



MONTFORT YOUTH CENTRE

**An Institution of The Titular Superior
of the Brothers of St. Gabriel
(Incorporation) Act 1957**

PROFILE



Youth with a Purpose



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A) INTRODUCTION

In January 1999, the building of the former Convent of the Infant Jesus Primary School in Ayer Salak, Melaka was vacated when the school was moved out to Bukit Rambai. This former village school building was made available to the Brothers of St. Gabriel to extend its services to poor and underprivileged youths. **The Brothers of St. Gabriel** took the offer of the facilities and **arrived in May 2000** to begin establishing the project.

The Brothers of St. Gabriel have been running **Montfort Boys' Town located in Shah Alam, Selangor for the last sixty-six years**. It has since established **Montfort Youth Training Centre in Sabah in June 1999** and **Montfort Youth Centre in Melaka in August 2001**. Montfort Youth Centre started with 14 youths. Today, after nearly 25 years we are providing *residential care* for some 130 youths, giving Character Formation and Vocational Skills Training.

Montfort **operates under Act 849 The Titular Superior of The Brothers of Saint Gabriel (Incorporation) Act 1957 and the local welfare license by Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat Negeri**.

B) VISION & MISSION

VISION

Empowering Youth in Need with Skills Training and Character Formation thereby contributing purposefully towards Nation Building.

MISSION

A Catholic Institution following Montfort, called by the Love of God and Humanity, to commit to the holistic development of youth, in the fast changing and multi-cultural society, by affording them with needed skills for effective living.

VALUES STATEMENT

Community	- To Serve with Love and Humility
Humanity	- To Love Fellow Humans as Oneself
Respect	- To be Respectful to Others at all Times
Integrity	- To Pursue High Moral Values at All Levels Sense of
Responsibility	- To Maintain High Standards of Responsibility whilst Carrying Out Tasks and Duties Assigned
Truth	- To Seek and Employ Truth in All Aspects of Work and Relationships with Everyone

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Montfort Youth Centre is a fully residential institution and caters **for youths from 16 to 19 years old**. It offers a **2-year programme** for youths where they are given the opportunity to be trained in vocational skills and character formation to become better contributing citizens for the nation and to maximize their potential.

Montfort Youth Centre provides: -

1. Residential care;
2. Social work and counseling services to youths under the institution's care; and
3. General education and training in industrial skills to prepare the youth for gainful employment.

C) CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

The candidate must be between 16 to 19 years of age at admission. The selection process is based on the admission of the **poorest among the poor**. Parental contribution is fixed based on the household income of each family. The contributions are generally affordable and in cases of extreme poverty, they are assisted through various forms of sponsorships.

Priority is given to those who are:

1. Orphaned;
2. From poor homes;
3. From dysfunctional families; and
4. From minority ethnic families.

In 2024, we have expanded our scope to include girl youth (day scholars), youth with mild autism, learning disabilities and physically challenged youth who are independent.

The candidate is assessed on the following criteria:

1. The youth must demonstrate the potential to benefit meaningfully from the vocational training program being offered;
2. Admission is determined on a case-by-case basis. Participation must be voluntary, with full consent provided by the youth's parent(s) or legal guardian; and
3. Youth with a criminal record will not be considered under normal circumstances. Special cases may require further review or exception processes.

D) THREE AREAS OF SERVICE

The Montfort Youth Centre has three areas of services. They are as follows:

1. Residential Care Service

As part of the **Character Formation and Enrichment Skills Programme**, youths participate in a structured daily schedule that balances **work, study, and recreational activities**. A strong emphasis is placed on **leadership development**, with youths actively involved in the **day-to-day operations of the home**, fostering responsibility and teamwork.

Participants also acquire essential **basic living skills**, including **cooking, cleaning, gardening**, and other practical competencies that support personal growth and independence.

Through Character Formation the youths are;

- i. helped towards self-awareness;
- ii. facilitated to enhance their self-esteem;
- iii. taught leadership skills; and
- iv. taught social skills for living.

