

100th year Celebration for the YMI

(the Y's Movement International)

Ideas for club level celebration





Dear Club President and Club Members

In 2022, Y's Men International has been in existence for 100 years. We wish for all of us a year of celebration bringing the stories of the YMI's work out to everyone around us.

Celebrations will take place on Regional, Area and International levels across the 2021-2022 year. We all, would like to participate in them, but personal circumstances for the great majority of us means we will not get the opportunity.

Therefore it is for us to encourage your Club to celebrate this milestone in the manner appropriate for you in our many diverse cultures.

We suggest all Clubs around the world to have one or more celebration activities in **“the week of celebration”**.

May 1st-8th 2022

This brochure is meant as inspiration for clubs. We hope that every club in the world will celebrate 100 years of friendship and charity.

We wish for every Club in YMI to be proud of what we have accomplished til now and to encourage us all to continue the work.

It is our hope that YMI all over the world will use this opportunity to show your local community and the world what true members of Clubs in YMI are made of.

Wherever we are in the World, we cannot have a celebration without a gathering of people, be it large or small. Where there is a gathering, we have food that is appropriate to our cultural norm. Your Club will have the opportunity to share in words and pictures, when your celebration will occur, the number of people you expect to attend and the food you will have, on the Facebook page

Y's men International 100 Years Celebration on Club level. The page is available immediately.

As it is the 100th year we tried to find one hundred suggestions for you to consider for how your Club might celebrate the occasion. We did not get to 100 but maybe your Club can find one that we have missed. If you do please tell us what it is on the Facebook page.

We are always looking at ways to raise funds and we might see this celebration time as an opportunity to do that. However, it would be nicer to give rather than receive even though it is our birthday!! Hence you will see our suggestions are written accordingly. However it is your Club's choice in this regard.

USE THE NUMBER 100

Invite 100 people to your celebration

Set a goal of serving 100 people during the week

Donate 100 books or clothes to a deserving cause.....

Spend a total of 100 minutes listening to peoples life stories from your own Club members or invited guests

100 recipes - the best recipe from 100 clubs – cake, meal, dessert

Organise Club members and family and friends to walk a 100 km relay.

Plant 100 trees.

Make a 100 person choir.

100 minutes lecture or story telling—maybe at the town square, an age care fascility, or a church.

Make a church service with 100 candles.

Make 100 cakes and give to YMCA staff.

Make 100 meals to share with people in need and homeless people in your community.

Make 100 decorations and give them to 100 local people who are doing something good for the local community.

Make a visit to .100 people in hospital or aged care...

Find a text with a 100 words of encouragement and share it.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

There are many ways to celebrate a birthday depending of where in the world we live—maybe we could try to celebrate the birthday in a completely new way: or maybe we should just choose a completely traditional birthday.

Make a birthday cake - Maybe you could share pictures of your birthday cake(s) on the Facebook page.

- For the Club
- To serve it in the neighbourhood
- Ask local shops if you can give cake to the costumers
- - Invite 100 people to celebrate
- Put 100 candles in the cake

VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES

Online bingo, , online prayers, fun quizzes community project support, talent shows, good story telling, reading, or singing together.

Joint fellowship with other clubs and brother clubs

SUPPORT EXISTING PROJECTS

TOF (Time of Fast)

- make a charity dinner for people in your local area

PWA Legacy Project (Paul William Alexander)

- Contribution for the Legacy Project from old Clubs as recognition on their “trajectory” into YMI (own recognition)
- Recognition of long time members as well presented by each Club (Club recognition to its members)
- Walking 100 kilometers for the Legacy Project (share with Club members - so you don't have to do all 100 km)
- Make a ceremony honoring the oldest members in the older Clubs, make posters to show how many projects they have been part of or supported during their Y's years.
- Share stories in the Club about the different projects you have been part of - pick out the best story and share it in your local media

LIAISON WITH YMCA/ YWCA

We hope for more than 100 projects in the week of celebration - Clubs from all over the world celebrate the 100 years. Let your local YMCA/YWCA, Scout group, or other service organisations be part of the celebration.

- YMCA Europe has its 80th Anniversary
- YMCA Denmark has its 75th Anniversary
- Maybe other Countries or Regions have anniversaries too?
- Ask the local YMCA/ Junior Ministry/ Scouts/ or others to send you pictures of what they got from you over the years
- Arrange a day for the local kids and have lots of fun
- Ask the scouts to arrange a day for the local kids and give them all the support you can handle (pay, food, extra hands etc)
- Ask the local YMCA to arrange a day...

CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

Set up 100 candles in a special church service

- with 100 participants at least

100 people choir 100 minutes hymns in the local church

Send out morning prayers from different people in 100 days

Make bible text readings to send out

YOUR CLUB

Get a new member - or more Clubs in YMI

- Encourage your spouses/partners to be part of the Club, if they are not already members

- Form a Y's Menette Club.

- Form a Y's Youth Club

Invite people to join your Club meeting - and make sure you are such a good company that they want to come back.

Charter a new Club - or make the first steps to do so.

INTERNATIONAL BROTHER CLUBS

- 100 international new Brother Clubs or Triangle to be signed at the IC 2022 – maybe your Club is one of them?
- Make a celebration on the same day as your Brother Club
- Have an online session where you meet
- Make half of a craft project and let your Brother Club finish it.
- Make friendships across borders

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Reaching out to local (elderly/ lonely/ needy) people

Go to a local home for elderly people and make a “sing, dance, paint or something else for 100 minutes” (including the coffee break).

Pick flowers in the garden and hand them out in the local community with a note (fx. During 100 years we have served the community around the world - and we are not done yet - have a nice day)

Focus on social activities rather than collecting money for this week.

Visit lonely/ elderly/ needy/...people in the neighborhood

Call lonely/ elderly/ needy/...people at an age care facility or in their homes.

ENVIRONMENT

Plant 100 trees (or less)

Give away plants/ flowerseeds for people

Hand out 100 fruits and vegetables.

100 bicycles for a ride

Look at the Global Development Goals – and take action

Remove garbage from seashores/ roadsides/ forest areas.

Hand out seeds for vegetables to grow in the garden