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**YOUTH SPACES  
INITIATIVE**



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“Youth are the strength, energy, ambition and true wealth. They are also the pillars of development and the leaders of tomorrow in their communities. They must acquire every skill that enables them to contribute effectively to the progress of their country and create a prosperous future for it.”

His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan  
President of the UAE, may God protect him

# A NATIONAL ACCREDITATION INITIATIVE

BY THE FEDERAL YOUTH AUTHORITY

- ◆ The Youth Spaces Initiative is a strategic initiative developed by the Federal Youth Authority to accredit and enhance youth-friendly spaces across the UAE.
- ◆ It ensures high standards in facilities, programming, and inclusivity, aligning with the UAE's National Youth Agenda 2031.
- ◆ The initiative directly supports the Quality of Life pillar of the National Youth Agenda, ensuring that youth across all emirates have access to essential services that enhance their personal and professional development.
- ◆ Accredited spaces act as hubs for collaboration, leadership, and national engagement.



# WHY YOUTH SPACES MATTER

- ◆ The Youth Spaces Initiative empowers young people by providing safe, inclusive, and high-quality environments where they can learn, collaborate, innovate, and lead.
- ◆ Aligned with the UAE's National Youth Agenda 2031, ensuring that youth contribute actively to national development.
- ◆ Encourages collaboration between government, private sector, and third-sector entities to create youth-friendly engagement hubs.
- ◆ Supports young people in acquiring future-ready skills, leadership opportunities, and professional growth.

# KEY OBJECTIVES

- ◆ Support UAE's National Youth Agenda 2031 by equipping youth with leadership skills and professional development opportunities.
- ◆ Encourage partnerships between government, private sector, and third-sector organizations.
- ◆ Establish a national accreditation system for youth engagement spaces.
- ◆ Ensure high-quality facilities and services that align with UAE's youth vision.
- ◆ Recognise accredited spaces with an official Federal Youth Authority accreditation mark.



# THE ACCREDITATION MARK

- ◆ Represents quality, compliance, and youth-focused excellence.
- ◆ Serves as a nationally recognised mark for high-standard youth spaces.
- ◆ Accredited spaces become official contributors to the UAE's youth infrastructure.



# A UNIFIED IDENTITY FOR YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

- ◆ The Youth Spaces Initiative introduces a cohesive visual identity to identify accredited spaces
- ◆ A strong and unified Youth Spaces identity helps accredited spaces stand out, reinforcing their role in youth development and amplifying the impact of their initiatives



# YOUTH SPACES CLASSIFICATION

The Youth Spaces Initiative categorises spaces based on two key dimensions to ensure clarity in how they operate and serve youth:

## 1. Space Category ( Type of Access & Fees )

Defines how young people can access the space and whether any fees apply.

- ◆ **Youth Space | Open** - Free and fully accessible to all youth.
- ◆ **Youth Space | Access** - Requires some fees for access or specific services.
- ◆ **Youth Space | Private** - Access is restricted to specific members, such as youth affiliated with an organisation or those granted access by invitation only.

# YOUTH SPACES CLASSIFICATION

## 2. Space Activation ( How & When the Space is Used )

Defines the availability and operational model of the space.

- ◆ **Year-Round Activation** - Open and operating throughout the year, providing consistent youth engagement and programming.
- ◆ **Seasonal Activation** - Open during specific seasons, initiatives, or special events to serve targeted programs.



# FACILITIES & OPPORTUNITIES AT YOUTH SPACES

## ◆ WORKSPACES

Collaborative environments for youth projects.

## ◆ MEETING ROOMS

Spaces for discussion and learning.

## ◆ BUSINESS INCUBATORS

Support for startups and young entrepreneurs.

## ◆ TRAINING & MENTORSHIP

Programs for youth development.

## ◆ EVENT & WORKSHOP SPACES

Hosting leaders, youth and industry professionals

\* The availability of these facilities and programs may vary across Youth Spaces, depending on their unique setup.

# YOUTH SPACES ACCREDITATION PROCESS

- ◆ **APPLICATION SUBMISSION**  
Apply via the official Youth Spaces accreditation platform.
- ◆ **REVIEW & COMPLIANCE CHECK**  
Facility and program verification.
- ◆ **ON-SITE ASSESSMENT**  
Evaluation of infrastructure, programming, and youth engagement impact.
- ◆ **APPROVAL & ACCREDITATION ISSUANCE**  
Spaces receive the Youth Spaces accreditation mark.
- ◆ **ONGOING COMPLIANCE**  
Accredited spaces undergo annual quality checks.



## WHY GET ACCREDITED?

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### National Recognition

Officially accredited by  
the Federal Youth Authority.

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### Inclusion in UAE's National Youth Directory.

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### Visibility & Credibility

Enhanced stakeholder  
engagement.

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### Continuous Improvement

Accredited spaces evolve with  
changing youth needs.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## 1. What is the Youth Spaces Initiative?

Youth Spaces is an initiative by the Federal Youth Authority to accredit and enhance spaces across the UAE to provide safe, engaging, and resourceful environments for young people aged 15 to 35.

## 2. Who is eligible to apply for accreditation?

Any government institution, private sector organisation, or third sector entity operating in the UAE with a commitment to youth development and meeting the required accreditation standards can apply.

## 3. What are the benefits of accreditation?

- ◆ Official recognition by the Federal Youth Authority.
- ◆ Inclusion in the national directory of accredited spaces.
- ◆ Increased visibility and credibility among youth and key stakeholders.

## 4. How long does the accreditation last?

Accreditation is an ongoing commitment and requires compliance with set standards. Annual reports and periodic evaluations must be submitted to maintain accreditation.

## 5. Can accredited spaces use the Youth Spaces accreditation mark?

Yes. Accredited spaces must follow the Youth Spaces Accreditation Brand Usage Guide provided in the manual.

## 6. What happens if an accredited space fails to meet Youth Spaces standards?

- ◆ A formal warning and an opportunity to rectify compliance issues
- ◆ A probation period with additional monitoring
- ◆ Revocation of accreditation if the issues persist

## 7. What is the accreditation process?

- ◆ Application Submission - Entities apply via the Youth Spaces official platform.
- ◆ Review & Compliance Check - Ensuring alignment with Youth Spaces standards.
- ◆ On-Site Assessment - Evaluation of space and facilities by the Youth Spaces team.
- ◆ Approval & Issuance - Accreditation is granted if the space meets all criteria.
- ◆ Ongoing Compliance - Accredited spaces undergo periodic evaluations.

## 8. How should accredited spaces promote their status?

- ◆ Use the official accreditation mark in approved materials.
- ◆ Follow Youth Spaces Accreditation Brand usage guidelines.
- ◆ Use official Youth Spaces hashtags: **#youthspaces**

# BE PART OF THE FUTURE

- ◆ **SHAPE THE FUTURE**  
Create meaningful opportunities for youth.
- ◆ **APPLY TODAY**  
Join the Youth Spaces accreditation initiative.
- ◆ **FOR INQUIRIES, CONTACT US AT**  
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