2. Vocational Training

In March 2025, we launched a new course; Inclusive TEVT Training (ITT). This is an in-house training programme, specially designed with the aim to empower the neurodivergent youth by equipping them with practical skills that promote independence and self-sufficiency.

For youth with normal learning abilities, the Institution provides the following industrial skills training:

- i. Light Vehicle – Repair Service (since 2001);
- ii. Computer Systems Operations (since 2005);
- iii. General Maintenance in Single Phase Wiring & 3G Welding (since 2012);
- iv. Culinary Arts (since 2024);
- v. Graphic Design & Digital Printing (since 2024);

Upon completion and passing of external examinations, the youth will be awarded with the Montfort certification and also the certificate from their respective technical skills, such as; the Sijil Kemahiran Malaysia (SKM) by Jabatan Pembangunan Kemahiran (JPK) or Sijil Kecekapan Kemahiran (SKK) by Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) or Lembaga Pembangunan Industri Pembinaan Malaysia and Akademi Binaan Malaysia (ABM) or Institut Latihan Perindustrian (ILP).

3. General Studies

The Institution also provides training in computer knowledge, arithmetic and language competency (particularly in Bahasa Malaysia and English Language) as part of the training programme.

E) WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

There are many youths today who are being disadvantaged in life because of their family situations.

1. There are many youths from **underprivileged backgrounds** who face significant barriers to education. Not only are they unable to afford the **high costs associated with schooling**, but they also lack a **supportive home environment** that is conducive to learning and personal development. With **illiterate parents unable to provide academic guidance** and many attending **remote schools lacking basic facilities**, a significant number of youths from such disadvantaged backgrounds are at high risk of **dropping out of school prematurely**. These combined challenges severely limit their educational opportunities and long-term prospects.
2. An increasing number of families, particularly those from **lower-income groups**, are experiencing **breakdowns in family structure**. This has had a profound **emotional impact** on many youths, who often become the **silent victims** of these circumstances. As a result, a significant number of them **lose interest in their education**, leading to **early school dropout** and diminished future prospects.
3. There are youths with **diverse learning abilities** who may not thrive in a traditional academic setting. These individuals often possess a natural inclination toward **hands-on or technical skills**, and they benefit significantly from **training programs tailored to their strengths and learning styles**.

MONTFORT YOUTH CENTRE TODAY

Montfort Youth Centre (MYC), Melaka will soon be 25 years old in 2026. With the passing of this milestone, several events and various developments have taken place.

1. ACTIVITIES

We regard Character Formation of the youth to be as important as their vocational skills training.

i. **Daily Programme**

A normal **day begins** as early as **5.30 a.m.** The first activity of the day sees the youth doing morning exercises. This is normally followed by a private moment of prayer in silence. The day is structured with various activities of study, work and games. The day extends to about **9.30 p.m.** The daily activities are designed to help each youth develop **self-discipline and a sense of responsibility**. Every class and activity are intentionally structured to support this objective, fostering personal growth and character development.

ii. **Spiritual Development**

The **Brothers and Pastors** conduct **bible classes for Christian** students while non-Christian students attend **Moral, Hindu or Buddhist** classes respectively, conducted **by volunteers**.

iii. **Counseling**

The **Pastoral Care Unit** conducts regular **accompaniment sessions** with the youths, offering them a safe and supportive space to **express their emotions and personal challenges**. During these sessions, a **counselor or trained helper** provides guidance, encouragement, and emotional support, helping the youths grow into **mature, well-adjusted individuals**. In addition, the institution offers **group and family counseling** as needed, to address deeper issues and foster holistic well-being.

iv. **Formation & Self Development**

Youths are also actively involved in **personal development and leadership programmes** designed to support their overall growth. These programmes aim to enhance **self-awareness**, foster **self-reliance**, and strengthen **interpersonal skills**. In addition, a wide range of **positive values essential for effective and responsible living** are instilled throughout these activities, contributing to the formation of well-rounded individuals.

v. **Recreational & Music**

As part of their **recreational activities**, youths participate in various **sports**, including **football, basketball**, and other team games that promote physical fitness and teamwork. Those with a **musical interest** are given the opportunity to learn instruments such as the **drums, piano, organ**, and **guitar**. Additionally, youths are trained in performing the **Lion Dance**, which fosters cultural appreciation, discipline, and coordination.

