

Abbreviations and Acronyms

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| AIOU | Allama Iqbal Open University, Pakistan |
| AYAC | Australian Youth Affairs Coalition |
| AZ | Agenzija Żgħażaġħ (National Youth Agency, Malta) |
| BOU | Bangladesh Open University |
| C4YDS | Centre for Youth Development Services, Ghana |
| CARE | Children-at-Risk Empowerment Association, Singapore |
| CAYWA | Commonwealth Alliance of Youth Workers' Associations |
| CCCYCA | Council of Canadian Child and Youth Care Associations |
| CHOGM | Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting |
| CLD | Community Learning and Development, Scotland |
| CoL | Commonwealth of Learning |
| CRRP | Criminal Report Review Programme, Canada |
| CYC | ComMutiny – the Youth Collective, India |
| CYMM | Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting |
| CYP | Commonwealth Youth Programme |
| DYW | Development Framework for Youth Workers |
| ETC | Employment and Training Cooperation, Malta |
| IYRES | Institute for Youth Research, Malaysia |
| JPYWA | Jamaica Youth Workers' Association |
| LG | local government |
| MAY | Malta Association of Youth Workers |
| MUT | Malta Union of Teachers |
| MYC | Malaysian Youth Council |
| NCS | National Citizenship Service, UK |
| NCYD | National Centre for Youth Development, Jamaica |

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| NGO | non-governmental organisation |
| NJC | National Joint Committee, UK |
| NOS | National Occupational Standards, UK |
| NSS | National Service Scheme, India |
| NUSU | National Union of Students, Uganda |
| NUYO | National Union of Youth Organisations, Uganda |
| NYWCF | National Youth Work Competency Framework, Singapore |
| NYP | National Youth Policy |
| NYA | National Youth Agency, UK |
| NYKS | Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (youth club collective), India |
| NYSC | National Youth Services Council, Sri Lanka |
| ODL | Open Distance Learning |
| OUSL | Open University of Sri Lanka |
| PAYE | Commonwealth Plan of Action for Youth Empowerment |
| PG | postgraduate |
| PYWA | Professional Youth Workers' Association, Sri Lanka |
| QCF | Qualifications and Credit Framework, UK |
| RGNIYD | Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development |
| SAYWA | South Africa Youth Workers' Association |
| SDC | Social Development Commission, Jamaica |
| SMILE | Student Mobilisation Initiative for Learning through Exposure, India |
| TAFE | Technical and Further Education, Australia |
| TSC | Training Standards Committee, UK |
| UNFPA | United Nations Family Planning Association |
| UNICEF | United Nations Children's Fund |
| UPM | Universiti Putra Malaysia |
| UWI | University of the West Indies |
| UYDO | Uganda Youth Development Organisations |
| YACVic | Youth Affairs Council, Australia |
| YCC | Youth Consultative Council, Malaysia |
| YEA | Youth Employment Agency, Ghana |

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| YFU | Youth Farmers' Union, Uganda |
| YouthWorkWA | Youth Work Western Australia (professional association) |
| YRIC | Youth Resource and Information Centre, Trinidad and Tobago |
| YUVA | Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action, India |
| YMCA | Young Men's Christian Association |
| YW | Youth work |
| YWA | Youth Workers' Association, Australia |
| YWAS | Youth Work Association, Singapore |
| ZYWA | Zambia Youth Workers Association |