

On the 16th of July 2022, Youth Advocacy Network held an important program title World Youth Skills Day (WYSD) at the office.

The first in the agenda was calling the program to order which was done successfully by Finah Conteh by observing a minute of silent prayers individually and she proceeded by calling upon Mohamed Demba Turay to give the welcome address and introduce the chairperson of the program and it was done successfully by him, by welcoming each and everyone that makes it point of duty to witness the program by leaving their busy schedule and also introduce Bangalie A Mansaray as the chairperson for the program.

Next in the agenda was chairperson opening remarks or statement. In the opening speech of the Chairman, he started by congratulating his co-speaker and all those who have taken their time coming from their various houses in the name of gracing this particular occasion. He continued by introducing himself and a brief background about himself as the co-speaker has rightly said interearlier followed by the introduction of all those present (Guest and YAN members) which was done individually. The purpose of the introduction is to create a familiarity among ourselves for the ongoing program and other subsequent programs within and out of the district " Said by the chairperson". Next in the agenda was statement from YAN and Mohamed D Turay as one of the founding members was appointed by the chairperson to make a statement on behalf of YAN. In his first speech, he first of all started by greeting each and everyone and continued by reflecting memories back and make reference to the background of the said organization as a community based organization (CBO) operating in the district and registered with the Koinadugu District Council and the ministry of social welfare. He proceeds in highlighting the success stories and challenges the organization have been going through for the past three to four years. He also made mention of the school materials support that school going pupils from different Junior and senior secondary Schools benefit from that is sponsored and financed by a small group of humanitarian people (STA) through YAN. In his concluding statement, he also made mention of the job skills support that YAN members are opportuned to pursue different job skills in different technical and vocational institutions like FAWE, Koinadugu District Library, and the government technical Institute (GTI).

After a series of explanation by Mohamed D Turay, The president of YAN was also called upon to explain in details the purpose of the gathering. According to him, the world youth skills day which theme for this year is "All skills shine" is the day set aside by the UN to celebrate every year in order to create awareness on the importance of job skills and to also make use of the different talents. He emphasizes on the importance of this day as it is one of our organizations pillar and can determine the faster development of under developed and developing countries. In another statement, he also made mention of the organization being the first CBO to undertake or celebrate this day that have already created an awareness to other CBO's and NGO's right across the district. He concluded his speech by encouraging all youths to be very proactive in exercising their various talents.

Statement from Guest was next in agenda. Mr Mohamed Sesay one of the renowned tailor who owns the "Med & Friends tailoring shop was the first speaker. He first of all started by congratulating the organization for taking up such venture in awareness raising on the importance of job skills and he said that he went through the formal education he was once a police officer but due to his passion for skills job he terminated his service in order to focus on his skill job which is tai...