



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
(MoU)
For Academic and Research Cooperation
Between the Undersigned**

**Patrician College of Arts and Science
(Affiliated to Madras University)
Chennai – 600 020**

And

**Yuva Active Advocacy Forum
No: 34, 54, Thirumalai Pillai Rd, Parthasarathi Puram, T. Nagar,
Chennai – 600 017.**

This Memorandum of Understanding executed at Chennai on 28th July, 2021 between, **YUVA ACTIVE ADVOCACY FORUM** a body corporate registered under Indian Companies Act 2013 having its office at No.34 (54) Thirumalai Road, T. Nagar, Chennai-600 0017 represented by its Founder and Chief Executive Officer **Kalpathi Aghoram Aishwarya**, hereinafter referred to as the “YUVA ACTIVE ADVOCACY FORUM”, which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context, mean and include its successors in interest and assigns of the **FIRST PART**

AND

The Social Work department of **Patrician College Of Arts and Science**, an Educational Institution, providing and imparting Education to Under Graduate, Post graduate and Certificate courses, having its College at No 3, Canal Bank Road, Gandhi Nagar, Adyar, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600020, represented by its Head of the department and authorized signatory hereinafter referred to as the “Certificate Receiver”, which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context, mean and include the successors in interest and assigns, of the Second Part

WHEREAS the **PARTY OF THE FIRST PART** is a not-for-profit enterprise which aims to streamline the interaction between the government and the governed that fosters transparency and accountability. YUVA Active Advocacy Forum is politically neutral, not associated with any political parties/organisations. Their vision is to promote political advocacy through constructive dialogue between the government and the General Public both literate and illiterate.

WHEREAS the Party of the First to achieve their above vision make it real having aim to conduct educational workshops and ensure civic awareness across all colleges, institutions, associations etc., to reach all participants in the democratic process in the country.

WHEREAS the Party of the First Part for the fulfilment of their Vision and to achieve it fully and effectively, is desirous of creating i) an online platform for political advocacy, ii) an extensive election database, iii) a safe space for people to express themselves, iv) Educate people and eradicate political ignorance from society.



WHEREAS the Party of the First Part in order to implement the vision shall have an online platform augmented by a comprehensive database of past and present elected representatives and candidates belonging to all three wings of the government – the legislature, executive and the judiciary, with features to provide a safe space for users to express their views, tools to manage such interaction and a comprehensive analytics engine, this is expected to impact voter behaviour, help representatives understand the needs of their constituency better and bring openness in the conduct of governance. The Party of the First Part also would like to impart nuance of their proposed inculcating of awareness to citizen of the country about their Constitutional rights and their duty.

WHEREAS the Party of the Second part as an Educational Institution and imparting education, knowledge, to their students, making them fit and thorough to be successful in their chosen career path and a good citizen.

WHEREAS for promoting, imparting and inculcating political advocacy among citizen in general and students in particular, both the Party of the First Part and the Party of the Second Part have decided to conduct a (online/offline) course on Good Governance and Effective Participation to students and provide a certificate to them.

WHEREAS both the parties have decided to reduce their understanding on conducting the Course and their respective role and agree this Memorandum of Understanding.

NOW THE MEMORANDUM UNDERSTANDING WITNESSETH:

1. A) The Certificate course on “Good Governance and Effective Participation” through series of Workshops shall be conducted by YUVA Active Advocacy Forum, the Party of the First Part, which aims to sensitize students and make them active participants of our democracy and to be aware on the civic responsibilities. This Certificate Course comprises of Workshops about Structure of Government including Local Body Administration, Rights and Responsibilities, right to Information, Voting and its importance, Our Parliament and its Functions, Public Interest Litigation, Important laws etc.,

B) The workshops shall be conducted either Offline or Online which shall be decided based on the preference / convenience of both the parties.

