
PRINCIPLES AND THEN WHAT?

The ten principles are no more than a starting point for further consideration by Commonwealth Governments of youth policy content and practice. The so-called principles might more properly be considered as a "code of good practice" or a checklist rather than a set of principles. They are certainly not a set of commandments.

The principles themselves should be open to challenge and to reassessment. They may be added to or subtracted from.

We hope that this document will serve to stimulate study and discussion. We hope it will be used by future training courses, seminars and workshops run by the CYP Regional Centres for Africa, the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific. We hope too that governments will use the document to facilitate their own reappraisals of youth programmes and the development and selection of policy options.

The important point is to ensure that the ten principles are used as a starting point and that there is a firm intention to use the apparatus of the CYP to continue the policy dialogue and to continue to learn from each other's experience.