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GoJoven Fellows form new NGO



A group of GoJoven fellows and Board members have joined efforts to register a new NGO named the Belize Youth Empowerment for Change (BYEC) already registered as a legal entity as of August 6, 2013. The new NGO to be, focused on and lead by youths, will be applying for NGO status via the Non-Governmental Organizations Act at the Ministry of Human Development before the year's end.

The founders of the organization, inspired by the Bali Global Youth Forum 2012 and the GoJoven Belize

program, are highly motivated to make changes for youth and will be consolidating their capacities and resources to contribute constructively to advocacy and service provision efforts towards youth health, dignity and rights.

BYEC's current major area of interest is ensuring the local representation of the major principles of the Bali Youth Forum declaration, especially in regards to the health, education, gainful employment, family and civic participation rights of young people. "Our immediate plans after registering as an NGO will most likely involve establishing a membership, the continued development of the board's capacities, seeking funding and eventually executing projects," 2012 fellow Andrew Arthurs comments. "Since the majority of our training has been SRH related our initial projects will probably be SRH-oriented. We'll definitely be relying heavily all those skills GoJoven has been building in us."