2. PROJECTS

i. Games Facilities

We have put up a basketball court in 2010, which was fully sponsored. It is equipped with adequate lighting for even games at night. There are also sepak takraw court and a football field for the youths to have sufficient exercise and recreation. **Currently we are looking for sponsors to put up an outdoor gymnasium for the youth.**

ii. Fundraising

MYC has held several fundraising events so far. The first was a donation drive during Santa Cruz feast day celebrations in September 2001, followed by **yearly Open House Charity Carnivals, Charity Dinners and Musical Concerts**. We celebrated our 10th Anniversary with a Charity Dinner and Concert on 24 September 2011. Then on 5 October 2014, we held another Charity Dinner and Concert. After moving to our new buildings, we held another Charity Dinner on 25 May 2024. Through the support from our friends, well-wishers and benefactors, the occasions were successful and we managed to raise the much-needed funds to continue the development of our Institution.

The support of our **generous benefactors has enabled us to complete the construction of the Motor Mechanics Training Workshop** in 2004, followed by a **dormitory** in 2008, and **IT labs with classrooms** for General Studies in 2010. More recently, we completed the **Multipurpose Hall, Student Affairs Office, and Kitchen** in 2022, a **new training workshop and dormitory** in 2023, and an **auditorium** in 2025. As these new buildings are now in use, we are also carrying out maintenance and repainting works for the Motor Mechanics Training Workshop, IT Building, and the old dormitory.

Our administrative expenses exceeded **RM 2.7 million** last year, and this amount is expected to increase further this year. Upon calculation, the **cost per month for each boy youth is approximately RM 2,700**, while the **cost for each girl youth is about RM 1,500**. Thus, we are actively seeking individuals and major corporations like yours to help sponsor the day to day running cost of the Institution. In conjunction with charity events and festive seasons of Christmas and Chinese New Year, MYC sends appeal flyers to the public asking them for their support in cash or in-kind. **All cash donations to MYC are tax-exempted.**

We are appealing to individuals and corporations to help sponsor students for one or two years. You may want to contribute to sponsoring one (1) student in MYC is as follows: -

Two Years	RM 64,800
One Year	RM 32,400
Half a Year	RM 16,200

We are also constantly looking for sponsors to help with our grocery (food and beverage) expenses. **Contributions in-kind such as rice, sugar, cooking oil, milk, tea, coffee, biscuits, milo, dried noodles etc. are most welcome** for our youth's daily consumption.

We earnestly believe that your generosity, kindness and determination to help others in need would be a source of inspiration to our students. We believe that your good intentions would be rewarded in due course.

Today, **MYC continues its mission to serve underprivileged youth**, guiding them toward becoming **responsible and contributing members of society**. This important work is made possible because of the support of compassionate individuals like you. Your **generous help and unwavering support** are truly invaluable to the continuation of our efforts. It is through the **kindness and goodwill of people with generous hearts** that MYC is able to empower disadvantaged youths, helping them build a brighter future for themselves and their families.

We are proud to share that **many former MYC youths are now gainfully employed** and are **well-regarded by their employers**—a testament to the impact of your support and the transformative journey they have undertaken.

To continue this **worthy and impactful mission**, MYC seeks your **valuable partnership** to “*Build Our Youth, to Build the Nation.*” By supporting this cause, you are not only helping the **less privileged members of our society**, but also contributing to the **long-term development and strength of our nation**.

Your **kind assistance** can make a **lasting difference** in the lives of many youths—giving them the opportunity to grow, thrive, and become empowered individuals who positively shape their communities and futures.

To know more about us and our activities, you may visit our:

- Website at www.montfortyouthcentre.org
- Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MontfortMelaka>

Thank you for taking the time to read our profile. We sincerely hope to **walk hand in hand with you** in our shared mission to provide a **holistic and transformative education to Youth- In-Need**. Together, we can make a lasting impact on their lives and help shape a brighter future for our society.

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