



Our Mission

Assisting those in need and promoting upward mobility of children and youth have all along been a key aspect of the work of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government. Since 2014, the Commission on Poverty (CoP), chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration, has been implementing the "Future Stars – Upward Mobility Scholarship", which aims to assist youths from underprivileged backgrounds, encourage them to maintain a positive attitude towards life and learning in adversities, and enhance their capacity of climbing the social ladder by way of scholarships of \$5,000.

The CoP hopes to **provide continual support** to our scholarship awardees (youths) and hence launches the "Future Stars Mentoring Programme", under which scholarship donors and individuals from all walks of the community become mentors to our youths. Mentors will be encouraged to share their life experience and make use of their network to **widen the exposure** of youths, inspire and help them with life planning, schooling and career choices, encourage them to **think positively** and **enhance their feeling of hope** for the future, thereby empowering our youths to achieve upward social mobility.



Our Programme

The "Future Stars Mentoring Programme" is a **one-on-one mentoring programme** under which mentors will be matched with scholarship awardee(s). Mentors are encouraged to provide advice and guidance to their youths, and share and exchange views with them on life planning, schooling and career choices and overcoming obstacles.

The programme runs from late June each year to January of the following year. Mentors and youths will **meet individually for at least 4 times** under the programme. Upon completion of the programme, mentors and youths may decide mutually if they would like to continue their mentor-youth relationship.



Implementation Schedule

Date	Activity	
	Mentors	Youths
Feb to May 2021	Collection of information from interested mentors and youths for matching	
	Mentors' Group Interview# Apr 28 (Wed) evening May 8 (Sat) daytime	Youths' Group Interview# May 3 (Mon) daytime May 7 (Fri) daytime
Jun	Matching of interested mentors and youths	
	Announcement of matching results to mentors and youths	
	Mentors' Pre-Service Workshop* Jun 19 (Sat) morning Jun 26 (Sat) afternoon	Youths' Training* Jun 19 (Sat) afternoon Jun 26 (Sat) morning
Jul	Mentors, youths and their parents participate in baseline impact assessment	
	Launching Ceremony cum Activities for Mentors and Youths Jul 17 (Sat) morning	
Jul to Dec	Mentors and youths will meet for at least 4 times	
	Mentors' Advanced Workshop* Aug 26 (Thurs) evening Sept 4 (Sat) morning	
	Mentors' Interim Sharing* Nov 11 (Thurs) evening Nov 20 (Sat) morning	Youths' Interim Sharing* Oct 23 (Sat) afternoon Oct 30 (Sat) morning
Jan 2022	Mentors' Final Sharing* Jan 15 (Sat) morning Jan 22 (Sat) afternoon	Youths' Final Sharing * Jan 15 (Sat) afternoon Jan 22 (Sat) morning
	Mentors, youths and their parents participate in evaluation and impact assessment for the programme	
Remarks	Once selected, participants are required to attend all relevant activities and complete the entire programme. # To be assigned by the organiser * Participants are required to attend one of two identical training sessions based on their choice of dates	



Roles and Responsibilities

- ★ Screen and match mentors and youths;
- ★ Market the programme to scholarship donors, schools and the community and co-ordinate recruitment efforts;
- ★ Provide support to participants of the programme; and
- ★ Monitor the programme on an on-going basis

CoP Secretariat

- ★ Inspire your youth with your life experience, guide them in their life planning and widen their exposure
- ★ Meet with your youth for at least four times from Jul to Dec;
- ★ Attend activity, training and sharing sessions for mentors;
- ★ Maintain communication with the CoP Secretariat and the supporting organisation
- ★ Provide feedback at various stages of the programme;
- ★ Participate in the impact assessment on the programme; and
- ★ Contact the supporting organisation for advice and support when required

Mentor

Youth

- ★ Share your thoughts with your mentor on life planning, education and career choices and overcoming obstacles etc.;
- ★ Meet with your mentor for at least four times from Jul to Dec;
- ★ Attend activity, training and sharing sessions for youths;
- ★ Provide feedback at various stages of the programme;
- ★ Participate in the impact assessment on the programme with your parent; and
- ★ Contact the supporting organisation for advice and support when required

Supporting Organisation

- ★ Screen and match mentors and youths;
- ★ Provide training to mentors and youths;
- ★ Provide advice and support to mentors and youths; and
- ★ Conduct impact assessment on the programme