

District-based Integration Programme for New Arrivals from the Mainland



Introduction

To enhance the support services for new arrivals from the Mainland (NAs) and facilitate their early integration into the community, the District-based Integration Programme has been implemented in six districts, namely **Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po, Wong Tai Sin, Kwai Tsing, Yuen Long and Islands**, by the relevant District Offices in collaboration with district organisations and non-governmental organisations since April 2011. This leaflet provides information on the activities organised in the six districts under the Programme.

Kwun Tong

1. Project Title : Partnership Programme on Community Building for three public housing estates in Ngau Tau Kok

Service Provider : Caritas Community Centre - Ngau Tau Kok

Project Content :

The main target groups are NA residents of Choi Ying, Choi Fook and Choi Tak Estates in Ngau Tau Kok. The service point at Choi Ying Estate is open to NAs every evening to reach out to them and for organising activities. Activities organised include English classes for students and their families, environmental awareness activities for families, carnivals, tea parties, visits to various places in Hong Kong, etc.



The monthly market fair at the three estates attracts many NAs and their families



NA children participate in English learning activities

2. Project Title : Hearty Cheer - Services for New Arrivals

Service Provider : Christian Action

Project Content :

To provide various activities for NAs, including counselling by social workers, tutorial classes and personal development counselling, job skills training and mutual-support networks, to facilitate their early integration into the community.



NA volunteer teams visit residential care homes for the deaf and the blind and experience the feelings of being disabled through games

NA women and local women make mooncakes together



Sham Shui Po

1. Project Title : "I Can Fly" Programme

Service Provider : New Home Association

Project Content :

To provide social adaptation and integration programmes and support services for NAs, and to organise volunteer teams for interested NAs to take part in volunteer work so as to better facilitate their integration into the community and early adaptation to life in Hong Kong.



NA families participate in activities on exploring community resources to have an idea of the various services and facilities in the district



NAs participate in volunteer training activities

2. Project Title : Brightening My Life - New Arrival Project

Service Provider : Hong Kong Single Parents Association

Project Content :

To enhance understanding of community resources and local culture among NAs and facilitate their adaptation to life in Hong Kong and early integration into the community through visits, family activities, community education and volunteer services. Support services would also be tailored to individual needs to help them overcome difficulties in life.



NA children participate in an interest class

Adventure day camps and BBQ activities help enhance family relationship and strengthen support networks among NA families



Wong Tai Sin

1. Project Title : “Hand-in-hand” - Integration Programme for New Arrival Women in Wong Tai Sin
Service Provider : Hong Kong Employment Development Service

Project Content :

To recruit local women and women who have lived in Hong Kong for more than three years and with a greater understanding of the community as “navigators” to help NA women adapt to life in Hong Kong and integrate into the community on an one-to-one basis. The aim is to promote the message of mutual care and support for our neighbours.

“Navigators”, NA women and their families get to know each other through group activities



NA women participate in vocational training

NA women and their children make sushi in an interest class



2. Project Title : Passion for Life
Service Provider : The ABM Hong Kong Swatow Baptist Church Community Service Association

Project Content :

To enhance NAs' understanding of Hong Kong and facilitate their early integration into the community through interest classes, workshops, mutual-help groups, outings and visits, etc.

The project also aims to cater for the learning needs of NA children.

NA children get to know Hong Kong's tourist attractions through jigsaw puzzle games



Kwai Tsing

1. Project Title : “Be Healthy, Be Happy, Be Connected”- Support Service Programme for New Arrival Families

Service Provider : Hong Kong Family Welfare Society

Project Content :

To organise thematic talks, talent development groups, language training groups and family activities to help NAs, especially women and children, adapt to life in Hong Kong and enhance their resilience to adversity so as to prevent family problems. The programme also encourages NAs to contribute to the community using their talent to promote social harmony.



Children rehearse for a dance performance in an activity targeting NA families

2. Project Title : Art Creation - Voice of New Arrival Youths
Service Provider : The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong

Project Content :

To organise a series of activities such as adventure activities, art workshops and community services to help enhance NA youths' self-confidence, power of expression and communication skills so as to give them a greater sense of belonging to Hong Kong and the local community.



NA youths attend an African drum class



NA youths attend a drama class

Yuen Long

Project Title : “We are One Family” - Assistance for New Arrivals

Service Provider : Tin Shui Wai Women Association

Project Content :

Through various self-improvement training activities (including English classes, computer classes, make-up classes and volunteer training), community education, and activities for promoting family harmony, exploring Hong Kong and strengthening marital relationship, the programme aims to widen the social circles of NAs, enhance their self-confidence and job-seeking skills, increase their understanding of Hong Kong and sense of belonging and commitment to the community, and help them build mutual-help networks and enhance their family relationship.



NA women learn simple, everyday English in an English lesson



NAs are introduced to the cultural characteristics of Yuen Long villages in an activity exploring Hong Kong

Islands

1. Project Title : A-VOICE
Service Provider : The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Tung Chung Integrated Services Centre

Project Content :

The programme includes six categories of projects for supporting NAs, namely Adaptation, Volunteer, Occupational, Inclusion, Care and support, as well as Education.



NA women take part in a support group activity

2. Project Title : Tung Chung Family - Enhancement Project for New Arrivals
Service Provider : Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Tung Chung Integrated Services

Project Content :

To visit NAs in the local communities and to arrange for them activities to enhance their capabilities and build mutual-help networks in order to help them integrate into the new environment and contribute to the community.



NA volunteers are involved in the design and operation of some of the games stalls in an activity celebrating the Mid-Autumn Festival in Tung Chung

3. Project Title : Support Services for New Arrivals 2011
Service Provider : Cheung Chau Rural Committee Integrated Youth Centre

Project Content :

The main target groups are NA women who join their husband and children for residence in Hong Kong. Skills and language learning activities, vocational counselling and support groups, etc. are organised to help them understand the culture and community life of Hong Kong and enhance their personal skills and language ability, thus facilitating their early integration into the community.

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