Announced in the budget speech 2018/2019, the **National Youth Civic Service** Programme has been launched, on a pilot basis, in February 2019 and implemented in 10 Youth Centres around Mauritius. The NYCS is a highly dynamic and creative initiative which aims at empowering young people aged 17 to 25 years so as to develop a confident, intelligent, active and resilient and daring youth community, while further promoting a spirit of citizenship, and social entity. The pilot project was completed in June 2019 with 294 young people. The second edition was organized during the period October to December 2019 (12 weeks) and 194 young people completed same.

The **guiding principles** of the programme are inter-alia to:
- Prepare young people for life
- Enable them Take ownership of their learning
- Foster an inclusive spirit
- Learning through service
- Promote / Develop employability skills
- Building social capital
- Develop networking and partnership

The NYCS programme comprises nine **modules**:

**Modules: 9 Steps Quick Outline**

- **Personal Branding**
  - Developing the entrepreneurship skills and how to create his/her brand
- **Creativity and Innovation**
  - Developing the analytical and creative skills for business development
- **Millennials Style**
  - Having all the secrets of having a successful professional career
- **Born to Move**
  - Having a healthy life and fitness
- **Self-Empowerment**
  - Developing the knowledge about civic attitudes in a society and to have a successful adaptation
- **Rethinking the Future**
  - Developing the teamwork and also how to contribute in building a more powerful Mauritius
- **Volunteering**
  - About helping others and the community as whole through valuable actions
- **Words to Live**
  - Developing a peaceful mind and be able to overcome stress and all of the life problems
- **Character Focus**
  - Developing a character that will give them more confidence in what they will be engaged in the future