja, the Programme Officer participated in a one day training in FIRST AID and NATURAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT, Organized in the Thiruvalluvar University at University Campus, Vellore.

Blood Donation camp:

Youth Red Cross with other clubs in the college organized a BLOOD DONATION CAMP through Vellore Christian Medical College on 30 Jan 2013. In this camp 101 students and 7 Staff members voluntarily donated their blood.

Awareness on Organ Donation:

On 18 Feb 2013 Youth Red Cross along with Red Ribbon Club organized, an awareness programme on Organ Donation for all the students and faculty of the college. Rev.Fr. Jerry SJ who has donated blood 168 times and has written a book namely 'Dhanam' which explains about the donation of the physical organs, gave a special lecture on donation of physical organs. The students were very keen to listen to his lecture. They came to know the value of donating the physical organs.

Training programme for YRC members:

On 26 Feb 2013, 10 members of Youth Red Cross attended a one day training program on FIRST AID and NATURAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT, organized by Thiruvalluvar University at Shanmuga Industrial Arts and Science College, Thiruvannamalai. The students received certificates of participation.

Diabetes Awareness:

Youth Red Cross organized a Diabetes awareness program for all the YRC members of the college on 12 Mar 2013. Dr. Rathiga M.B.B.S spoke on diabetes and interacted with the students about diabetes.

Conclusion



Hereby the various activities conducted by YRC encourage the students to improve their helping tendency and service mindedness to the society. We hope to increase the activities of YRC so that the students could serve the society more.