C) Duration of the Workshop: (30 Hours)

i) Offline Course: The duration of each workshop of the course shall be for 6 (Six) hours of which 3 (Three) hours will be for classroom activity and 3 (three) hours of Take home activity which include submission of 5 Take home assignments, one for each workshop topic covered. The maximum number of Workshops shall be 5 [Five] numbers per batch in an academic year of the party of the second part.



ii) Online Course: The duration of each workshop of the course shall be for 3 (three) hours of which one (1) hour will be for Online classroom activity and 2 (two) hours of Offline take home activity which include submission of 10 Take home assignments, one for each workshop topic covered. The maximum number of Workshops shall be 10 [Ten] numbers per batch in an academic year of the party of the second part.

D) The Type of Workshop (i.e Online or Offline) shall be finalised based on mutual agreement (via Email Confirmation) by both the parties taking into consideration the situation.

E) On account of any unforeseen circumstances, the schedule of the Workshops shall be re-scheduled based on the preference / convenience of both the parties.

2. A. The Party of the First shall provide the Course Material, Resources for the workshop, one coordinator to ensure the schedule is followed.
B. On Completion of each workshop, Printed / E-Course material will be provided to the participants in order to complete the take home assignments.
C. On completion of Online /Offline course, E-Certificate / Printed certificates will be issued for the eligible participants based on the recommendation from the party of the Second part.
D. Entire course will be provided at free of cost for the students.
E. Refreshments for students will be provided only if the workshops are conducted offline.
3. The Party of the Second part shall 1. Provide a batch consisting of at least 25 to 30 students, 2. Access to their premium account of any video communication platform/ space to conduct online / offline workshops respectively, depending on the schedule, 3. Permission for virtual connect / a space to conduct focus group meetings in person, if any students join. 4. Taking attendance and monitoring the participation of the participants during each workshop throughout the course duration and providing the name list of the participants recommended for the receipt of the certificates on completion of the course.
4. Both parties agree that there will be one student coordinator and one faculty coordinator for each certificate course.
5. The Party of the second part shall provide and make available equipment like projector, screen, audio-visual etc., required only for offline workshops. The party of the first part shall ensure that the said equipments are safely returned back to the party of the second part.
6. The party of the first part shall provide refreshments to the participants only if the workshops are conducted offline.



7. The party of the second, the college, shall depute the student of Social Work to undertake their Field Work practices, Project works and joint publications if required and only upon mutual consent and approval of both the parties either in written / electronic format.
8. The party of the second, the college, shall undertake joint Action Research Projects on good governance and political advocacy related areas if required and only upon mutual consent and approval of both the parties either in written / electronic format.
9. The First Part and the Second Part shall focus and impart knowledge in the areas related to Good Governance and political Advocacy through Curriculum Development, Advocacy, such as joint collaborative Conferences / Seminars, Consultancy and Campaigning & Awareness.
10. This MOU will take effect from the date of MOU, mutually signed upon execution by both the Parties for the period of Two years, thereafter, maybe renewed or modified at any time upon mutual agreement in writing by both parties.
11. This MOU may be terminated by either party a three (3) months prior written notice to the other party.

The Legal dispute of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be at the jurisdiction of Tamilnadu. In witness whereof the said Parties of the First Part and the Second Part have put their signature on the day, month and year mentioned in the opening paragraph.

Agreed on behalf of

YUVA ACTIVE ADVOCACY FORUM

Aishwarya Kalpathi
CEO & Founder
Authorised Signatory

Seal:

Date: 28.07.2021

Witnesses:

1. X. Robert Richard
Chief Operating Officer

2. Jonathan Ravindran
District Coordinator

Agreed on behalf of

**PATRICIAN COLLEGE OF
ARTS AND SCIENCE**

Dr. Fatima Vasanth
Academic Director
Authorised Signatory

Seal:

Date: 28.07.2021

Witnesses:

1. Mrs. Divya,
Head, department of Social Work

2. Mrs. Reena Rachel,
Assistant Professor,
Department of Social Work