

2017 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS WORKSHOP ON SOCIAL HOUSING

Project Description

The Young Professionals (YP) Workshop on Social Housing is a capability-building program of TAO-Pilipinas, Inc. that orients technical design professionals on social housing and cross-cutting issues in human settlements development especially among the poor. Through this program, young architects, engineers and planners are trained to be more socially aware of the shelter conditions of the underserved sectors. The workshop activities serve as a venue for learning and practice, as it gives the opportunity for participants to directly engage and provide technical assistance to poor communities with shelter needs.

TAO-Pilipinas collaborates with its partner organizations, including government, non-government and people's organizations, to conduct training activities that foster direct interaction between technical professionals and communities in need.

Since 2005, TAO-Pilipinas has already conducted several workshops in Metro Manila (2005, 2009 and 2011), Infanta in Quezon Province (2006), Legazpi City in Albay Province (2008), Rodriguez in Rizal Province (2011) and in Cagayan de Oro City (2016). Each workshop has a thematic focus, covering pressing issues related to social housing, community development and sustainable human settlements in general. For the 2017 YP Workshop on Social Housing, the program shall focus on building the **climate and disaster resilience of urban poor communities**.

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Target Participants

- Local design professionals (40 years old and below) - young university faculty members, new graduates, and graduate students in the technical fields of architecture and interior design, engineering, and planning;
- At least 3rd year undergraduate students (must be at least 18 yrs old) in the abovementioned disciplines with a strong academic performance;
- Young professionals (40 years old and below) in LGU, NGOs, and private architectural, engineering, and planning firms;

We will select up to 25 participants for students and young professionals. As much as possible, an equal number of male and female applicants will be selected as workshop participants. They will be joining 15 community leaders and community organizers from chosen immersion areas as participants.

Criteria for selection of participants:

1. willingness to work with urban poor communities;
2. strong inclination to go into community development work;
3. openness to learn and practice participatory planning approaches in housing; and
4. consciousness about social housing issues



"The workshop experience was a happy one for me because it not only widened my knowledge but it improved the way I relate with other people which before I usually find difficult to do."

- **Cris Mabato**, PUP architecture graduate and 2011 YP Workshop participant



About the Workshop Theme

The theme for the 2017 YP Workshop on Social Housing is *“Planning for climate and disaster-resilient urban poor communities”*. The workshop theme looks at the intersections and links between social housing and climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction. Furthermore, it puts a focus on shelter issues within an urban context. The workshop will seek to find ways, mainly through community action planning, for communities to initiate solutions that address their climate and disaster risks.

Objectives and Methodology

This year’s workshop has the following expected outcomes:

1. Participants gain a deeper understanding of the needs and issues affecting urban poor communities as they relate to social housing;
2. Design professionals and students are given a venue to tackle climate and disaster risks in an urban context with social housing stakeholders; and
3. Participants’ involvement in community development work, especially the technical professionals, is initiated through exposure and immersion in urban poor communities.

The YP Workshop will be conducted in a course of **6 days** and shall combine two levels of training – **theory and practicum**. The program of activities will be divided into two parts. Part I will be a series of lecture/orientation sessions for 2 days; part II will have the community immersion activities for 3 days, with a final day for plenary presentations of outputs.

“After undergoing the workshop, I learned many things about sustainability and climate change but what moved me was when I realized that this, helping people, may be a mission I could pursue.”

- **Hazel Lapastora**, UP architecture graduate and 2011 YP Workshop participant



Workshop Fee

Workshop registration fee is **Php7,500**. It covers training materials, food and accommodation during the training, and group transportation for community visits. Participants will be responsible for their other personal expenses.

A limited number of applicants (especially students) will be considered for sponsorship covering workshop registration fees. In exchange for participation in the 6-day workshop without payment of fees, **each sponsored participant is required to render 200 hours of volunteer work or OJT work** (without allowance) for TAO projects within the period of July 2017 to December 2017.

Workshop Schedule

May 24-29, 2017

Application Schedule

Application forms may be downloaded online at www.ypws.tao-pilipinas.org

Complete application requirements must be submitted to TAO-Pilipinas through email, fax or postal mail. The following are the dates to remember during the application period:

- Submission of Applications: **March 20 - April 12**
- Interview of Shortlisted Applicants (Batch 1): **April 03 - 07**
- Interview of Shortlisted Applicants (Batch 2): **April 17 - 21**
- Pre-workshop Orientation for Accepted Applicants: **May 20**

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“Engineering students are good in numbers, in designing but you also have to consider people and that is another skill that you have to develop as well. And you can only learn that if you go to the community and immerse yourself in the community and be part of the community. Design would not be enough. You have to understand the situation”

- from keynote lecture of **Roel Ravanera**, Executive Director of Xavier Science Foundation, during 2016 YP Workshop on Social Housing

